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Genius Brands International Announces Its Hit Series, "Rainbow Rangers", is Now Sold and Being Broadcast Across 100% of the Western Hemisphere

Broadcast Deals in Canada and Mexico Join Nick Jr. in the U.S., Nickelodeon Latin America, and Tiffany Broadcasters Across Europe, Asia, and Middle East

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 14, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Genius Brands International** "Genius Brands" (Nasdaq:GNUS) increases the reach of its flagship animated preschool series, [*Rainbow Rangers*](#), across the Western Hemisphere with two new broadcast deals signed, including the #1 preschool channel in Canada, **Treehouse**, owned by **Corus Entertainment** (TSX: CJR.B), and with leading broadcaster **Televisa** in Mexico.

"In these unusual times, we are seeing that viewing is increasing, not decreasing, and it underscores the timeless nature of animated programs as an asset class immune to normal economic problems," said **Genius Brands' Chairman & CEO, Andy Heyward**. "Corus' Treehouse channel, which reaches 80% of Canadian preschoolers*, now airs *Rainbow Rangers* season one and season two Monday – Thursday at 2:50 pm. Mexico's Televisa, which dominates the television market of the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world with a reach of 60-85% of all households, will broadcast four episodes from season one each week at 8:30 am, beginning May 2020."

Rainbow Rangers currently airs in the U.S. on **Nick Jr.** and on broadcasters in key territories around the world, including **CCTV** (China), **Nickelodeon** and **NOGGIN** (Latin America); **Cartoonito** (Italy); and **Discovery Kids** (Middle East). Additionally, the series is available on platforms, including China's leading streaming service, **iQiyi**, and Televisa's **BLIM TV** in Mexico.

"With the addition of two A-List broadcast partners, Corus in Canada and Televisa in Mexico, we have significantly expanded the reach of *Rainbow Rangers* with maximum penetration across the Western Hemisphere," commented **Caroline Tyre, SVP International Distribution & Head of Genius Brands Network at Genius Brands**. "Additionally, we are currently in negotiations with a number of other leading broadcasters around the world. This special series delivers fun, adventure and entertainment together with important positive messaging of empowerment and diversity."

"*Rainbow Rangers* is a welcome addition to our schedule on Treehouse," said **Daniel Eves**,

Senior Vice President of TV Networks, Corus Entertainment. “We look forward to bringing Canadian viewers new preschool programming that emphasizes the values of friendship, environmental responsibility, and inclusivity.”

Rainbow Rangers is a rescue-based series that follows the adventures of seven girls who are Earth’s first responders, protecting people, animals, resources, and the natural beauty of our world. The series boasts a unique and highly-accomplished team of creators from the animated motion picture and television worlds, including Rob Minkoff (*Disney’s The Lion King* director), Shane Morris (*Disney’s Frozen* co-writer), Tim Mansfield, and New York Times Bestselling author and Emmy Award-nominated writer Elise Allen (*Dinosaur Train*, *Lion Guard*, *Barbie specials*), who serves as head writer and co-creator. Multiple Emmy Award-winning director Michael Maliani directs the series, and Genius Brands’ Chairman and CEO and multiple Emmy Award-winning producer, Andy Heyward, serves as executive producer.

*Source:

Numeris PPM Data, Broadcast Year 18-19 (Aug 27/18 – Aug 25/19), Eng Canada, CumeRch%, Pre-schoolers=K2-5, M-Su 2a-2a

ABOUT GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL

Genius Brands International, Inc. (Nasdaq: GNUS) is a leading global kids media company developing, producing, marketing and licensing branded children’s entertainment properties and consumer products for media and retail distribution. The Company’s award-winning ‘content with a purpose’ portfolio includes *Stan Lee’s Superhero Kindergarten*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger; *Rainbow Rangers* for Nick Jr.; *Llama Llama*, starring Jennifer Garner, for Netflix; award-winning toddler brand *Baby Genius*; adventure comedy STEM series *Thomas Edison’s Secret Lab*; entrepreneurship series *Warren Buffett’s Secret Millionaires Club*; and *Stan Lee’s Cosmic Crusaders*, created with Stan Lee’s Pow! Entertainment. Through licensing agreements with leading partners, characters from Genius Brands’ IP also appear on a wide range of consumer products for the worldwide retail marketplace. The Company’s Genius Brands Network of channels, including *Kid Genius Cartoon Channel*, *Baby Genius TV*, and *Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!*, are available in over 100 million U.S. television households via a multitude of distribution platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Amazon Prime, Sling TV, Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire and more. For additional information, please visit www.gnusbrands.com.

ABOUT CORUS ENTERTAINMENT INC.

Corus Entertainment Inc. (TSX: CJR.B) is a leading media and content company that develops and delivers high quality brands and content across platforms for audiences around the world. Engaging audiences since 1999, the company’s portfolio of multimedia offerings encompass 35 specialty television services, 39 radio stations, 15 conventional television stations, a suite of digital assets, animation software, technology and media services. Corus is an established creator of globally distributed content through Nelvana animation studio, Corus Studios, and children’s book publishing house Kids Can Press. The company also owns innovative full-service social digital agency so.da, and lifestyle entertainment company Kin Canada. Corus’ roster of premium brands includes Global Television, W Network, HGTV Canada, Food Network Canada, HISTORY®, Showcase, Adult Swim, National Geographic, Disney Channel Canada, YTV, Global News, Globalnews.ca, Q107, Country 105, and CFOX. Visit Corus at www.corusent.com.

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Genius Brands International's Hit Series Rainbow Rangers



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