



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SLR Productions and Telegaels' *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs* Confirmed for Broadcast on UK's POP channel**

***ZDF Enterprises also Sells Series to China, Vietnam, Singapore, Portugal, Sweden and Africa***

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The animated pirate-dinosaur comedy adventure series *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs* from Australia's SLR Productions and international partners Telegael, Network Nine, Top Draw Animation and ZDF Enterprises has been confirmed for broadcast on UK's POP channel.

Premiering on Monday September 5 the series based on award winning picture books of the same name by internationally recognised and highly acclaimed Author/Illustrator duo Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto will air daily on POP at 8.30am and 6.30pm.

In addition to the POP broadcast deal ZDF Enterprises has sold the series to China's JY Animation Inc, Vietnam Content JSC, MediaCorp in Singapore, Portugal's Radiotelevisã o Portuguesa (RTP), SVT Sveriges Television AB in Sweden, and CSC Media Group for Africa.

"I am excited for the UK premiere of *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs* on POP. The popular kids channel is the perfect home for this piro-dino comedic adventure series as it brings to life the fantastic award winning picture books by Giles Andreae and Russel Ayto. Having launched in Australia on Nine's GO! the series will soon premiere in other popular territories confirming the global appeal of pirates, dinosaurs and good old fashioned fun," said Executive Producer and CEO of SLR Productions, Suzanne Ryan.

Packed with pirate talk and swashbuckling fun each episode follows four kids: Flinn, Pearl, Tom and Violet as they set sail on a pirate ship to keep despicable, prehistoric, pirate dinosaur baddies Captain T Rex, Stig the stegosaurus, Dippy the diplodocus, Tricky the triceratops and Terry the pterodactyl from cowardly wrongdoings across the Seven-and-a-half Seas. These four seafarers boldly go where no young ones have gone before in silly pirate adventures full of magic, singing, curses and superstitions... but only very silly ones.

In 2015 *Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs* won the Gold Pixie Award at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pixie Awards for its excellent work in the areas of motion graphics, visual effects and animation. The series has also won Best TV Pilot and the prestigious Arlecchino Award for Best Book Based Work, an esteemed accolade of the Cartoons On The Bay Pulcinella Awards, International Television and Cross Media Animation Festival held in Italy.

The SLR Productions team behind the series included Executive Producer Suzanne Ryan, Producer Yasmin Jones, Creative Director Jo Boag and Script Producer Melanie Alexander with Paul Cummins as Executive Producer and Cathy Ní Fhlaithearta as producer on behalf of Telegael. The series was directed by Greg Ingram at SLR Productions.

"Telegael is delighted to partner once again with SLR Productions, Top Draw Animation and ZDF Enterprises to introduce Captain Flinn to children around the world," says Paul Cummins, Executive Producer and CEO of Telegael. "As well as being broadcast in so many international languages, we are especially proud that the series is being broadcast in the Irish language by TG4."

### **SLR Productions**

SLR Productions is one of Australia's leading Emmy and multi award winning children's entertainment companies, specialising in the creative development and production of world-class children's content.

SLR Productions is recognised for brands such as the internationally acclaimed preschool property Guess How Much I Love You; the animated adventure comedy series The Skinner Boys –Guardians of the Lost Secrets; the animated twin detective series Lexi and Lottie – Trusty Twin Detectives and the Emmy Award winning animated series I Got a Rocket. SLR's passion is to make creative, adventurous, imaginative and exciting programmes for audiences worldwide.

The company has produced more than 160 hours of content sold in more than 100 countries. With its highly experienced development and production divisions, SLR partners with major broadcasters, producers, distributors, publishers and creatives both locally and internationally to create hit shows with a truly global reach.

### **About ZDF Enterprises**

ZDF Enterprises was founded in 1993 as a commercial subsidiary of ZDF, one of the largest and most renowned TV broadcasters in Europe. Headquartered in Mainz, Germany, ZDF Enterprises is responsible for the worldwide sale of programs, the making of international coproductions, the acquisition of licenses as well as the merchandising of strong program brands in its own name, for the ZDF, and for third parties. ZDF Enterprises has successfully established itself as an independent market player on the German and international stage.

Bound into a strong group, the company manages the largest German-language stock of programs in the world and, next to this, a continuously growing portfolio of international productions consisting of series and miniseries, TV movies, documentaries and children's programs. In the course of the development and diversification process carried out up to now, many business fields in the television and media domains were made accessible in the ZDF Enterprises group. Thus ZDF Enterprises can provide a comprehensive, full-service offering today, and covers every step in the chain of origin and exploitation of successful TV programs, from development to production and up to the marketing of TV licenses, merchandising rights, online rights and much more.

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***About Telegael***

Multi-Emmy Award-winning Telegael is one of Ireland's leading film and animation studios producing live action and animated content for the international television market and for worldwide cinema release. Based in An Spidéal, Galway, Telegael has coproduced animated and live action series with partners in US, France, UK, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, India, China, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Spain, Philippines and Malaysia.

Telegael has co-produced in excess of 800 hours of television programming, its projects have been distributed to over 150 countries and translated into more than 40 languages. Broadcaster partners and distributors include Disney, Lionsgate, Netflix, NBC Universal Sprout, BBC, Discovery, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, ZDF, Channel 5, KiKa, France Television, SuperRTL, HBO, ABC, ITV.

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