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Kartoon Channel and Samsung TV Plus Launch Kids Free Streaming Channel in India, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Spain



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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 08, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kartoon Studios (NYSE

American: TOON) today announced it has launched Kartoon Channel's videogame FAST channel through Samsung TV Plus in three large European territories – the UK, Italy, and Spain. In addition, through a joint venture with Power Kids, Kartoon Channel will be offered in India, one of the largest television markets in the world. These new territories will immediately provide Kartoon Channel with a footprint of over 1.5 billion new viewers.

Tapping into kids' appetite for videogame content, Kartoon Channel's new "Video Game Heroes" FAST channel features the Company's tentpole series *Kidaverse Roblox Rumble* and some of the most iconic videogame brands, including *Sonic X* and *Donkey Kong Country*. Viewers will also test their knowledge via interstitials from the fast-paced quiz show *KC Pop Quiz* and *Sunny Bunnies*, who hop through wild adventures as they find solutions

It includes new Kartoon Channel Video Game Heroes graphics, navigation idents, on-screen bugs, and interstitials, all delivered in a family-friendly, child-safe environment, carefully curated by Kartoon Studios. Kids can access Video Game Heroes via Samsung TV Plus on the family's main at-home TV, family-shared tablets, and mobile phones.

"Gaming is a popular way of consuming content for kids six to nine because it meets two key needs: escapism and connection," said Paul Robinson, President of Kartoon Channel Worldwide. "Parents are seeking safe, entertaining content for their children to watch, and Kartoon Channel provides that environment. We have programmed the channel to deliver a diverse, gender-neutral community and give kids a gaming-led entertainment experience with which parents should feel very comfortable."

About Kartoon Studios

Kartoon Studios (NYSE AMERICAN: TOON) is a global end-to-end creator, producer, distributor, marketer, and licensor of entertainment brands. The Company's IP portfolio includes original animated content, including the Stan Lee brand, "Stan Lee's Superhero Kindergarten," starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, on Kartoon Channel! and Ameba; "Shaq's Garage," starring Shaquille O'Neal, on Kartoon Channel!; "Rainbow Rangers" on Kartoon Channel! and Ameba; the Netflix Original, "Llama Llama," starring Jennifer Garner, and more.

In 2022, Kartoon Studios acquired Canada's WOW! Unlimited Media, along with its subsidiary, Mainframe Studios, produces top brands for third parties, including "Cocomelon," "Barbie's Playhouse," Unicorn Academy," and "SuperKitties." Additionally, the company made a strategic investment becoming the largest shareholder in Germany's Your Family Entertainment AG (FRA:RTV), one of Europe's leading distributors and broadcasters of high-quality programs for children and families.

Toon Media Networks, the Company's wholly-owned digital distribution network, consists of Kartoon Channel!, Frederator Network, and Ameba. Kartoon Channel! is a globally distributed entertainment platform. Kartoon Channel! and Ameba are available across multiple platforms, including iOS, Android Mobile, Web, Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, Roku, Pluto TV, Comcast, Cox, Dish, Sling TV, Android TV, Tubi, Xumo, and Samsung and LG Smart TVs. Frederator Network owns and operates one of the largest global animation networks on YouTube, with channels featuring over 2000 exclusive creators and influencers, garnering billions of views annually.

For additional information, please visit www.kartoonstudios.com

About Samsung TV Plus

Samsung TV Plus is free TV, with no subscription, no sign-up, no additional device, or credit card needed. Pre-installed from 2016 onwards Samsung Smart TVs, and available for download from the Google Play and Galaxy Store on Samsung Galaxy smartphones and tablets in select territories. Samsung TV Plus instantly delivers an ever-growing number of channels across multiple genres including news, sports, entertainment, as well as a video on demand library of your favourite movies and popular shows. The free, ad-supported video service is available in the UK and 15 other European territories, all you need is an internet connection. For the latest on Samsung TV Plus, please visit samsungtvplus.com.

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