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SKYDANCE MEDIA APPOINTS IAN SHEPPARD TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DEVELOPMENT FOR ANIMATION AND LAWRENCE JONAS TO EXECUTIVE IN CHARGE OF ANIMATED TELEVISION

Santa Monica, CA - Wednesday, June 6 - Skydance Media has named **Ian Sheppard** as Senior Vice President Development for Animation and **Lawrence Jonas** to Executive in Charge of Animated Television, effective immediately. In the newly created roles, Sheppard will be responsible for overseeing the creative development of feature films and television series for Skydance's rapidly expanding animation division and Jonas will oversee all aspects of production for the upcoming slate of high-end television series. Both Sheppard and Jonas will report to Bill Damaschke, President of Animation and Family Entertainment.

"Building Skydance's animation feature film and television slate is a top priority, so we're very excited Ian and Larry will be joining our team at this pivotal time," said Damaschke. "Both Ian and Larry are well respected in the animation industry for their creative instincts and strong relationships with talent and producers. We look forward to benefitting from their vast experience as we continue to expand our animation studio and produce bold and original animated content."

Prior to joining Skydance, Sheppard was Vice President of Development at DreamWorks Animation Television. In 2013, he was one of the founding members of the DreamWorks Animation Television development team, tasked with producing over 300 hours of original content as part of the company's groundbreaking deal with Netflix. While at DreamWorks Animation, Sheppard developed a number of key franchises into television series, including "Voltron: Legendary Defender," "Trolls: The Beat Goes On," "Dawn of the Croods," "The Boss Baby: Back in Business," and "The Adventures of Puss in Boots." Before DreamWorks Animation, he spent nine years at Nickelodeon where he served as Executive Director of Development for Nickelodeon Original Movies. Sheppard holds a B.A. degree from New York University.

Before joining Skydance, Jonas spent six years at DreamWorks Animation Television, becoming a four-time Emmy nominated Line Producer on the Guillermo del Toro series "Trollhunters," "3 Below," and "Dragons: Race to the Edge." Jonas is a 19-year veteran of the animation industry and has worked on feature films at Sony Pictures Animation, Universal Pictures and the Walt Disney Company. He is a member of the Producers Guild of America and holds a B.S. from the University of

Miami.

Launched in 2017, Skydance Media's animation and family entertainment division is an artist-friendly studio dedicated to producing a bold and original slate of animated programming. Skydance formed a multi-year partnership with Madrid-based Ilion Animation Studios and over the past year has announced the animated feature films *Luck*, directed by Alessandro Carloni and written by Jonathan Aibel & Glenn Berger; *Split* (working title), directed by Vicky Jenson and written by Linda Woolverton; and *Powerless* (working title), directed by Nathan Greno.

About Skydance Media

Skydance is a diversified media company founded by David Ellison in 2010 to create high quality, event-level entertainment for global audiences. The Company brings to life stories of immersive worlds across its feature film, television, and interactive platforms. Its feature films include *Annihilation*, *Geostorm*, *Life*, *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back*, *Star Trek Beyond*, *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*, *Terminator Genisys*, *Star Trek Into Darkness*, *World War Z*, *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*, *Jack Reacher*, *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol* and *True Grit*. Skydance's next feature film to release is *Mission: Impossible – Fallout* on July 27, 2018. In 2017, Skydance formed an animation division to develop and produce a slate of high-end feature films and television series in partnership with Spain's Ilion Animation Studios. Skydance Television launched in 2013 and its current slate includes Emmy-nominated *Grace and Frankie* on Netflix, *Altered Carbon* on Netflix, *Jack Ryan* on Amazon, *Condor* on AT&T Audience Network, and *Dietland* on AMC. Skydance Interactive launched in 2016 to create and publish original and IP-based virtual reality video games. Skydance Interactive's first original title is *Archangel*, a story-driven VR shooter game.

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