



SPLASH AND BUBBLES CELEBRATES WORLD OCEANS DAY

Initiatives Include Facebook Live Events, All-new Episodes, Music, DVD and Books Based on Popular PBS KIDS Series

LOS ANGELES, CA (June 6, 2018) – The Jim Henson Company, Herschend Studios and PBS KIDS are celebrating World Oceans Day (June 8) with three new episodes, social media events, and the release of *Splash and Bubbles: Rhythm of the Reef (Songs from Season One)*. The efforts are themed around the PBS KIDS series *SPLASH AND BUBBLES*, which encourages children to explore ocean science and marine biology. *SPLASH AND BUBBLES* airs daily on PBS stations nationwide, the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel and is available on PBS KIDS digital platforms and Netflix. World Oceans Day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans.

Fans across the country can join in Facebook Live events from Newport Aquarium in Kentucky and Adventure Aquarium in New Jersey which will be held on June 6th and 8th, respectively. These events will feature real ocean experts and amazing “citizens of the sea” like sharks, sea turtles, and penguins. Fans can also visit the official 2018 [World Oceans Day](#) website for *SPLASH AND BUBBLES* [resources](#), including activity sheets, social media graphics, a World Oceans Day poster, party kit and more.

In three new episodes airing June 11th – 13th (check local listings), the Reeftown Rangers wonder where the end of the ocean is, or if the ocean even has an end. During their adventures, they meet a fish with a sunburn, enlist a cleaner shrimp to help a great white shark with a toothache, and discover a rainbow salmon, Sal, who teaches them where all the water goes beyond the ocean.

Splash and Bubbles: Rhythm of the Reef (Songs from Season One) is the perfect summer beach-time album, full of funky, Motown-inspired tunes, with themes around marine science. Featuring the lead track, “Splash and Bubbles Theme Song,” which won “Best Song for a TV Series” at the 2017 Cynopsis Kids Imagination Awards, the 16 series songs were written by award-winning composer Mike Himelstein (*Sid the Science Kid*, *Mickey Mouse Clubhouse*, *Dinosaur Train*) and feature the vocal talents of your favorite characters, including the show’s creator John Tartaglia as Splash, Leslie Carrara-Rudolph as Bubbles, Raymond Carr as Dunk, and Aymee Garcia as Ripple. The album, released by The Jim Henson Company, Herschend Studios, and Music.Film Recordings, is available now. Visit <http://smartURL.it/RhythmoftheReef> to buy/stream the full album!

The soundtrack release is one of several new *SPLASH AND BUBBLES*-centered consumer products, including a series of storybooks released by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt on June 5th and the new “One Big Ocean” DVD being released by PBS on June 12th.

Facebook Live Events:

June 6: Newport Aquarium

3:30pm ET/12:30pm PT

Encounter sharks and shark rays and learn about the aquarium's sea turtle rescue and release program.

June 8: Adventure Aquarium

7pm ET/4pm PT

Explore the aquarium's touch tank creatures and meet recently hatched African penguins.

Splash and Bubbles is a production of The Jim Henson Company and Herschend Studios. 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 John 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).

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 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.

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About Herschend Enterprises and Herschend Studios

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About The National Science Foundation (NSF)

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