



CREATIVE TEAM AND VOICE CAST OF SLR PRODUCTIONS' SPACE NOVA ANNOUNCED

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SLR Productions has today announced the stellar creative team line-up on its new original CGI animated series, SPACE NOVA, in association with Malaysian studio Giggle Garage. It has also confirmed its impressive and talented voice cast made up of locally known and up and coming names.

SLR Productions' Australian creative team will be headed by SLR Productions' CEO and Executive Producer, Suzanne Ryan.

Emmy nominated Director for Beat Bugs Pablo de la Torre has been named the Series Director along with Cindy Scharka and Gie Santos as first time Episodic Directors. The series is produced by Suzanne Ryan and SLR Productions' Head of Production Yasmin Jones.

The team will also be made up of SLR Productions' Emmy Award winning Creative Director, Jo Boag, with multi-Australian Writers' Guild Award winner Thomas Duncan-Watt announced as the Head Writer. Thomas will lead some of Australia's most prolific writers including Melanie Alexander, Charlotte Rose Hamlyn, Georgina Love, John Armstrong, Joel Slack-Smith and Ben Levin.

The Giggle Garage team will be made up of Executive Producers, Juhaidah Jeomin, Zeno Gabing and Sandra Khoo as Creative Director.

The Australian voice cast led by Voice Director Jo Boag stars Zachary Fuller (Jet Nova), Adelaide Tustian (Adelaide Nova), Stephen James King (Hugo Nova), Michelle Doake (Josie Nova), Darren Sabadina (G9), Rae Johnston (Janali Banks), Ash Ricardo (Aubrina Eridani), Christian Charisiou (Sol Erdani) and Jason Chong as (Andy Ling).

SPACE NOVA, an original SLR Productions programme, commissioned by SUPER RTL, ABC Australia and NINE Network, has received major production funding from Screen Australia and is also financed with support from Create NSW.

With development funding from SUPER RTL, ABC Australia and the Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF), **SPACE NOVA** will be distributed

worldwide by ZDF Enterprises, excluding Australia and New Zealand, which is being handled by ACTF.

SPACE NOVA comprises 26 x 24 minute episodes specifically geared to a global six to nine year old audience.

It's the year 2162, and life is a blast for space adventuring siblings, Jet and Adelaide Nova. Along with their parents, Josie and Hugo, these intrepid Aussie astronauts spend their days hopping rogue planets, dodging exploding asteroid belts, surfing solar flares, falling through intergalactic wormholes, avoiding being eaten by all kinds of plantimals and even meeting the odd space slug, all in the name of science. But what the Nova family really want to do is meet a real life intelligent extra-terrestrial life form - something humanity has yet to do, probably because even by 2162 our technology can still barely get us to the edge of our own galaxy, let alone the millions of others beyond it!

Then everything changes...

During a routine research mission, the Novas stumble across an abandoned alien space craft trapped in a Celestial Butterfly. Even more incredible, this craft appears to be powered by a rainbow substance that's so powerful it sends the craft zipping away at speeds humanity never dreamed possible. Although the Novas were unable to capture the craft, or the 'Star Dust' that powered it, they now know that there is an advanced, intelligent species out there, able to travel the universe in the blink of an eye. If only they can find them...

Production credit: **SPACE NOVA** is a SLR Productions Programme for SUPER RTL, ABC Australia 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 *Space Nova*; *Alice-Miranda Movies*; *Guess How Much I Love You*; *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 185 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

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