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Sony Music Entertainment's pop group Fifth Harmony entertained revelers at the annual Licensing Expo All-Industry Opening Night Party, Tuesday night.

The event, which took place at the Mandalay

Bay Beach, was held in association with Endemol Shine Group, sponsored by the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association, co-hosted by Sony Music and organized by UBM Advanstar.

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Hasbro's Jem Takes the Stage

Hasbro is re-introducing its *Jem and the Holograms* property in a big way, with a new film set to debut this year and accompanying special edition product collections.

The live action film *Jem and the Holograms* from Universal Pictures will hit theaters Oct. 23 and is produced under Hasbro's Allspark Pictures banner in conjunction with Blumhouse Productions and Scooter Braun Productions.

On the product side, retailer Sephora is planning a collection, Sephora + Jem and the Holograms, as is Shopbop (apparel, accessories and jewelry), Manic Panic (hair dyes), Integrity Toys (collectible dolls) and IDW Publishing (comic series).

"Combining the nostalgic pop culture appeal of the brand with a modern vision of *Jem and the Holograms*, we're thrilled to introduce this brand to a new audience around the world and tell a fresh story that will resonate with fans of all ages," says Simon Waters, general manager and senior vice president, entertainment and licensing, Hasbro.

Marvel Unveils Captain America Goods

Marvel has lined up a full slate of licensees and retailers for *Captain America: Civil War,* which will hit theaters May 2016.

Categories including apparel, accessories, footwear, core toys, sporting goods, consumer electronics, seasonal, costumes, party goods, stationery, food, home furnishings, collectibles and more will anchor the extensive product lineup, which will hit shelves in advance of the film's premiere.

Hasbro, LEGO, Funko, Hot Wheels, Rubie's Costume Co., Mad Engine, C-Life, Jay Franco, Global Brands Group, Kellogg's, Hallmark, American Greetings and many more are supporting the film with new designs, product developments and retail executions.

New activities and unique consumer marketing initiatives are also planned, including a celebration of Captain America's 75th anniversary, an expansion into healthy living and travel and more. Additional partners will be announced throughout 2015 and 2016.

Breaking News DWA Makes 'Dino' Toy Deal

series "Dinotrux."

DreamWorks Animation has named Mattel as its master toy partner for the new, original

Mattel will construct a robust toy line inspired by the Netflix kids' series that will feature large-scale characters and hero assortments.

kiWW Marks Show Success

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Claude Ergas, marketing and branding manger for kiWW, points to the company's continued retail engagement as a key component of its success.

Build-A-Bear + Care Bears

American Greetings Properties and Build-A-Bear Workshop are pairing to feature the Care Bears brand in Build-A-Bear Workshops for a limited time, worldwide promotion.

The Care Bears collection will be available at Build-A-Bear Workshops globally beginning in 2016.

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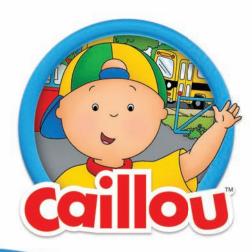




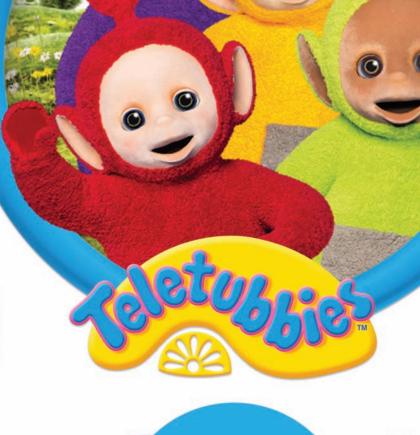












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TLC's Daniel Avener with Christina Clifton and Stefano Zagni of Playboy



Xbox's Michael McClary with Daniel Amos of Tinderbox and Lionhead Studios' Melisa Bunce



Endemol Shine North America's Jennifer Tibbs, Thomas Ferguson and **Danielle Nicholson**



Steve Scebelo of NFL Players Inc. with NFL player Jared Cook alongside Alita Friedman of Alita's Brand Bar, NFL player Jason Webster and NFLPI's Ryan McDonald, Amanda Shank, Muneer Moore, Ricky Medina and Jenna Sobray



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Rilakuma

Established in 2003, San-X launched Rilakkuma in Japan, creating an instant hit across the nation with the lovable characters Rilakkuma, Korilakkuma and Kiiroitori.

The three unlikely friends appeared one day in the apartment of a hard working Tokyo woman named Kaoru. While she is at work, the three cute characters find ways to have everyday relaxing adventures, Rilakkuma (combination of "relax" and kuma, which is "bear" in Japanese) is a mystery wrapped in a bear costume, Korilakkuma (ko means "small" in Japanese, added with "rilakkuma") is the mischief-loving companion, and Kiiroitori ("yellow bird" in Japanese) is the exasperated friend who keeps busy dealing with the other two every day. Rilakkuma spreads happiness and kawaii to everyone in the world.



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Rainbow Promotes 'Winx' Reunion

Rainbow is giving away trips to the upcoming Winx Worldwide Reunion in Venice, Italy, to fans in Portugal, Vietnam and Turkey.

The event will take place Sept. 3-6.

"Winx" fans in Turkev are encouraged to take a picture of themselves dressed up as a Winx fairy along with a "Winx



Club" doll. A judging panel of executives from Rainbow and Turkish toy distributor Adore Oyuncak will select the winners.

Fans who purchased a "Winx" doll from Vietnamese toy distributor Viet Tinh Anh will also receive a special Winx Wish Card that can be filled out to be entered to win a range of prizes. Weekly prizes will be handed out before the overall winner of the event tickets is revealed at the end of the promotion.

Finally, in Portugal, broadcaster Canal Panda sponsored the Winx Worldwide Reunion on its website, which concluded last month. The promotion featured a sweepstakes with a grand prize of tickets to the Reunion event.



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Epic Rights to Build Paul Stanley Brand

Paul Stanley, co-founder and singer/songwriter of KISS, has teamed up with Epic Rights to develop and launch a new lifestyle brand. The brand, called Paul Stanley: Royals & Rebels, is making its debut at Licensing Expo.

From Stanley's signature designs of musical instruments to his fine art paintings, both of which have generated millions in sales, the brand is synonymous with fashion-forward, cutting-edge style and an independent spirit.

"Paul is the definitive Rock Renaissance man with a sense of style in arts, fashion, design and food that is unrivaled in the music industry," says Dell Furano, chief executive officer, Epic Rights. "His creativity, marketing savvy and personal style truly sets him apart."





Epic Rights has been charged with building a new licensing program for Paul Stanley: Royals & Rebels that will include men's fashion apparel and accessories, footwear, food, spirits, home décor, cookware and more. Epic Rights plans to debut the brand at retail in fall 2016.

Precious Moments Gets a Makeover

Precious Moments, the licensing division of the Precious Moments brand, is showcasing its revitalized look for the classic inspirational property and seeking partners to help keep the brand top-of-mind for consumers.

