



## **SLR PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION OF NEW ORIGINAL ANIMATED CHILDREN'S TV SERIES, "SPACE NOVA"**

**WITH PARTNERS SUPER RTL, ABC ME, NINE NETWORK,  
GIGGLE GARAGE, SCREEN AUSTRALIA, CREATE NSW,  
ZDF ENTERPRISES AND  
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S TELEVISION FOUNDATION**

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SLR Productions is delighted to announce the commencement of production on the new original CGI animated series, **SPACE NOVA** for SUPER RTL, ABC ME and NINE Network. The series received major production funding from Screen Australia and is financed with support from Create NSW.

With development funding from SUPER RTL, ABC ME and the Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF), **SPACE NOVA** will be co-produced with Giggle Garage in Malaysia.

The series will be distributed worldwide by ZDF Enterprises, excluding Australia and New Zealand which is being handled by ACTF.

An original series created by SLR Productions, **SPACE NOVA** comprises 26 x 24 minute episodes specifically geared to a global six to ten year old audience.

It's 2162 and life is a blast for space adventurer siblings, Jet and Adelaide Nova. After all, what tween wouldn't want to divide their days between living on an international space station and accompanying their parents on awesome interstellar missions!

Of course it's not all asteroid chases and exploding star systems. Jet and Adelaide also have to attend school, do homework (though their chores aren't always so typical, like recharging the family robot and scrubbing their starships hull!). Still, on weekends this Aussie astronaut family have their own unique way of unwinding, with Jet and Adelaide heading off with parents Hugo and Josie on mind blowing adventures to navigate unexplored planets, surf solar flares, hop between rogue stars and occasionally even discover previously unknown life forms.

Then, on one of these adventures the Novas stumble upon 'Star Dust', a strange super-powerful rainbow substance left behind in an abandoned alien ship stuck in a living celestial butterfly, and everything changes.

In fact, their discovery is so potentially explosive to the future of mankind, they must keep it secret from everyone they know, until they can unlock the secrets of the substance's transformative powers and its potential connection to a far more intelligent alien civilisation.

Life just got daring, thrilling and more perilous than the Nova family ever imagined as they begin the quest of their lives!

“**SPACE NOVA** is an exciting and captivating space adventure which follows the Nova family’s search for alien life throughout the universe. This is a great collaboration between esteemed partners SUPER RTL, ABC ME, NINE Network, Giggle Garage, Screen Australia, Create NSW, ZDF Enterprises and Australian Children’s Television Foundation. I am thrilled to launch into space and bring this incredible show to life,” said SLR Productions’ CEO and Executive Producer, Suzanne Ryan.

“The exploration of space is an ancient dream of mankind and offers material for exciting and imaginative stories. We are thrilled by the adventures of the Nova family and happy to be on board together with this fantastic team. We are delighted to continue our long-standing excellent and creative collaboration with SLR Productions,” said SUPER RTL Head of Editorial Department Fiction, Kerstin Viehbach.

“ABC ME is excited to be part of the new sci-fi animated adventure series, **SPACE NOVA** - a dynamic series full of action, comedy and all things space! We can’t wait to follow this amazing Australian astronaut family on their daring space missions, and discover all the incredible mysteries they unravel along the way. Our audience’s love of adventure and fascination with all things space-related is sure to make this series an unmissable and unique offering for them to enjoy,” said ABC Children’s Executive Producer, Amanda Isdale.

“Suzanne and the team at SLR Productions have a proven track record of delivering us entertaining and age appropriate content so we can’t wait for **SPACE NOVA**. Packed with action and comedy, **SPACE NOVA** promises a space adventure that our kids audience is sure to love,” said NINE Network Co-Head of Drama, Jo Rooney.

Head of Content at Screen Australia, Sally Caplan said: “There is much to like about the sci-fi astro-world of **SPACE NOVA**. The characters are inspiring and intelligent, the adventures are fun and educational and have scientific research and exploration at their core. Executive Producer Suzanne Ryan and the SLR team, Creative Director Jo Boag, Head of Development Melanie Alexander are an experienced team at the top of their game and I look forward to seeing this series that is distinctly Australian and reflective of our multicultural society find an audience here and around the world.

Juhaidah Joemin, Managing Director of Giggle Garage and Executive Producer of the series added that, “it is an exciting moment for Giggle Garage to launch our partnership with SLR Productions on this beautiful property. This is truly a global collaboration involving public and private partners from Australia, Malaysia and Europe; we are thrilled to be the co-producer and having our Kuala Lumpur studio as the main production studio for **SPACE NOVA**.”

“To launch into space was a childhood dream for me and I am sure that children all over the world will be fascinated by our new series,” said ZDFE junior VP, Arne Lohmann.

**Production credit:** **SPACE NOVA** is a SLR production for SUPER RTL, ABC ME and the NINE Network. Major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Giggle Garage. Financed with support from Create NSW.

## **SLR PRODUCTIONS**

SLR Productions is one of Australia’s leading Emmy and multi award winning children’s entertainment companies, specialising in the creation, development and production of world-class media content. SLR Productions is the media company behind brands such as *Guess How Much I Love You*; *Alice Miranda*; *The Skinner Boys – Guardians of the Lost Secrets*; *Lexi & Lottie: Trusty Twin Detectives*, *Captain Flinn* and *The Pirate Dinosaurs*, *Sam Fox: Extreme Adventures*, and *I Got a Rocket*. SLR’s passion is to make creative, adventurous, imaginative and exciting programmes for audiences worldwide. Established in 2002 by Founder & CEO, Suzanne Ryan, SLR Productions has produced more than 180 hours of content sold in more

than 165 countries throughout the world. With its highly experienced development and production divisions, SLR partners with major broadcasters, producers, distributors, publishers and creative both locally and internationally to create hit shows with a truly global reach.

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### **ABOUT GIGGLE GARAGE**

Giggle Garage creates original character brands and animated content of high quality children & family entertainment for the worldwide audience. A Malaysian and women-led company, we are bringing more smiles to kids and families around the world with our multiple, award-winning preschool and kids animated content such as Origanimals, BOING The Play Ranger, Kazoops, Time Travel Luke and Cam & Leon. Established in 2010, we have created more than 60 hours of original contents for television and digital platforms from its main production and CGI studio in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Giggle Garage creates show on its own or by partnerships with global broadcasters, distributors and producers. Visit our website at <https://gigglegarage.com> or visit our official FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/my.gigglegarage/>

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### **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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