



TECH-SAVVY ANIMATED SERIES *DOT*. FROM INDUSTRIAL BROTHERS AND THE JIM HENSON COMPANY WILL REACH MORE KIDS AROUND THE WORLD WITH NEW LINEAR DEALS SIGNED

HOLLYWOOD, CA – (September 25, 2017) -- The Jim Henson Company, an established leader in family entertainment for over 60 years, has signed several new deals with linear broadcasters around the world to deliver the original animated series, *Dot. (52x11')*, based on the popular children's picture book by *New York Times* best-selling author and tech expert Randi Zuckerberg, to more families across the globe.

Ireland's **TG4**, Finland's **YLE**, Israel's **Hop**, Australia's **ABC**, and **EBS Korea**, have all licensed the series that teaches digital citizenship and how to "tap and swipe" through interactive adventures, in addition to **Disney Channel Japan** who debuted the series on September 23. The new agreements complement recently announced deals with **Piwi+** in France, and **SVT** in Sweden.

Dot. currently airs in the U.S. during the Sprout preschool block on Universal Kids, NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment's network for kids 2-12, where it has been a top-performing series since its debut, and past episodes of the series stream on **Hulu** and **Sprout online**. The series also airs on **CBC** in Canada, **Canal Panda** in Portugal, **Jim Jam** in the MENA and Benelux territories, and **Israel Education Television**.

"*Dot.*, demonstrates how technology can be used to inspire and enhance everyday kid adventures and discoveries, appealing to both parents and children alike," commented Ian Lambur, Management Consultant, Global Distribution, The Jim Henson Company. "With our new partners on board, kids around the world will soon be able to share *Dot*'s enthusiasm to use tech to connect, play, capture moments, tell stories and most importantly, feed their curiosity."

Targeting children ages four to seven, *Dot.* follows the hilarious adventures of the inquisitive and exuberant tech-savvy *Dot*. For a girl as curious and creative as she, there's no better way to spend the day than outside, exploring the world with her dog, friends, and any tool or tech that will help enhance their play and exploration. *Dot.* is produced by Industrial Brothers in association with The Jim Henson Company and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

About The Jim Henson Company

The Jim Henson Company has remained an established leader in family entertainment for over 60 years and is recognized worldwide as an innovator in puppetry, animatronics and digital animation. Best known as creators of the world-famous Muppets, Henson has received over 50 Emmy Awards and nine Grammy Awards. Recent credits include *Julie's Greenroom* (Netflix), *Dot.* (Sprout/Hulu), *Splash and Bubbles* (PBS), *Word Party* (Netflix), *Doozers* (Hulu/ Sprout), and the Emmy®-nominated *Sid the Science Kid* (PBS), *Dinosaur Train* (PBS), and *Pajanimals* (Sprout). Television productions include *Fraggle Rock*, *The Storyteller* and the sci-fi cult series *Farscape*. Features include *Disney's Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, as well as *The Dark Crystal*, *Labyrinth*, *MirrorMask*, and *Jim Henson's Turkey Hollow*. The Company is currently in production on the feature *Happytime Murders*, starring Melissa McCarthy, and the upcoming Netflix original series *The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance*. Projects in development include the highly anticipated film *Fraggle Rock*.

With additional locations in New York and London, The Jim Henson Company is headquartered in Los Angeles on the historic Charlie Chaplin lot, complete with soundstage and postproduction facilities. The Company is home to Jim Henson's Creature Shop™, a pre-eminent character-building and visual effects group with international film, television, theme park and advertising clients, as well as Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry's top recording facilities known for its world-class blend of state-of-the-art and vintage equipment. The Company's Henson Alternative brand is currently touring *Puppet-Up! – Uncensored*, a live puppet improvisational show.

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