"Spanning more than four decades, the Precious Moments brand is as relatable today as it was at its inception," says Patrice Paglia, licensing director, PMI. "Our refreshed licensing program demonstrates that, as a licensor, PMI is committed to keeping the brand relevant, innovative and creative."

Created nearly 40 years ago and with worldwide sales topping \$18 billion, Precious Moments products remain high on the list of brand recognition among females over the age of 18.

Hustler, Pets Rock Lead for Sharpe

The Sharpe Company, which specializes in bringing pop culture properties to global markets, is highlighting two of its top brands, Hustler and Pets Rock.

Adult entertainment brand *Hustler* is joining forces with ISI Wholesale, the only ISO-certified vape and e-cigarette manufacturer, to launch a line of branded vapes worldwide this summer.

"Hustler was the ideal fit when we were looking to partner with a licensed brand-a synergy of rebelliousness and freedom that the Hustler brand embodies, with a powerful brand name that cuts through to garner both shelf space and customer attention in this exciting growth time in this industry," says Jason Roth, chief executive officer, ISI Wholesale.

Additional *Hustler* products are launching this summer from Isaac Morris, Aquarius and Scorpio Posters in the U.S., Philcos in Canada, Fipotex in Europe and Parks Agency in the U.K.

The cheeky Pets Rock brand is rocking its way around the globe as well with new partners including Gold Label for personalized products; Culturenik for giftware; Gakken for stationery in Japan; Gruppo Carorama for stationery in Europe; Recycled Paper Greeting and Waterlyn for greeting cards in Australia and New Zealand; C&A Brazil for apparel; Kmart Australia for sleepwear and apparel; and The Canadian Group for puzzles in North America.



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'MasterChef' Cooks Up Toy Line

Endemol Shine, the producers behind Fox's "MasterChef Junior," and Wicked Cool Toys are teaming up to get kids in the kitchen with a line of culinary tools inspired by the show.

The working, kid-safe cooking accessories, which are slated to debut exclusively in participating Walmart stores in November, will also include recipes for all skill levels and plating suggestions.

"Kids and families across the U.S. have loved 'MasterChef Junior,' making it a top-ranked show in its time period, and we believe they will love to get their kids in the kitchen, making masterpieces just like on the show," says Jeremy Padawer,



co-president, Wicked Cool Toys.

"There is clearly a new trend taking place in the kitchen, as children of all ages are now aspiring to not only cook with their parents, but to be a chef like those they are seeing on 'MasterChef Junior," adds Vivi Zigler, president of digital, brand and audience development, Endemol Shine North America. "The new 'MasterChef Junior' cooking sets are the perfect way to introduce children to culinary essentials and a valuable extension of the 'MasterChef Junior' brand."

Season four of "MasterChef Junior" is scheduled to air on Fox during the 2015/16 season.

eOne Adds to 'Peppa Pig' Program

Entertainment One's hit preschool series "Peppa Pig" is opening more pastures in the U.S. with seven new licensing partners in the home décor, apparel and costume character categories.

The colorful "Peppa Pig" home décor products and accessories that will let fans decorate in pure "Peppa" style include toddler bedding, blankets, pillows, nap mats, travel and hooded towels, washcloths and soft bath accessories from Baby Boom (a division of The Betesh Group); furniture, lighting, soft storage chests, rugs, hampers, wall hangings and hooks, inflatable beds and bed tents from Idea Nuova; marshmallow foam furniture, including the Just My Size chair, from Spin Master; and Inkoos Color n' Create draw, wash and redo

activity plush that can be decorated with washable markers from The Bridge Direct. These licensees join existing home décor licensee Character World, in partnership with Franco Manufacturing, the brand's master bedding, bath and beach partner.

In the apparel space, new items include children's packaged and hanging underwear in sets and separates from Handcraft and children's boots, athletic shoes, sandals and slippers, shoelaces and accessories from Esquire Footwear. These partners join Happy Threads, which is expanding its fashion line with Peppa t-shirts and more, and Komar, which is adding dressy nightgowns and extending the brand to its Cuddl Duds label.

In addition, eOne is teaming up



with Oasis Productions for a costume character partnership that will bring Peppa and George play dates to fans across the U.S.

These latest "Peppa Pig" products lead a major mass market rollout of licensed merchandise in to Toys 'R' Us, Walmart and Target stores in the U.S. beginning this fall.

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Beanstalk Grows Got Milk?, U.S. Army and More

Beanstalk has signed a number of deals in recent months for five of its clients in the hardware and food and beverage industries.

- TGI Fridays, with Inventure Foods, launched new Happy Hour Snack Mix that features a mix of premium nuts, seeds, crackers, sesame sticks and more, all covered with spice combinations. HJ Heinz Company has extended its popular potato skin line to include Buffalo Style Chicken Potato Skins and BBQ Pulled Pork Potato Skins.
- Beanstalk has continued to leverage the Got Milk? brands more than 90 percent



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including granola, biscuits, ready-to-eat cereals and cereal bars; Melville Candy Company for hot cocoa spoons; and Diversified Flavor for Got Milk?-branded drinking straws, powders and milk infusers.

- Stanley recently licensed three new partners: INA International in the work and safety footwear category targeting professionals in construction, remodeling and woodworking for the U.S. market; Who-Rea for automotive accessories category including mats, seat covers, steering wheel covers, car sunshades and car covers for the U.S. and Canada; and Lifan Power USA for gas-powered water pumps in the U.S. and Canada.
- Black+Decker's licensing program continues to grow with the addition of three recent licensees: Adhesive Technologies, a manufacturer of hot melt glues and guns; Chapin for lawn and garden/construction sprayers and ice melt spreaders; and Midea, a consumer



appliance manufacturer.

Three new licensees recently joined the U.S. Army licensing program—XMC Branded Products, Picnic Time and Bridgestone Golf. XMC Branded Products has signed on to produce the Footlocker Fridge, an authentic replica of the classic military footlocker. Licensee Picnic Time will introduce U.S. Army-branded products primarily in outdoor leisure and indoor entertaining categories. Bridgestone Golf has signed up to produce sporting good products including golf balls, headwear and golf bags.

NFL Players Inc. Signs Seven New Licensees

NFL Players Inc., the licensing and marketing arm of the NFL Players
Association, has added seven new licensing partners to expand its presence in areas such as mobile, digital and collegiate cobranded merchandise.

New partnerships include:

- E-commerce retailer Team Spirit Store will feature NFL players and their colleges in an array of products including posters, coloring books, calendars and greeting cards. (This is the first deal to be brokered by NFLPI's collegiate licensing agency, the Brandr Group.)
- The grand prize winner of the NFLPI Playmakers Challenge, game creator Identity Games, will launch the new

- licensed edition of "Find It," an adventure digital game that features hidden objects for kids to find including NFL player images, footballs, signatures and numbers.
- NeonMob, a marketplace for artists to publish original collections of digital multimedia artwork, will now offer digitally created, original art collections featuring NFL players for collecting and trading.
- Freaker USA will produce a collection of NFL player-identified Freaker knit beverage insulators and new Freaker Feet socks.
- "Fan Health Network," a mobile app created by former NFL player Robert

- Smith, is now available in the Apple App Store and Google Play. The app helps fans improve their health and wellness through challenges hosted by NFL players and other athletes.
- Just Be Friends will release NFL playerbranded virtual merchandise, including NFL player avatars, trivia packs and videos, in the "Just Be Friends" and NFL team-branded "Junior Kids Club" apps. Each app will also feature a virtual world containing a range of activities and online games for users.
- Zapexa will develop and distribute NFL player-branded emoticons, images, themes, screensavers, stickers and avatars via digital platforms and messaging apps.



