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DOC AND FRIENDS GO 'INTO THE HUNDRED ACRE WOOD!' IN A SPECIAL EPISODE OF DISNEY JUNIOR'S 'DOC MCSTUFFINS,' DEBUTING ON NATIONAL WINNIE THE POOH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

-- Beloved characters Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Eeyore and Christopher Robin visit McStuffinsville --



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Doc McStuffins and her team have helped toys of all shapes and sizes, and on a particularly blustery day in McStuffinsville, they must help none other than Winnie the Pooh. In this very special episode of Disney Junior's Peabody Award-winning hit series "Doc McStuffins," Doc ventures "Into the Hundred Acre Wood!" with her toys and welcomes Winnie the Pooh and friends to McStuffinsville. The episode is set to debut on Disney Junior on National Winnie the Pooh Day, **WEDNESDAY**, **JANUARY 18** (7:30-8:00 p.m. EST).

"Winnie the Pooh books and animation have always been hugely important to me, so it's a personal dream come true to be able to bring together the worlds of the Hundred Acre Wood and McStuffinsville, especially since Christopher Robin is the original human famous for talking to his stuffed animals and toys," creator and executive producer Chris Nee says. "This episode is an homage to the original Disney animation and storytelling styles, from the original songs, including a hat tip to the Sherman Brothers, to the visuals which evoke old school Winnie the Pooh."

The episode begins when Doc and the toys spot Winnie the Pooh floating through the air, unable to get down. As she and the toys set out to rescue him, the wind magically transports them to the Hundred Acre Wood where they meet the rest of Pooh's friends. Tigger, Piglet and Eeyore join Doc and the toys in the search for Pooh, in hopes of finding him in time for his favorite event of the year, The Honey Festival. When they finally spot Pooh and try to bring him down, a tree branch rips his tummy and Doc must transport him to McStuffins Toy Hospital for emergency surgery. A worried Christopher

Robin arrives and bonds with Doc over their shared ability to talk to toys, and is soon reunited with a healthy Pooh. Meanwhile, Piglet and Lambie enlist the help of McStuffinsville to throw Pooh his very own Honey Festival to make up for the one he missed.

"Into the Hundred Acre Wood!" features two original songs, "Follow That Bear!" and "Think Heavy Thoughts," both written and produced by Michelle Lewis, Kay Hanley and Dan Petty. Winnie the Pooh also sings the series' iconic song "I Feel Better."

Guest starring are Jim Cummings as Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, Travis Oates as Piglet, Peter Cullen as Eeyore and Oliver Bell as Christopher Robin. "Doc McStuffins" stars Laya DeLeon Hayes as Doc, Loretta Devine as Hallie, Lara Jill Miller as Lambie, Robbie Rist as Stuffy, Jess Harnell as Chilly, Andre Robinson as Donny McStuffins, Kimberly Brooks as Mom McStuffins, and Gary Anthony Williams as Dad McStuffins. "Into the Hundred Acre Wood!" was written by Chris Nee and directed by Brónagh O'Hanlon.

Created and executive produced by Humanitas Prize and Emmy Award-winning Chris Nee, "Doc McStuffins" has been honored with a prestigious Peabody Award (2015) recognizing outstanding storytelling in electronic media and NAACP Image Awards (2016, 2015) for Outstanding Children's Program.

"Doc McStuffins" airs daily on Disney Channel and Disney Junior. The series is a production of Academy Award-nominated Brown Bag Films in association with Disney Channel. For season four of the series, Emmy-winning Norton Virgien ("Rugrats") is supervising director and consulting producer, and Kent Redeker is co-executive producer and story editor. The Hollywood Health & Society division of the USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center serves as the series' health and medical consultants, advising on basic health issues that are relevant to young kids and families.

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