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Genius Brands International Expands Content Offering for Its Kid Genius Cartoons Plus! Streaming Service on Amazon With Slate of Classic Animated Children's Series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Nov. 02, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Genius Brands International, Inc.'s "Genius Brands" (NASDAQ:GNUS) has added a slate of eight new animated series for children and families from DHX Media to its premium subscription streaming channel for families, [Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!](#), available on Amazon Channels.



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A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/628e81ce-2e60-4310-b144->

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In announcing the content licensing agreement, Genius Brands' SVP of Global Content Distribution and Marketing & President of Kid Genius Cartoon Channel Deb Pierson stated, "Genius Brands is committed to engaging the imaginations of young people the world over, which is why so many of the beloved series we are now offering are complementary to the *Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!* channel schedule on Amazon. In building out our subscription streaming service, our priority is to ensure that all content meets our criteria of being both entertaining and enriching and that all series resonate with our young viewers. We also want to assure parents and caregivers that they can trust the Kid Genius platform to provide age appropriate, engaging content within a safe viewing environment, something that is equally important to Amazon as well."

Among the series included in the new licensing agreement are:

- ***Liberty's Kids***, an animated adventure drama that chronicles the American Revolutionary War as seen through the eyes of an American teenage boy, a young English lady, and a French boy, all of whom work as reporters for Benjamin Franklin. Featuring the voice of Walter Cronkite as Franklin and a host of voice talent, including Sylvester Stallone, Ben Stiller, Billy Crystal, Dustin Hoffman, Annette Bening, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Liam Neeson, Whoopi Goldberg and more.
- ***The Adventures of Paddington Bear***, an animated children's television series based on the book *Paddington Bear* by Michael Bond, which follows the adventures of a bear from Peru that comes to England after an earthquake destroys his home.
- ***Inspector Gadget (classic)***, an animated action adventure series follows the bumbling bionic police inspector as he stumbles about on his cases, while his niece and dog secretly do the real investigative work.
- ***Animal Mechanicals***, an animated preschool series stars Rex, Unicorn, Komodo, Sasquatch and Mouse, each with their own unique gifts that help the team explore fantastic worlds, complete cool quests, and work together to solve puzzles.
- ***The Littles***, an animated adventure series about a 13-year-old boy named Henry Bigg who goes on vacation and finds a whole family of mouse-sized creatures in his suitcase – parents William and Lucy and their three children, 21-year-old Dinky, 13-year-old Tom and 10-year-old Lucy, among them.
- ***New Adventures of Madeline***, an animated series based on classic children's book by Ludwig Bemelmans, chronicles the adventures of the little red-haired girl named Madeline, Pepito, Miss Clavel and her friends.
- ***Pirates, Adventures in Art***, a preschool animation series sets sail with the artsiest and craftiest crew of rollicking rogues ever to sail the seven seas.
- ***Dino Squad***, a children's animation series follows five quirky teenagers who become dinosaurs to fight crime.

Kid Genius Cartoons Plus! offers exclusive access to stream full seasons of enriching and entertaining content for toddlers to tweens via the Amazon Video app for TVs, connected devices, including Fire TV, mobile devices and online. *Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!* features series that support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, as well as social-emotional development and literacy skills. Award-winning "content with a purpose" from Genius Brands' catalog also available on *Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!* includes *Warren Buffett's Secret Millionaires Club*, featuring 26 half-hour episodes and 26 shorts created and

produced in partnership with and starring legendary financier Warren Buffett, *Baby Genius*, *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, *SpacePOP Stan Lee's Mighty 7*, *Martha Stewart's Martha & Friends*, and *Gisele Bündchen's Gisele & The Green Team*.

All episodes from series are also available to download for offline viewing on iPads, iPhones, Android phones and tablets and Fire tablets at no additional cost—meaning subscribers can enjoy *Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!* titles even when they don't have an internet connection available. For more information, please visit [Kid Genius Cartoons Plus!](#) on Amazon.

About Genius Brands International

Headquartered in Beverly Hills, California, Genius Brands International, Inc. (NASDAQ:GNUS) is a leading global media company developing, producing, marketing and licensing branded children's entertainment properties and consumer products for media distribution and retail channels. Led by award-winning creators and producers, Genius Brands distributes its content worldwide in all formats, as well as a broad range of consumer products based on its characters. In the children's media sector, its portfolio of "content with a purpose" includes new preschool properties *Rainbow Rangers* for Nick Jr. and *Llama Llama* for Netflix; tween music-driven YouTube brand *SpacePOP*; award-winning toddler brand *Baby Genius*; adventure comedy series *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, and Warren Buffett's *Secret Millionaires Club*, created with and starring iconic investor Warren Buffett. The Company is also co-producing an all-new adult animated series, *Stan Lee's Cosmic Crusaders*, with Stan Lee's Pow! Entertainment and The Hollywood Reporter. Genius Brands' *Kid Genius Cartoon Channel* is currently available in approximately 60 million households. For additional information please visit www.gnusbrands.com.

About DHX Media

DHX Media Ltd. (TSX:DHX.A) (TSX:DHX.B) (NASDAQ:DHXM) is a leading children's content and brands company, recognized globally for such high-profile properties as Peanuts, Teletubbies, Strawberry Shortcake, Caillou, Inspector Gadget, and the acclaimed Degraasi franchise. One of the world's foremost producers of children's shows, DHX Media owns the world's largest independent library of children's content, at 13,000 half-hours. It licenses its content to broadcasters and streaming services worldwide and generates royalties through its global consumer products program. Through its subsidiary, WildBrain, DHX Media operates one of the largest networks of children's channels on YouTube. Headquartered in Canada, DHX Media has 20 offices worldwide. Visit us at www.dhxmedia.com.

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