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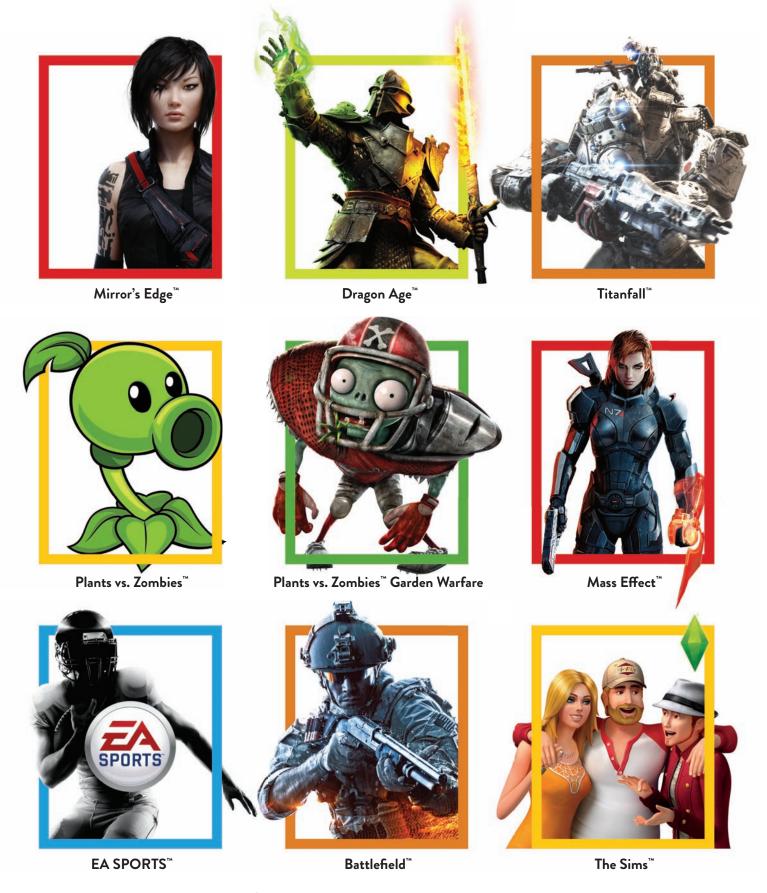
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Stacey Yacula Lends Designs to Enesco Seasonal Gift Lines

Giftware distributor Enesco is working with artist Stacey Yacula for a seasonal gift line featuring her endearing characters just in time for this year's holiday season.

The collections include A Charming Halloween, which features an owl, cat,



mouse and pumpkin in a variety of resin, collectible figurines and The Sweetest Season, which stars Santa, a snowman, cardinal, bluebird and penguin in stacking mugs,

dessert plates, a cookie set, decorative figurines and ornaments. The products are slated to hit retailers in September.

"Stacey's characters, with their innocence and simplicity, have a broad reach appealing to all ages," says Marty Segelbaum, president of MHS Licensing, who brokered the partnership. "We are thrilled with how the craftsmen at Enesco captured that essence in their product line, and we know these gifts will be cherished for generations."

Currently, Yacula has products in the marketplace ranging from fabric to wall décor.



Warner Bros. Consumer Products Adds New Products, Events

This summer, Warner Bros. Consumer Products will introduce new products to the market, including a Harry Potter book for superfans and a milestone performance from Bugs Bunny.

- WBCP EMEA and Sanrio have launched two new product collections for DC Comics x Hello Kitty. Flik Flak, a company of the Swatch Group, has launched DC Comics x Hello Kitty watches for children and, in a separate deal, Spanish department store El Corte Inglés has released a nightwear collection for girls at retail across EMEA, Australia and New Zealand and several countries in the Asia Pacific region including India and Japan.
- Ten-inch plush figures from Bleacher Creatures featuring Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Harley Quinn, Nightwing and Deathstroke are taking the toy world by storm.
- Harry Potter: The Monster Book of Monsters Official Film Prop Replica from Insight Collectibles makes the

savage tome available to fans everywhere as a collectible book. This film replica comes packaged with a limited edition of Harry Potter: The Creature Vault, which provides detailed profiles of each creature, behind-the scenes photography and an interactive Eyelops Owl Emporium catalog. Harry Potter: Magical Places from The Films: Hogwarts, Diagon Alley, and Beyond gives readers a look into

the many challenges the studio faced when building the fantastical sites depicted in the Harry Potter books, from Hogwarts castle and its many classrooms and dormitories, to the construction of Diagon Alley and the Ministry of Magic.

■ "Bugs Bunny at the Symphony," the record-setting orchestra and film concert that invented a new genre of symphony

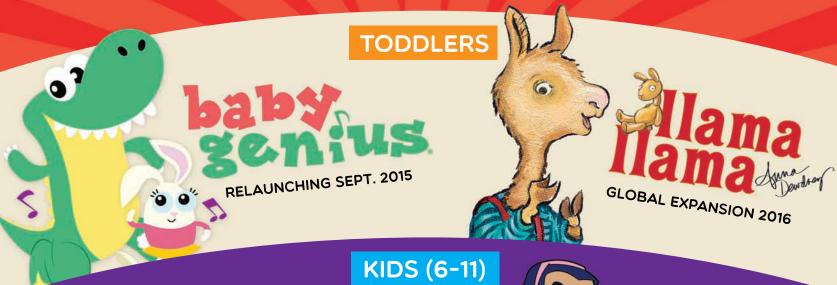


orchestra concerts, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with a 20city United States and Canada tour that includes special gala celebrations with the New York Philharmonic, already sold out in four performances at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl.





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Historically ad agencies and other parties interested in using film clips in their materials had to come up with their own ideas and then navigate the complicated rights negotiations themselves.

Now, through its creative services approach, Visual Icon helps brands redefine what's possible when it comes to film licensing, walking clients through every step in the process of developing clips for use in brand messages.

The agency manages clip, still, character, scene and branding rights for a range of diverse movie libraries including Miramax, Summit Entertainment, Saban, Voltage Pictures, Goldcrest Films, the Grammys and more. In fact, Visual Icon's library, which boasts 50,000 clips, is the largest film library of its kind in the world.

"We've been at the forefront of the most creative campaigns in the past few years ranging from 10 Samsung campaigns to the Winston Wolf license, the largest license of a property that is not Marilyn



Monroe," says Brian Merriman, chief executive officer, Visual Icon. "Licensing Expo is the perfect venue to introduce for the first time a range of new services we are rolling out this calendar year."





