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Genius Brands' Kartoon Channel! Launches in Spanish

"¡KC! En Español" Brings Spanish Language Children's Programming to the Kartoon Channel! Streaming Platform

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 07, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Genius Brands International, Inc.** (Nasdaq: GNUS), today announced a new Spanish Language content service for children, **¡KC! En Español**, on its streaming platform, **Kartoon Channel!** This news follows **Kartoon Channel!'s** Tuesday announcement that it is now available on Pluto TV.

With **¡KC! En Español**, Kartoon Channel! expands its current platform to serve the LatinX children's community in North America. The new Spanish language children's program service will reside on the main Kartoon Channel! platform, and function as a sub-brand of Kartoon Channel!, much like the successful **Kartoon Classroom!**, which premiered in September of 2020. The offering will launch with Genius Brands' hit, *Rainbow Rangers*, in addition to *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*, *Mi Perro Chocolo*, YouTube hit, *Spanish Tree TV*, and *Stan Lee's Mighty Seven*.

"Not only is this the right entertainment and cultural move for Kartoon Channel!, but it also makes good business sense too," said Jon Ollwerther, President of Kartoon Channel! Today, 26% of kids in the U.S. under the age of five are of LatinX heritage, a number that is only expected to grow. Further, 83% of LatinX audiences are streamers, versus 73% of non-LatinX audiences. Finally, digital ad-spend focused on the LatinX audience in the United States has more than doubled from 2015 to 2020 and the market today is estimated at over \$1.5 billion. We look forward to this becoming an important and growing contributor to the business of Kartoon Channel!"

"Following the success of our educational sub-brand, Kartoon Classroom!, **¡KC! En Español** was the obvious next step for us," said Michael Riley, Genius Brands International's Chief Diversity Officer. "We're proud to announce this new offering during Hispanic Heritage Month and to better serve the LatinX community, now in English and *en Español!*"

About Kartoon Channel!

Available everywhere and anywhere kids are today, Genius Brands International's digital network, Kartoon Channel! is a family entertainment destination that delivers enduring childhood moments of humor, adventure, and discovery.

Delivering 1000's of episodes of carefully curated free family-friendly content, the channel features animated classics for little kids, including *The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss*,

Babar, *Mello Dees*, *Super Simple Songs*, and *Baby Genius*, as well as hit content for bigger kids, such as *Pac-Man*, *Angry Birds*, and *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, to original programming like *Stan Lee's Superhero Kindergarten*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, *KC! Pop Quiz* coming soon, and *Shaq's Garage*, starring Shaquille O'Neal for 2022. Kartoon Channel! also offers STEM-based content through its Kartoon Classroom!, including *Baby Einstein*, and more.

Kartoon Channel! delivers positive and purposeful content across multiple platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Sling TV, Amazon Prime, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Android TV, Android Mobile, Google Play, Xumo, Roku, Tubi, Samsung Smart TVs, and LGTVs.

Kartoon Channel! can also be streamed on TVs and mobile device by downloading the app, or on desktops by visiting www.kartoonchannel.com

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 'content with a purpose' portfolio includes *Stan Lee's Superhero Kindergarten*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, on Kartoon Channel!; *Shaq's Garage*, starring Shaquille O'Neal, coming to Kartoon Channel! in 2022; *Rainbow Rangers* on Kartoon Channel! and Netflix; *Llama Llama*, starring Jennifer Garner, on Netflix; award-winning toddler brand *Baby Genius*; adventure comedy STEM series *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab*; and entrepreneurship series *Warren Buffett's Secret Millionaires Club*. 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 new Kartoon Channel! and Kartoon Classroom! are available in over 100 million U.S. television households via a broad range of distribution platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Sling TV, Amazon Prime, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Apple iOS, Android TV, Android Mobil, Google Play, Xumo, Roku, Tubi, KartoonChannel.com, Samsung Smart TVs and LG TVs. For additional information, please visit www.gnusbrands.com.

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