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Portfolio Entertainment Introduces Animated Kids Comedy *Freaktown*

Portfolio Entertainment is introducing a new animated comedy series for children titled *Freaktown*. The 26-episode series targets kids aged six through 11 and is available for distribution worldwide. *Freaktown* is a half-hour series that follows skeleton Ben Bones and his freaky friends, who all try to keep their distance from Princess Boo Boo of Sweetlandia, their nemesis.

<http://www.portfolioentertainment.com>

Scripps Networks Interactive to Launch HGTV in the Philippines

Scripps Networks Interactive announced that HGTV is launching in the Philippines on SKYcable and Cignal Digital TV. The lifestyle channel will be available on SKYcable beginning Sunday, March 1 on channel 88 (SD) and channel 246 (HD). HGTV is coming soon to Cignal Digital TV in HD. The channel has recently launched across the region on StarHub in Singapore, Fetch TV in Australia and Univision in Mongolia.

<http://www.hgtv.asia>

<http://www.scrippsnetworksinteractive.com>

Gaumont Animation to Finance, Produce, Distribute *Laurel & Hardy*

Gaumont Animation, a producer and distributor of children's entertainment, announced that it secured the worldwide exclusive option to the animation rights of the classic characters *Laurel & Hardy* from Larry Harmon Pictures Corporation and will finance, produce and distribute the all-new animated series. The announcement was made by Pierre Belaisch, managing director of Gaumont Animation. Gaumont



will support the series with licensing and merchandising campaigns.

<http://www.gaumontanimation.com>

Splash Unveils Three New Miniseries Movies in the *Kulipari* Franchise

Nicolas Atlan and Mike Young, co-CEOs of Splash Entertainment and Trevor Pryce, principal at Outlook Company (who owns the *Kulipari* franchise) announced that they plan to produce three additional animated *Kulipari* miniseries movies, following the announcement last September of the first three titles *Kulipari: Army of Frogs (I, II, and III)* based on the book *An Army of Frogs*. The new titles include *Kulipari: The Rainbow Serpent* and *Kulipari: Amphibians End I & II*. Splash Entertainment will handle distribution for all of the *Kulipari* miniseries movies.

<http://www.splashentertainment.com>

Sinking Ship Inks International Sales of *Odd Squad*

Sinking Ship Entertainment has closed deals for the new live-action multiplatform children's series *Odd Squad* to international broadcasters. ABC 3 Australia, SVT Barnkanalen (Sweden), NRK Super (Norway) and Gloob, a Globosat channel (Brazil) all signed on for the series. The show centers on Olive and Otto, two young agents who collaborate to investigate strange things. *Odd Squad* launched in November on PBS KIDS and TVO and is a success both on TV and online.

<http://www.sinkingship.ca>

PRIME Entertainment Group and Netflix Renew Deal

PRIME Entertainment Group announced that it has renewed its collaboration with Netflix, closing another deal with Netflix, becoming the official provider of the series *Hollywood's Best Film Directors*. The series will soon become available on Netflix's SVoD platform in the U.S. and Canada. The series already airs on networks such as AMC Sundance, HBO, NBCUniversal, Sky, Turner, Sony AXN, Foxtel and others.

<http://www.primeeg.com>