Synchronicity Adds Art Properties

Synchronicity is growing its roster this year with the addition of three diverse art and design brands including Sean Danconia's SupaPop, artist Holly Ross and the Walter Erhard Retro Holiday Design Portfolio.

Disney artist and Anime Expo guest of honor Sean Danconia is launching SupaPop, a bold, retro character brand set in 1960s San Francisco. Aimed at a wide demographic including tweens, teens, college students and tastemakers of all ages, SupaPop is debuting in



several categories beginning with apparel, accessories, home furnishings, toys and collectibles, gaming and apps. Synchronicity is targeting cutting-edge retailers such as Hot Topic, Fred Segal and Saks Fifth Avenue to carry its product, as well as going after partners for pop-up shops and capsule collections.

Following Danconia's original animation feature at last year's Anime Expo, SupaPop is garnering attention from creative studios, and the brand's first game offering will feature the character My Starling, a cute girl alien with superpowers, in a futuristic Dim Sum adventure.

Continuing with the retro theme, Synchronicity is presenting the Walter Erhard Retro Holiday Design Portfolio of Christmas cards and note cards that embody the look and feel of the '50s and '60s. A textile designer by day, Erhard has been creating his own line of Christmas cards for decades, which are now being produced by Vigo Productions. Synchronicity is planning

to extend the artist's holiday and everyday designs into home décor, including pillow, wallpaper and fabric-by-the-yard; giftware and collectibles; party and barware; and holiday décor.

Finally, Synchronicity is showcasing artist Holly Ross, whose colorful acrylic artwork is inspired by her life growing up and living on the Maine coast. Ross's designs, which depict the elements of coastal living, such as weather-beaten cottages, lobster boats and seagulls, are primed for application on a wide range of products from calendars, pads and note cards, to mugs, salt and pepper shakers, and vases, to dessert plates and acrylic dinnerware, to pillows and bedding for children and adults, to cocktail napkins and fine linens, to fabric-by-the-yard and wallpaper. A gift line from Cape Shore has already been introduced at retail.

Synchronicity is also expanding its programs for the Tootsie Roll candy brand and Wham-O toy brand.

Sara Berrenson, Gango Collab on Wall Décor

Surface designer and illustrator Sara Berrenson is joining forces with Gango Editions to create colorful wall décor.

Berrenson's designs are hand-painted in her signature watercolor style and feature contemporary florals, coastal themes, animals and children's art, as well as a holiday and special occasion collection, which she is seeking to translate into home décor, stationery, paper products and gifts.

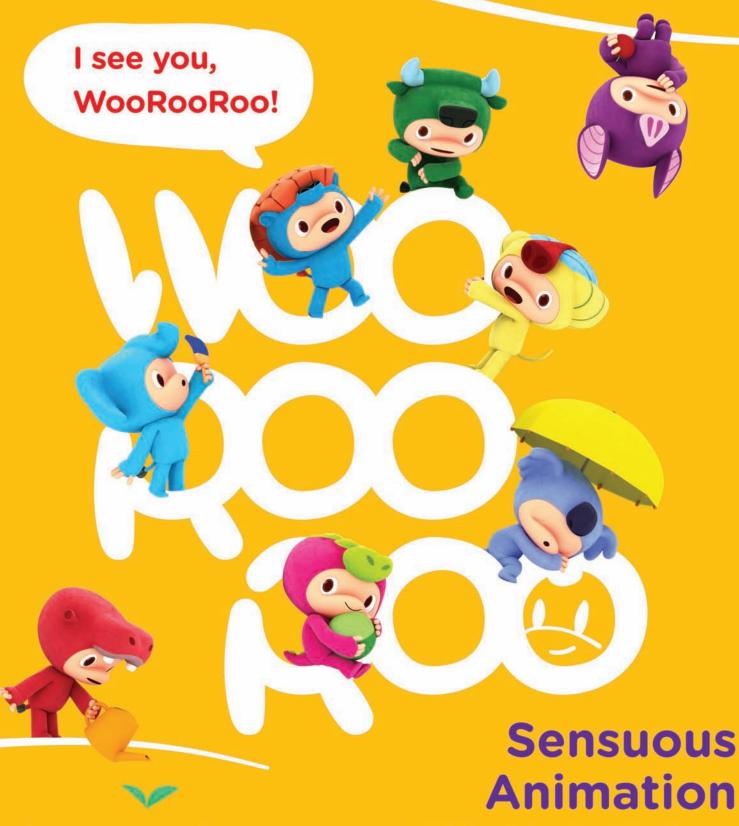
"We are ecstatic to add the beautiful work of Sara Berrenson to our newest releases. Sara specializes in surface and textile design and has a wonderful array of artwork that is vibrant and cheerful. She finds her inspiration from nature, interior design and fashion and has a passion for patterns, bright colors, vintage art and everything floral. From bright, feminine florals to colorful coastals, Sara has a breadth of wonderful work," says Gango Editions.

Berrenson's designs already appear on numerous products in the home décor, gift and tableware, stationery and apparel categories. She has also developed numerous collections and invitations for greeting card and fabric manufacturers.



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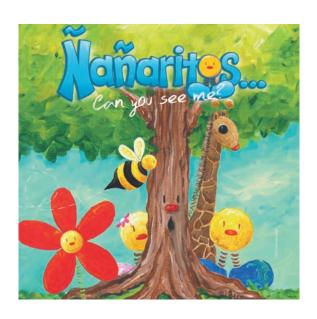
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C-Mar to Launch Children's Book for Nañaritos

C-Mar Corporation, creator and licensing agent for Nañaritos, is readying the cartoon lifestyle brand for its first children's book, which is slated to hit stores in November with both English and Spanish editions.

Ñañaritos are whimsical creatures who cannot be seen unless the person looking at them is truly happy. The book depicts the characters as they arrive in the human world and borrows details from creator Marian Carro's upbringing in Puerto Rico.

The characters are also available for licensing as part of two subbrands. Ñañaritos is the original brand with handpainted characters for the baby, kids and pre-teen markets; while the Na brand presents an edgier version of the characters using original pencil sketches to develop a line that suits teens and young adults. C-Mar is looking for partners in the areas of apparel and fashion, accessories, gifts, novelties, office and school supplies, publishing, stationery, paper goods and crafts.



New York Botanical Garden Grows Paint Line

The New York Botanical Garden is teaming up with Prestige Paints, a manufacturer of architectural paint, for a nature-inspired collection of colors and formulations that will be sold on Amazon.com. The deal was facilitated by Jewel Branding & Licensing, the agent for the New York Botanical Garden brand.

The curated interior and exterior paint collections are inspired by the NYBG's 250-acre urban garden oasis and come with names like Perennial Garden, Blossom Blush and Winter in the Garden. The colors were selected to coordinate with the NYBG's bedding line (currently available at Bed, Bath & Beyond stores), and are available in four unique finishes.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Prestige Paints to launch a fresh color palette that is truly inspired by the transcendent beauty of The New York Botanical Garden," says Meredith Counts, director of licensing and product

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development, NYBG. "Our magnificent living collections, iconic landscape and historic architecture have given rise to colors that will allow consumers to

experience the beauty of our garden oasis in their homes."

