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ALICE! MICKEY! POOH! SPIDEY!

DISNEY JUNIOR ANNOUNCES SLATE OF NEW ORIGINAL SERIES AND SHORTS, ALONG WITH RETURNING FRANCHISES, DEBUTING ACROSS DISNEY+ AND DISNEY JUNIOR PLATFORMS THROUGH 2024 AT FIRST-EVER DISNEY JUNIOR FUN FEST

New Original Series:

'Hey A.J.,' Inspired by Martellus Bennett's Family 'Kindergarten: The Musical,' a Musical Series About Navigating Kindergarten With Music by Kay Hanley, Michelle Lewis, Dan Petty ("Doc McStuffins") and Charlton Pettus (Tears for Fears)

> 'RoboGobo,' About a Team of Robot Rescue Pets 'SuperKitties' From Silvergate Media

New Short-Form:

'Me & Mickey' Vlog Shorts 'Winnie the Pooh' Shorts

Series Renewal:

'Alice's Wonderland Bakery'

Casting News:

John Stamos To Voice Iron Man in 'Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends' Lou Diamond Phillips and Yvette Nicole Brown Join the Cast of 'Firebuds' Justina Machado, Bobby Moynihan, Eric Bauza and Kari Wahlgren Join the Cast of 'Pupstruction'

Premieres:

'Eureka!' To Premiere June 22, 2022 Season Two of 'Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends' To Debut This August 'Mickey Mouse Funhouse: Pirate Adventure" Summer Tentpole Special To Air This August

Disney Junior has announced its new slate of original programming for kids 2-7 that will air across Disney+ and Disney Junior platforms through 2024. Disney Branded Television President Ayo Davis announced these projects along with some key casting news today during the Disney Junior Fun Fest event taking place at Disney California Adventure. The Fun Fest is a one-day event celebrating the entertaining and music-filled stories of the #1 preschool television network's hit series, bringing the magic of Disney Junior straight to fans.

"Disney Junior is already home to some of the most beloved preschool programming, and today, we have unveiled the next slate of content that is sure to entertain preschool kids for years to come," said Davis. "As with Disney Junior's current slate, each of these projects is unique, inspiring and encompasses all of the brand values that have come to represent Disney Junior over the last decade — storytelling with heart that resonates with both kids and parents. From beloved icons such as Mickey and Spidey to new stories and characters, this slate further solidifies Disney Junior as THE home for preschoolers."

Link to series logos and image assets can be found here: <u>https://bit.ly/3BVy3kE</u>.

New Greenlights Announced Today:

ORIGINAL SERIES:

"HEY A.J."

Produced by: Surfing Giant Studios in association with Disney Junior Based on books created by: Martellus Bennett Executive Producers: Martellus Bennett, Jeff "Swampy" Marsh and Michael Hodges

Inspired by former Pro Bowler and Super Bowl Champion and children's book author Martellus Bennett's family, "Hey A.J." is a high-energy adventure comedy about a curious and extremely imaginative 7-year-old girl, A.J. Whether imagining a long car drive is an exciting rocket ride or turning a grocery store line into a dance party, A.J. uses her big imagination to make any situation more fun and exciting.

"KINDERGARTEN: THE MUSICAL"

Produced by: Oddbot Entertainment in association with Disney Junior Creators: Michelle Lewis and Charlton Pettus Executive Producers: Tom Warburton, Michelle Lewis, Kay Hanley, Charlton Pettus and Dan Petty

Co-Executive Producer/Story Editor: Laurie Israel

"Kindergarten: The Musical" is an animated musical series about navigating all of the "firsts" young kids experience while attending kindergarten. Whether having your own set of school supplies for the first time, finding a place to sit in the lunchroom or making a new friend, kindergartners can feel so many feelings that are sometimes hard to express with just words; singing about it feels more comforting and expressive. The series follows 5-year-old Birdy, who, with the help of her amazing teacher and new friends, uses her imagination to express her fears, excitement and joy through big Broadway-style song and dance numbers, proving that kindergarten is just like a big stage and there is nothing a good song can't fix.

