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# **OZ kids TV producers showcased in NY**

Australia's independent children's producers and the Australian Consulate General in New York joined forces on February 8<sup>th</sup> to showcase work of some of Australia's leading children's television production companies.

Coinciding with the Kidscreen Summit in New York City, a reception at the Australian Consulate attracted high profile broadcasters, producers, distributors, licensing and new media executives from around the globe including representatives from the BBC, Nickelodeon, Discovery, PBS and Cartoon Network.

The event celebrated top-shelf children's programming recently completed as well as projects still in development.

The Australian Consul General the Hon. John Olsen spoke with passion and pride about the Australian production community and how as a group we rival the best in the world.

Australian children's TV producers were well represented at the reception including SLR Productions, Buster Dandy Productions, Sticky Pictures, Kapow Pictures, A Stark Productions, Blink Films, Burberry Productions, Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF), Flying Bark Productions, Mememe Productions, Omnilab Media Group, Viska Toons and Westside Films.

"It was a pleasure to showcase Australian stand out international achievement in children's television and help promote Australian production companies and their record", says The Honourable John Olsen AO of the Australian Consulate-General in New York, USA.

"Australian children's TV producers have a long history in making quality programming that work for local and international audiences alike. Our reception in New York was a highlight of the Kidscreen week and provided an important networking opportunity for broadcasters, producers and distributors," says SLR Productions' principal Suzanne Ryan.

"We would like to thank the Australian Consul General the Hon. Mr. John Olsen for his support of our independent children's TV producers community. We would also like to thank his wonderful team in New York who helped make our reception such a success," says Donna Andrews from Buster Dandy Productions/Sticky Pictures.

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