NYBG and Prestige are working closely on an extensive multimedia marketing strategy that includes on-site support at NYBG's upcoming six-month exhibit "Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life." Prestige is recreating the color of Casa Azul to celebrate Kahlo's home in Mexico City and is offering limited edition Casa Azul and Azul Mexicano paint colors that will be represented throughout the exhibit and available for purchase online.

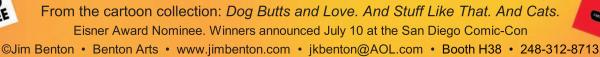
Additional joint marketing efforts for the project include how-to and inspirational videos, social media, retail brand pages and a mobile app launching later this year that will allow users to view colors in different rooms and link directly to purchase the paint.

Jewel is also working on new collaborations as the NYBG gears up for its 125th anniversary in 2016.



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Mind Yard Puts Faith in Character Brand

Mind Yard Licensing is presenting its superhero character brand Your Faith Looks Familiar and introducing new heroes to the lineup.

The brand, which advocates multi-faith philosophies and celebrates diversity, is already a success with products including collectible shirts, action figures, posters, stickers, greeting cards and phone cases, and Mind Yard is now expanding the property.

"We've seen that the art and its message has resonated strongly across a wide range of pop culture fans in New York. Your Faith Looks Familiar is ready to tell their epic stories to a bigger audience," says El Tiburón, illustrator and character creator, Your Faith Looks Familiar.

The characters, which are collectively known as the YFLF Gang, include Bu, a champion of peace, harmony and gastronomy; Shivz, a suave yogi of extreme creative and destructive abilities; Jay C, a superstar healer and bartender; Momo, master of the powerful Rod of Hiss; Niño, the little prince of bling and balls; and Beel, expert troll from hell.

The new characters making their debut include the spiral-obsessed Monkey Boy Miko, the overcautious frog Francis Analysis, the unaffected K the Kat and food allergy educators Ruben Raccoon and his woodland friends.

Mind Yard is looking for partners for Your Faith in animation, apps, toys, games, educational materials, apparel, novelties, stationery, gifts and décor.



Tiniez Taps Ultimate Source for Fashion Line

Tween lifestyle brand Tiniez and Ultimate Source are teaming up for a line of fashion-forward products for girls.

The line, which celebrates the Tiniez message that "no dream is too big, and no girl is too small," features over 20 different products ranging from bags, wallets, key chains, journals, jewelry boxes and t-shirts to other room décor and fashion accessories aimed at tween girls. Many of the products also include hidden messages and special compartments.

"We are excited to partner with Ultimate Source who has embraced the Tiniez brand and vision to execute beautiful and innovative products that we know every tween girl will love," says Jennifer Richmond, managing director, Richmond Management Group, who brokered the deal. "Not only will young girls fall in love with and want to collect the different Tiniez characters and products, but they will be

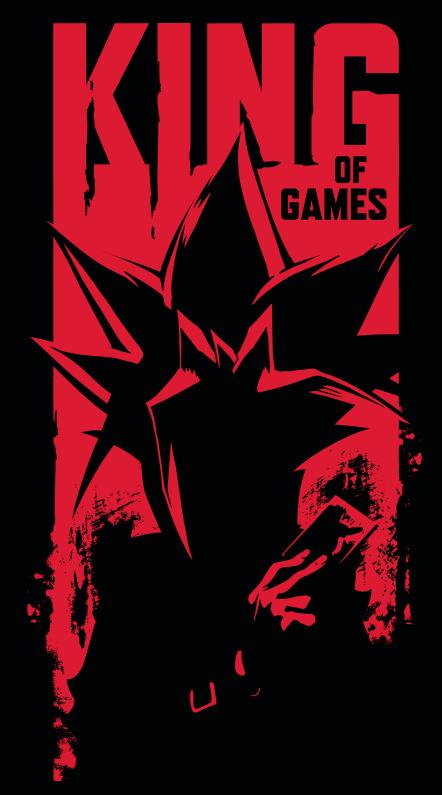
inspired to dream big and not be afraid to be themselves."

The Tiniez collection includes more than



100 characters with unique hobbies and personalities that appeal to girls of all ages and interests.

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Bulldog Pumps Up Properties

Bulldog Licensing is exhibiting its diverse portfolio of U.K.-based clients, most notably Shopkins, Garfield, "Plants vs. Zombies," Iconic Images and the London Taxi Company.

Shopkins, the grocery-inspired collectible girls' brand, is taking the world by storm, driven by an online presence that has more than 17 million YouTube views on its official channel and hundreds of millions of website views. Master toy partner Flair anchors the brand's rapidly growing licensing program with additional partners including Spearmark (lunchware, tableware, drinkware and lighting), Topps (collectible and trading cards, sticker products and accessories), VMC (accessories), Aykroyds TDP (nightwear and underwear), Autumn Publishing (publishing), Character World (bedding and beanbags), RMS International (stationery arts and crafts), Pedigree (annuals), DJ Murphy (magazines), Winning Moves (Top Trumps cards), Pyramid (posters) and Whitehouse Leisure (amusement plush).

The classic cartoon cat Garfield is holding strong with an excess of 200 million books sold, two feature-length live-action films, three CGI animated movies. and thousands of lines of licensed merchandise. New partners for the evergreen feline include Five Mile Press (publishing and puzzles), Roy Lowe and Sons (socks and tights), Sambro (bags and stationery), Brand International (slippers), Ravette (publishing), Wicked Cool (toys) and J Fox (accessories). Garfield is also seeing success at retail with its fashion line from Lazy Oaf.

Popular mobile game "Plants vs. Zombies" from PopCap Games, which now has several versions in the franchise, is expanding with a host of licensees, including Pedigree for annuals, Smith & Brooks for apparel, Cooneen and BCI for nightwear and underwear, K'Nex for construction toys, Portico for greeting cards, Digital Giving for personalized t-shirts, Character World for homewares, Forbidden Planet for gifts and Jazwares for plush and toys.

Iconic Images, the company behind the portfolios

> of renowned photographers who have captured the biggest names in movies and music over more than six decades has also negotiated image rights with a large number of household names, opening up a unique international licensing

opportunity for an all-new catalog showcasing the birth of celebrity. A number of partners are already on board with fashion at the helm, and Bulldog is looking to extend into accessories, gift and home.

The London Taxi Company, the only manufacturer and retailer of the iconic British black cab, is adding Igloo as a publishing partner for a series of books featuring the cars and Corgi for collectibles. Bulldog is also exploring potential partners across fashion apparel, toys, games, accessories and homewares.



Debra Valencia Showcases Designs in Concept Shop

Designer Debra Valencia is showcasing her design collections in a unique concept shop and e-commerce website at Licensing Expo.