"ROBOGOBO"

Produced by: Brown Bag Films in association with Disney Junior Creator/Executive Producer/Supervising Director: Chris Gilligan Developed for Television by/Co-Executive Producer/Story Editor: Matt Hoverman

"RoboGobo" highlights five adorable pets without a home — until kid inventor Jax adopts them and gives them super-powered robo-suits. Now Hopper, Boomer, Allie, Shelly and Winger are a team of superheroes saving other pets in trouble and learning how to become a family in the process.

"SUPERKITTIES"

Produced by: Silvergate Media in association with Disney Junior Creator/Executive Producer: Paula Rosenthal Co-Executive Producer: Kirk Van Wormer

"SuperKitties" is an adorable and action-packed new series about four fierce and furry superhero kittens — Ginny, Sparks, Buddy and Bitsy — who are on a mission to make Kittydale a more caring and "pawesome" place. Defeating villains and imparting important messages of kindness, empathy, friendship, resilience and problem-solving, the "SuperKitties" voice cast includes Emma Berman (Disney-Pixar's "Luca") as Ginny, Cruz Flateau ("CoComelon") as Sparks, JeCobi Swain (ABC's "Home Economics") as Buddy and Pyper Braun ("Country Comfort") as Bitsy.

ORIGINAL SHORT-FORM:

"ME & MICKEY"

"Me & Mickey" is a new series of vlog-style video shorts featuring Disney's #1 star, Mickey Mouse, as he invites preschoolers to laugh and play along as he talks about everyday topics familiar to their lives, including morning and nighttime routines and packing a backpack, and also engages with silly games and challenges like "Super Silly Stare Off," "Talk Like a Pirate" and "Super Silly Dance Party."

"WINNIE THE POOH" (Working Title)

"Winnie the Pooh" (working title) is a new musical short-form series starring Winnie the Pooh and his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood.

<u>SERIES RENEWAL:</u>

"ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY" SEASON TWO

Produced by: Disney Television Animation Executive Producer: Chelsea Beyl Co-Executive Producer/Art Director: Frank Montagna Producer: Ciara Anderson

"Alice's Wonderland Bakery" is a fantastical animated series for preschoolers and their families inspired by the beloved world of "Alice in Wonderland." The series centers on Alice, the great-granddaughter of the original heroine and a budding young baker at the

enchanted Wonderland Bakery, where her magical treats help bring a new generation of friends and families together. The series' voice cast includes Craig Ferguson as Doorknob, Eden Espinosa as The Queen of Hearts, GRAMMY[®] Award winner Jon Secada as The King of Hearts, Vanessa Bayer and Bobby Moynihan as twins Tweedle Do and Tweedle Don't, Donald Faison as Harry the March Hare, Yvette Nicole Brown as Mama Rabbit and newcomer Libby Rue as the voice of Alice.

OTHER NEWS - PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TITLES:

"MARVEL'S SPIDEY AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS"

Produced by: Disney Junior and Marvel Studios in association with Atomic Cartoons Executive Producer: Harrison Wilcox Supervising Producer: Steve Grover Co-Executive Producer: Bart Jennett

John Stamos will be voicing the role of Iron Man/Tony Stark in season two of Disney Junior's hit series "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends." The additional new Marvel heroes and villains that will be featured in season two are Ant-Man (voiced by Sean Giambrone), Wasp (voiced by Maya Tuttle), Reptil (voiced by Hoku Ramirez), Black Cat (voiced by Jaiden Klein), Sandman (voiced by Tom Wilson) and Electro (voiced by Stephanie Lemelin). The new season premieres August 2022 and will include a new "Glow Webs Glow" storyline. Season two will also feature four new original songs and a "Glow Webs Glow" anthem song by series' songwriter/composer Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy).

"Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends" follows the adventures of Peter Parker, Gwen Stacy and Miles Morales as they team up to defeat foes and save the day. In season two of the series, the trio of young Super Heroes are able to call on Avengers pals Iron Man, Ant-Man, Wasp and Reptil, in addition to Hulk, Ms. Marvel and Black Panther, for help when trouble arises — like when villain Electro tries to drain all of the power in the city and the Spidey Team must band together to use a new glowing web formula to turn the lights back on.

"MICKEY MOUSE FUNHOUSE"

Produced by: Disney Television Animation Executive Producer/Supervising Director: Phil Weinstein Co-Executive Producer/Supervising Story Editor: Thomas Hart Producer: Steve Walby

John Stamos also stars as the voice of Captain Salty Bones in the upcoming summer tentpole episode of "Mickey Mouse Funhouse." In "Mickey Mouse Funhouse: Pirate Adventure," legendary pirate Captain Salty Bones invites Mickey, Minnie and friends to join the biggest treasure hunt ever and see if they can become true pirates.

