



## PRESS RELEASE

### **'CHILDREN'S PRODUCER OF THE YEAR' AWARDED TO SUZANNE RYAN OF SLR AT SCREEN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SPAA) INDEPENDENT AWARDS**

**Sydney, Tuesday 24th November 2009** – Suzanne Ryan, Executive Producer of SLR Productions was awarded **SPAA Children's Producer of the Year** for the second year in a row at the prestigious SPAA closing awards on Friday 21st November by Geoff Brown, Executive Director of SPAA and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy.

Suzanne Ryan, Children's Producer of the Year has been honoured twice by SPAA for her achievements. Having won in 2008 for the Emmy Award winning animation series **I Got A Rocket** and again this year for **Dex Hamilton: Alien Entomologist**.

Suzanne Ryan is one of the leading producers in kids TV in Australia. Ryan established SLR in 2003 as an independent production company. She has been the SPAA Councillor for Animation in Australia for 3-years, has won a Daytime Emmy and is a major contributor and advocate for the Aussie Children's TV independent sector.

Children's Producer of the Year is awarded to SPAA members who have produced an outstanding project or body of work, which has contributed to the advancement of the independent production industry.

**Dex Hamilton: Alien Entomologist** is a co production with March Entertainment in Canada and airs on Network Ten and ABC in Australia.

Suzanne Ryan says: "I am truly honoured to receive this award two years running. Our series Dex was a fantastic example of how co productions can work for both countries. Dex is a series that has struck a chord with Australian audiences and the team here at both SLR and March are amazing".

Ryan also says that the support of SPAA, its members and the organization is something she has grown to appreciate and value.

"It's truly a great time to be in TV in Australia. Children's Television is an important and essential ingredient for generations to come. In an industry that is supported by Government we are very lucky to have such great careers," Ryan says.



SLR's passion is to make creative, adventurous, imaginative and exciting programmes for kids.

Based in Sydney, Australia, SLR Productions is an Emmy Award winning company that specializes in the creative development and production of world-class children's entertainment programmes.

Programmes to date include the Emmy Award winning and AFI nominated series **I Got A Rocket!**<sup>™</sup> (co produced with Taffy Entertainment & KI.KA as seen on Network Ten, Nickelodeon, Disney, Gulli, Kabillion), the comic book series turned animation series Gasp! (Nine, ABC, Canal +), action adventure comedy series **Dex Hamilton: Alien Entomologist** (co produced with March Entertainment as seen on Network Ten, ABC, CBC), AFI Nominated drama series **Deadly!** (Nine Network), newly announced animation series **DaVincibles** (co produced with Neo Network & Moonscoop for Network Seven & RAI) and, coming soon the preschool programme **Guess How Much I Love You**<sup>™</sup> based on the international bestselling picture book, which has sold more than twenty million copies worldwide.

With more than 60-hours of content sold in over 40-countries around the world, SLR continues to create hit shows with truly global potential.

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