The artist, surface and product designer and entrepreneur has blended her inspirations from world cultures, textile arts, architecture, pop art and contemporary and vintage fashion into a chic lifestyle brand for women that is ripe for licensing. Her colorful patterns incorporate florals, paisleys, geometric and decorative motifs for a distinct look.

Valencia and licensing agent The Brand Liaison are showing new design collections including pillows, dinnerware, home textiles and accents, wall décor, stationery, apparel, tech cases, fashion accessories and bath/beauty products and planning expansion into home décor collections and women's apparel and fashion accessories.

"The Debra Valencia decorative surface patterns and motifs have endless applications in stationery, gift, craft,

fashion, textile and home décor," says Steven Heller, founder, The Brand Liaison. "Building upon the success of hundreds of licensed products in marketplace, we are now expanding the Debra Valencia brand into a complete lifestyle brand."

Potential partners will benefit from the name recognition and marketplace reputation of the brand, as well as Valencia's hands-on approach to product development and understanding of women's lifestyles.



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Hot Pickle Debuts Lines In Vegas

Hot Pickle, a licensing and retail innovation agency, is exhibiting for the first time this year. Specialists in the food, beverage and lifestyle sector, they are showcasing properties including Good Humor, Popsicle, The Famous Grouse, Cutty Sark and the University of Cambridge.

The team at Hot Pickle have raided the archives of Good Humor and Popsicle and brought them to life with new apparel including homewares, kitchen and gift.

From England, the University of Cambridge brings with it 800 years of history and a distinct, preppy look. The



brand has already hit the fashion world in both Europe and Asia, products from which are on display at the Hot Pickle booth. The agency is now looking for new partners to extend this popular

global lifestyle brand.

Scotch whisky brands The Famous Grouse and Cutty Sark are also on the show floor, and Hot Pickle hopes to strengthen their flavor partnerships and encourage fashion-forward thinkers to partner with the brands.

"We are excited to bring such a fantastic portfolio of brands to this year's Licensing Expo," says Andrew St. Clair-Johnson, director, Hot Pickle. "We represent some iconic brands, many of which are new to the licensing world, and we're looking forward to introducing them to the Licensing Expo audience.

All Signs Point to Good

Grassroots sensation Good Sign, the social movement that inspires the world to be a better place through its messages of positivity, hope and encouragement, is taking its efforts to the next level through an extensive licensing program and product development.



The brand, which features an iconic yellow sign that reads "This Is a Good Sign," is expanding into publishing with the launch of Good Sign magazine this summer. The first edition is expected to highlight professional athletes, musicians, and social entrepreneurs who are utilizing their platform for good.

Good Sign is already experiencing success in the consumer products space, with school and office supplies from Roaring Springs Paper Products, wall decals from Fathead, hats from EvoCap, prints and posters from Poster Service, signs from SmartSign and, most recently, apparel from The Original Retro Brand.

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LMA Launches Mentos Program in North America

New York-based licensing agency Lisa Marks Associates is developing the first-ever licensing program for the global candy brand Mentos, which will kick off in the North American market.

The program, which will reflect the fresh and cutting-edge aspects of the Mentos brand, will target the young, media-savvy consumer, and LMA is planning partnerships across several categories for this audience, including apparel, accessories, electronics, personal care, stationery and publishing, gifts, games, home products and sports.

"Mentos fans are smart, stylish, fashionable and sophisticated. They enjoy life and have a unique point of view on what's happening in the world," says Lisa Marks, president,



LMA. "The Mentos licensing program will be as much about the fans as it is about this influential and engaging brand, and we are thrilled to guide its launch in North America."

"LMA has a perfect understanding of leveraging iconic brands and of how their emotional value can bring new concepts to today's dynamic markets. We feel that they are the ideal partner to leverage Mentos in a fresh way, allowing Millennials to experience the brand in multiple dimensions," adds Christine Cool, licensing area manager, Mentos owner Perfetti Van

Known as The Freshmaker for the past 25 years, Mentos is present in more than 130 countries and ranks No. 1 in the global mint category and No. 3 in the candy and chewing gum category.

Geeh the Band Adds Video App

Following the release of their third album earlier this year, virtual pop music group Geeh the Band is now offering its successful music videos, songs and games for children free of charge via a new online app.

The cartoon character band is releasing its first four videos for download, as well as the ability to play its first two albums, from the kidfriendly app. Twelve videos are currently in development, with a fifth debuting this week, and the band is planning a downloadable code that will allow fans to watch all the videos for free on the app. The code will be tied to the band's licensed products so that customers

will receive the code and have access to the band's digital content when they purchase any Geeh character items.

"Born out of a desire for more kidfriendly, quality music options for my own children, the development of the app and easily accessible music videos is the next evolution," says Alfonso Soto, creator and co-executive producer, Geeh the Band. "Kids are so visual; we knew we had to bring these lovable characters and music to life for our fans."

The catchy tunes sung by Geeh the Band promote positive values and messages about friendship, selfconfidence, love and more for young children ages 4-10.



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Military Camo Brand Gears Up for Licensing

The Brand Liaison has announced a licensing program for U.S. military supplier Tennier Industries that will include the authentic Tennier brand name and logos along with a collection of proprietary camouflage prints never before available for use outside of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The agency is offering the military brand for licensing on products including apparel, outdoor gear, outerwear, cold weather accessories, camping equipment, luggage and more. Potential partners will also be able to incorporate selected patterns from Tennier's library of camouflage prints into their products.

"We are very proud to be able to bring our brand to the U.S. consumer," says Howard Theier, chief executive officer, Tennier. "For almost 50 years, the Tennier brand has been a pillar of quality and



performance for the U.S. military. We have been a premier supplier of uniforms,

outerwear, sleeping bags and other equipage for the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and more."

"This is an incredible licensing opportunity," adds Steven Heller, president, the Brand Liaison. "I know there are several companies licensing hunting camo, but no one other than Tennier is able to offer a brand with authentic military heritage and a library of military camo prints."

Tennier products have been deployed in mission-critical environments and issued as fundamental gear in ensuring today's modern soldier's comfort and survival for the past five years. The company is responsible for making the first-ever bullet-proof vests and extreme heat-fire retardant clothing and was named one of the top 15 Gold Superior Suppliers by the U.S. Department of Defense Logistics Agency.

UDL Presents Gapchinska Art

UDL Licensing is showcasing its Russian art brand Gapchinska for licensed product development.

Based on the works of artist Evgeniya Gapchinska, the brand evokes feelings of love, happiness and kindness through its art, which is primarily targeted to women. The cute, charming characters lend themselves to a variety of products beyond the museum, such as t-shirts and gifts, and UDL is looking to extend the brand beyond its native Ukraine into global markets.

Zolan Company Exhibits Virtual Gallery

The Zolan Company's classic American heritage brand is coming to life in a new virtual art gallery experience at Zolan.

The website is designed to showcase Zolan's 300 legendary paintings of children in a museum setting for a timeless, nostalgic appeal, which will allow the company to expand its licensing programs for children both in the U.S. and internationally.

