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'BIG CITY GREENS' ANIMATED SERIES INSPIRES 'BIG CITY GREENS' MOVIE MUSICAL FOR DISNEY CHANNEL AND DISNEY+ AND BEGINS PRODUCTION ON A FOURTH SEASON FOR DISNEY CHANNEL

Season Three Premieres Saturday, Feb. 12, on Disney Channel



Disney* Photos available <u>here</u>.

The Houghton brothers — Chris and Shane — creators and executive producers of the animated comedy "Big City Greens," Disney's #1 show, will join the echelon of format-leaping creative talent as their popular series spins off a movie musical for Disney Channel and Disney+. "Big City Greens" also received a fourth season order from Disney Channel, tallying more than 100 episodes for the Daytime Emmy[®]-winning and Annie Award-nominated comedy. The announcement was made by Ayo Davis, president of Disney Branded Television, a content engine for Disney+ and Disney Channels.

Davis said, "Chris, Shane and their crew made this decision an easy one because they consistently turn their wellspring of bold ideas into entertainment that connects with kids and families and appeals to fans of animation everywhere. They're an important part of our TV animation studio which, guided by Meredith Roberts and her outstanding team, is key to our group's creative footprint and success. Whether I'm at work or at home with my family, I join the millions of viewers around the world who are looking forward to all that 'Big City Greens' has in store for us."

The third season premiere of "Big City Greens" is **Saturday, Feb. 12** (9:00 a.m. EST/PST), on Disney Channel. The story arc brings a big change for the optimistic mischief-maker Cricket Green, who moved from the country to the big city with

his wildly out of place family: hard-working father Bill, sweet-and-sour Gramma Alice and quirky older sister Tilly, who later in season three will participate in a rite of passage event, one that's uniquely Green style. The first and second seasons are available on Disney+. The Houghton humor and creativity are also on display in two short-form Disney Channel series — "Broken Karaoke" and "Random Rings" — each featuring characters from "Big City Greens."

The series is influenced by the Houghton's childhood in the small rural town of St. Johns, Michigan, with locations and characters inspired by their real-life family members and townsfolk and their experiences upon departing rural farmland for college in big cities. "Big City Greens" premiered in 2018, and in 2021, the Houghtons entered into an overall deal at Disney Television Animation.

"Big City Greens" stars Chris Houghton as Cricket Green, Artemis Pebdani ("Scandal") as Gramma Alice, Marieve Herington ("How I Met Your Mother") as Tilly Green and Bob Joles ("Puss in Boots") as Bill Green.

The movie and series creative team include Michael Coughlin ("The Muppets") as producer, Stephen Sandoval ("The Owl House") as supervising producer/co-executive producer and Joachim Horsley ("Spirit Riding Free") as composer. "Big City Greens" is a production of Disney Television Animation and carries a TV-Y7 parental guideline.

The Houghtons are represented by Julie Kane-Ritsch of The Gotham Group and attorney Matthew Saver.

Source: NMR, 4Q21 (Oct-Dec' 21), L+7, K6-11, #1. DC series ranked on hours watched; excludes movies, sports, and shorts.

About Disney Branded Television

Disney Branded Television encompasses the creative storytellers and production and content marketing teams responsible for Disney-branded television series, movies and other programming spanning live-action, animated and unscripted formats. The group fuels the Disney+ streaming platform and Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior linear networks with content geared toward kids, tweens, teens and families, with stories that are imaginative, aspirational and reflective of their world and experiences. Recent projects include "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series," "Monsters at Work," "The Mysterious Benedict Society" and "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends." Disney Branded Television has created some of the most iconic and award-winning properties and franchises, including Peabody Award winners "Doc McStuffins" and "The Owl House"; Emmy Award winners "Big City Greens" and "Elena of Avalor"; the beloved "Mickey Mouse" cartoon shorts plus the Disney Channel Original Movie (DCOM) franchise, comprised of more than 100 titles.

About Disney+

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