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**THE JIM HENSON COMPANY, HERSCEND STUDIOS, VARÈSE SARABANDE RECORDS, AND THE CUTTING EDGE GROUP ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST SINGLE FROM THE HIT PBS KIDS SERIES *SPLASH AND BUBBLES***

**“And So We Celebrate (Coral Day)” Is A Holiday Hit In The Making**

**(December 1, 2017– Los Angeles, CA)** – The Jim Henson Company, Herschend Studios, Varèse Sarabande Records, and The Cutting Edge Group announce the inaugural release of music from the hit PBS KIDS preschool series, *Splash and Bubbles*. The single, “**And So We Celebrate (Coral Day)**” will be available on all major digital retailers on December 1, 2017, in celebration of the holiday season and the all-new episode “Coral Day” premiering on December 11, 2017 (check local listings).

In “Coral Day,” it’s the holiday season in Reeftown and everyone is getting ready for Coral Day, a celebration of the wonderful coral that makes up their home. Splash, new to Reeftown and its traditions, wonders what he can contribute to the festival.

With themes of unity, family, friendship, and gratitude, the single written by award-winning songwriter Mike Himmelstein and his long-time Henson collaborator Dena Diamond, features vocals from cast members including the show’s creator John Tartaglia as Splash, Leslie Carrara-Rudolph as Bubbles, Raymond Carr as Dunk, and Aymee Garcia as Ripple. “**And So We Celebrate (Coral Day)**” is a true holiday classic in the making.

The digital release will be accompanied by a special behind-the-scenes video of the recording in Studio A at the world-famous Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry’s top recording facilities known for iconic recordings like “Tapestry” (Carole King), “Rock & Roll” (John Lennon), “A Kind of Hush” (The Carpenters), and “We Are The World (USA for Africa)”.

*Splash and Bubbles* is a production of The Jim Henson Company and Herschend Studios. Created by John Tartaglia (*Imaginocean*, *Johnny and the Sprites*), the series is executive produced by Lisa Henson and Halle Stanford of The Jim Henson Company, Julie Phillips and Merrill Puckett Miller of Herschend Enterprises, as well as Tartaglia, Michael Shawn Lewis, and Jill Shinderman. The series is funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and by the National Science Foundation (NSF). *Splash and Bubbles* airs daily on PBS KIDS and streams on Netflix.

Varèse Sarabande Records will release the *Splash and Bubbles* soundtrack album, including all of the songs from Season 1 in 2018. To download the single go to: <http://smarturl.it/SplashandBubbles>

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Founded in 1978, Varèse Sarabande is the most prolific producer of film music in the world, releasing the highest quality soundtracks from the world's greatest composers. From current box office hits and top television series to the classics of Hollywood's Golden Age, Varèse Sarabande's catalog includes albums from practically every composer in every era, covering all of film history; from Bernard Herrmann, Alex North and Jerry Goldsmith to Alexandre Desplat, Michael Giacchino and Brian Tyler.

Varèse Sarabande releases deluxe and expanded editions of special soundtracks for the film music aficionado. The Varèse Vintage imprint specializes in releasing new and re-issued albums by classic pop, jazz and country artists. Varèse Sarabande Records is distributed by Universal Music Group.

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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 *The 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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