Zolan is also planning to grow its social programs benefitting children and organize international exhibitions of its original paintings.











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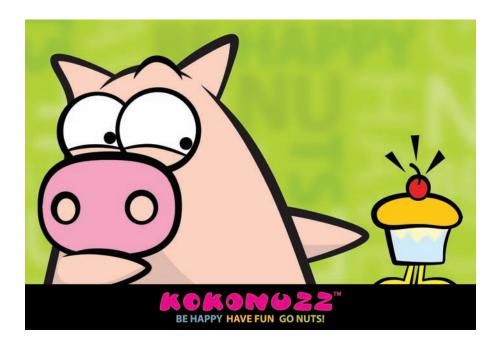
Kokonuzz Readies for Global Expansion

Hong Kong-based social media and mobile entertainment developer Kokonuzz is readying to expand its content beyond Asian borders.

The company, whose philosophy is "Be Happy, Have Fun, Go Nuts," is exhibiting its lineup of lifestyle brands aimed at the teen, kids' and baby markets for the first time this year with the worldwide launch of its YouTube series.

"We offer fun, free and interactive content that resonates with our audience. However, we want to go beyond the short-lived viral buzz. We believe we can combine mobile and social media with licensing to build highly engaging brands, which are sustainable in the long term," says Alexis Bautista, founder and chief executive officer, Kokonuzz.

Kokonuzz is seeking partners to boost its licensing program globally.



Snotes Transforms Social Media

St. Louis-based Fleur de Lis Group is unveiling Snotes, a new form of social media featuring a coded message that requires the user to solve the code before the message can be read.

The Snotes program, which is currently available for use via app and website, is ideal for game play and social messaging,

and its unique shapes and colors are appearing on consumer products, such as t-shirts, jewelry and novelties.

The program is also garnering interest from businesses that are finding the software's encrypted messages and logos well suited for specialty items, product packaging, videos and corporate events.

Fleur de Lis has secured patents for its technology in the U.S. and China and is planning to expand to additional countries. "Our new form of encrypted and secret

messages are ideal for firms looking for something innovative and exciting. We invite all attendees to visit our booth for a personal one-on-one demonstration of how the Snotes technology cannot only help them reach new markets and build awareness but also increase sales," says Jeff Pickett, managing partner, Fleur de Lis.

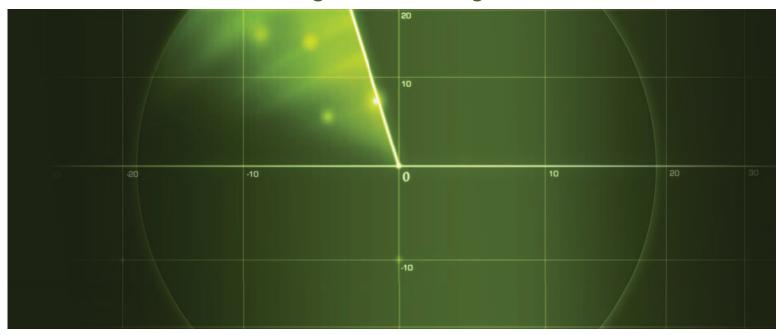
Snotes, billed as "fun, free, secret messaging," are created with words hidden in shapes to form graphic symbols that ultimately reveal a secret message when read a certain way. The puzzles are difficult to decipher at first, but become easier as the user learns to read them.



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Xaxier Stars with 'Stellar Alien' Game

Xavier Games is launching its emerging digital brand "Stellar Alien," marking the character collection's first appearance at Licensing Expo.

Created by 16-year-old mobile game developer and entrepreneur Maximillian Polhill, the brand, aimed at kids ages 7-12, features a collection of alien characters with distinct personalities who engage in deep space adventures.

Xavier is exploring all opportunities for "Stellar Alien", particularly in apparel, accessories, paper products, plush and school supplies.

"I've had an interest in technology since the age of two, when I received my first computer as a gift from my grandmother. Once I started programming several years ago, I was inspired to create a mobile game with feisty characters and straightforward

designs with bold colors and a cool storyline," says Polhill, developer, "Stellar Alien" mobile game app. "I am excited to be at Licensing Expo because I believe

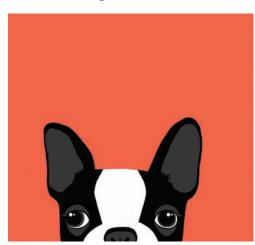
there are many licensing opportunities here that will fit 'Stellar Alien's unique characters."

In the game, the main character, Starbli, is a special alien on missions to save stars from Rosso, a jerk bent on destroying stars in the galaxy with the reinforcement of his Periculum minions. With help from his friend, Roxas, a smart tech-geek girl, and Coraz, his jokecracking pal with a talent for quick-thinking game plans, Starbli bravely travels the cosmos, defends shiny stars and battles the bad guys.



Anne Was Here Presents Pet Collection

Pop art property Anne Was Here is developing its Peeking Pets collection of whimsical dog and cat illustrations,



including the famous Boston terrier peeking dog image.

The unique placement of the pets peeking over the edges of the art is easily applicable to a variety of items for unique product appealing to dog and cat lovers. Artist and owner Anne Bollman has created more than 100 collections of designs varying from cute animals to lettering to hand-painted florals, and has also secured a wide range of licenses including wall art, stationery, accessories, apparel, décor, gifts, bath, storage, publishing and fabric.

The collection of colorful and humorous images was made popular by prominent design blogs, including HGTV's "Made

+ Remade," "Design Milk," "Dog Milk" and "3MillionDogs," and is regularly shared on social media by pet owners,

creating a unique marketing opportunity

for licensing partners. In a testament to her growing success, Bollman has sold more than \$130,000 worth of Peeking Pets products on Society6.com alone.



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CLC Grows Film Franchises

Creative Licensing Corporation has signed a number of worldwide licensing deals for the classic film property The Terminator. Partners include Brainstorm Gear, Stardust Silver, Trevco in the U.S., Park Agencies in the U.K., and Licensing Essentials in Australia. CLC is interested in all categories for licensing, especially games, gaming, attractions, jewelry and housewares.

CLC is also featuring an extensive roster of its other classic films, including: Terminator 2, Rambo First Blood, Rambo First Blood Part II, Rambo III, Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, The Graduate, Evil Dead 2, Basic Instinct and Escape from New York.



Seedys Plants Licensing Roots

Playful children's property Seedys is planting its roots firmly in the licensing world with plans to spread its positive message to children ages 4-8 through its products.

The brand, which began as scented plush in Mexico, is growing to include partners in children's footwear as well as digital content distributor Mobile Streams for short videos, animation and static images available in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay. It is also ripe for partnerships across a wide array of products such as children's accessories and apparel, toys, school gear, gadgets and decorations.

"Seedys distinguishes itself from other licenses because of the deep roots of its concept: values such as friendship, love, tolerance, patience, honesty and bravery are stronger when they come together as a message; each value is represented by one Seedy," says creator Miriam Ramos.

The Seedys themselves are eight creatures with individual personalities who promote good things in the world and the notion of living life to the fullest.