Series star Harvey Guillén, who voices the role of Funny the Funhouse in the series, was at Disney Junior Fun Fest to help announce the new 22-minute special, which also features recurring guest stars Jenifer Lewis as Wheezelene and Richard Kind as Cheezel and is set to premiere August 2022.

"EUREKA!"

Produced by: Brown Bag Films in association with Disney Junior Creators/Executive Producers: Norton Virgien and Niamh Sharkey Co-Executive Producer/Story Editor: Erica Rothschild Consulting Producers: Donna Brown Guillaume and Rusty Cundieff

"Eureka!" tells the story of a young girl inventor who is way ahead of her time. Utilizing creative out-of-the-box thinking, she designs inventions and contraptions in the hopes of making the world a better place and moving her prehistoric community into a more modern era. With the help of her supportive parents, teacher, best friends — Pepper and Barry — and beloved pet mammoth Murphy, Eureka is learning to embrace that she is not ordinary ... she's extraordinary. Series premieres June 22, 2022.

Series star Ruth Righi (voice of Eureka) was on-hand during the Disney Junior Fun Fest event to reveal a first look at the series' main title theme song, which is performed by Lexi Underwood (Disney+'s upcoming "Sneakerella"). The link to the full theme song is available here: <u>https://youtu.be/LoKERGIZGxE</u>.

"FIREBUDS"

Produced by: Disney Television Animation Creator/Executive Producer: Craig Gerber Producer: Craig Simpson

From Emmy[®] Award-winning creator and executive producer Craig Gerber (Disney's "Elena of Avalor" and "Sofia the First"), "Firebuds" is a music-filled series following a team of young kids who are the children of first responders, and their talking vehicle sidekicks, as they embark on adventures together and learn what it truly means to be a hero. The series premieres fall 2022.

During Disney Junior Fun Fest, it was announced that Lou Diamond Phillips and Yvette Nicole Brown would be joining the previously announced voice cast as co-fire chiefs, Chief Bill and Chief Faye. Brown was on-hand during the event to reveal a first look at the main title theme song, which is written and performed by the series' songwriter Beau Black (Disney's "The Lion Guard"). The link to the full theme song is available here: https://youtu.be/WaE0JIvtjGc.

"PUPSTRUCTION"

Produced by: Titmouse in association with Disney Junior Creator/Executive Producer: Travis Braun Executive Producer: Vic Cook Co-Producer/Story Editor: Robyn Brown

"Pupstruction" follows the adventures of the world's first all-dog construction company, Pupstruction. It centers on Phinny, an innovative young corgi who might be the smallest pup on the crew but proves that you don't need big paws to have big dreams or big ideas. The series' voice cast, announced during Disney Junior Fun Fest, includes Yonas Kibreab ("Into the Dark") as Phinny, Carson Minniear ("Big City Greens") as Tank, Scarlett Kate Ferguson ("I'm Dying Up Here") as Roxy and newcomer Mica Zeltzer as Luna, as well as Justina Machado ("One Day at a Time") as Maya, Bobby Moynihan ("Alice's Wonderland Bakery") as Bobby Boots, Kari Wahlgren ("The Ghost and Molly McGee") as Scratch, Eric Bauza ("Muppet Babies") as characters Harry, Sniff and Lloyd and Alessandra Perez ("T.O.T.S.") as Bailey.

About Disney Junior

Part of Disney Media and Entertainment Distribution's Networks, Disney Junior is a global multiplatform brand with content created by Disney Branded Television expressly geared towards preschoolers aged 2-7 and their families. Disney Junior reflects the emotional connection generations of consumers have to Disney storytelling and Disney characters, both classic and contemporary. It invites parents and guardians to join their child in the Disney experience of magical, musical and heartfelt stories and characters while incorporating specific learning and development themes designed for young children. Disney Junior is home to some of the most cherished programming and franchises for preschoolers, including Emmy[®]Award-winning "Elena of Avalor," Peabody Award-winning "Doc McStuffins," and new hit series "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends" and "Mickey Mouse Funhouse."

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