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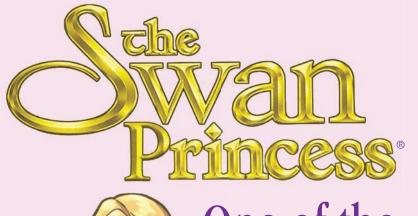


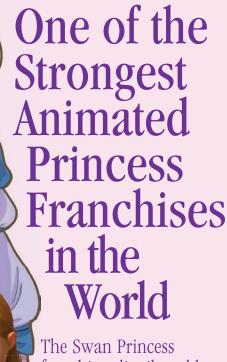
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Online, OnProduct and OnStreet **Enforcement-A Comprehensive Brand Protection Model**

9AM-10:15AM Tradewinds F

PARTICIPANTS: Bill Patterson, OpSec Security; Clare Neumann, CMG Worldwide; and Michael Van Wieren, Learfield Licensing

Partners By 2015, the International Chamber of Commerce expects the value of counterfeit goods globally to exceed \$1.7 trillion, which is more than 2 percent of the world's total current economic output. This session will include a panel of speakers that will share insight and discuss how their companies have attacked this problem, from scouring the internet and shutting down e-commerce listings of fakes, tagging and tracking their product throughout the supply chain, to raiding counterfeit operations and taking legal action.

How Kids View Brands Globally and Locally

9AM-10:15AM Islander E

PARTICIPANTS: Emiliano Laricchiuta, Ferrero; and Philippe Guinaudeau, Kidz Global

Kids and young people show fast-changing consumption habits and dynamics, especially enhanced by the intrusion of the digital universe-devices, services and content. And this universe has created a strong awareness of entertainment content and a great consumer demand for licensed products. However, not all countries develop at the same path or come from the same point. Using actual facts and statistics from BrandTrends research project, you will learn the key differences between international and national behaviors when it comes to licensed properties; share the experience of a global FMCG company on their implementation of their licensing strategies, globally and locally; and identify opportunities and streamline your action plan to successfully increase the penetration of your brands on multiple territories.

The Right Fit 10:45AM-12PM Islander E

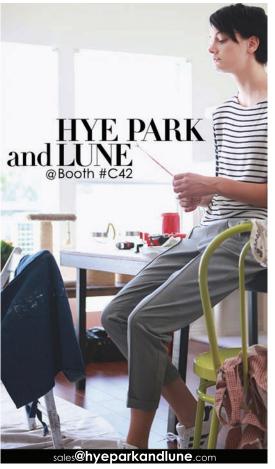
PARTICIPANTS: Andrew Topkins, Brandgenuity; Mike Slusar, Brandar Consulting; and Randy Malone How often do we hear this term in life: Is it the right fit? Well never has a term meant more to success in brand licensing than "the right fit"-the marriage of the right brand with the right product category with the right licensee in the right channels at the right price. But how do you as a brand owner insure that all is "right" with the world for your licensed property? One word: research. This session will be about learning why research is vital to licensing success. Attendees will learn about the research and modeling process of finding the right categories for your brand, and a factor analysis process of how to prioritize what categories to go after first will also be discussed. Panelists will share their experiences both positive and negative in the search for the right brand fit.

Licensed Products and Digital Marketing: Making it Work 10:45AM-12PM Tradewinds F

PARTICIPANTS: Debbie Bookstaber. Element Associates; Jennifer Grosshandler, Lamplight/TIKI Brand; Stephen Reily, IMC; and Tom Keane, Margaritaville Foods Success in licensing means getting consumers to buy new products, and today's consumers make much of that decision online (often through their smartphones), looking for search results, pricing and the opinions and reviews of others before they buy something new themselves. Yet licensors have often taken a restrictive view of digital marketing by their licensees. And licensees have often focused only on the (hard) work of making a new product and getting retailers to put it on their shelves. This session will offer case studies and a how-to guide for licensees and licensors on the successful use of digital marketing tools to get consumers talking about and buying their new products. Tactics and strategies covered will include content and influencer marketing, social media- Facebook and beyond, sampling and reviews, online and native advertising; mobile marketing and websites and microsites.

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'Simpsons' Flagships Heading to China

Now shoppers can represent their affinity for "The Simpsons" in an all-new fashionable way in China, thanks to a deal between Twentieth Century Fox Consumer Products and Shanghai-based retailer Her-Chain Clothing.

The retailer, supported by the HongFang Group, will launch the first "The Simpsons" flagship stores in the country. The new retail locations will launch this year.

"We have very high expectation for 'The Simpsons' in China. They are pop culture icons and represent American culture and the American family, and early indications show a real excitement and anticipation from the Chinese audience," says Jeffrey Godsick, president, FCP. "From a consumer products standpoint, 'The Simpsons' continues to be one of the top brands in the world. This year, we are excited to introduce new fashion partners that bring more high-quality products, combined with classic animation, keeping America's favorite family in the hearts and on the shoulders of today's trendsetters."

"The audience who are familiar with this TV series know all about Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and the rest of the colorful cast inhabiting Springfield. The value of a successful evergreen show is not in just entertaining the audience, but in also creating great business opportunities. Her-Chain is very excited to partner with Twentieth Century Fox Consumer Products to represent 'The Simpsons' from a new angle through



Twentieth Century Fox Consumer Products' Jeffrey Godsick and Pinky David with Eva Xia of IMG

the development of high-quality pieces that establish and follow fashion trends and lifestyle choices of modern consumers in China," says Ying Yu, general manager, Her-Chain.

Velocity to Rep Nitro Circus in Australia, New Zealand

Action sports and entertainment brand Nitro Circus is launching its licensing initiatives this year around the world, and to support its ground swell of



awareness, the company has signed agency representations.

Velocity Brand Management will represent Nitro Circus for licensing in Australia and New Zealand.

"We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with VBM and feel that this is a great opportunity to extend the Nitro Circus brand in a very important region for our company," says Peter Maule, global head of licensing, Nitro Circus. "VBM has a tremendous track record developing exceptional licensing and retail programs with some of the biggest names in sport. We can't wait to get started."

The alignment with VBM is strategic-

Nitro Circus got its start out of Australia in 1999. (The company moved its headquarters to North America in 2014.)

Nitro Circus Live, its flagship brand, is a truly global event, with a marathon world tour underway that features 170 tour dates globally through 2016. Several stops are planned for Australia and New Zealand.

Nitro Circus also has a multi-vear broadcast deal with NBC and a new sponsorship deal with Sony.

Nitro Circus is now entering the licensing arena and is taking a new and innovative approach with toys, apparel and publishing. VBM will seek opportunities in these sectors across Australasia.

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Francisco Arenas, The Hollywood Reporter/Billboard



Saban Brands' Kirk Bloomgarden, Elie Dekel and Gustavo Antonioni



NFL players DeMaurice Smith and Jared Cook with the NFL Players Inc. licensing team



Jimmy Hart and Hulk Hogan



Activision's Ashley Maidy and John Coyne



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Character/Toy Brand Program of the Year: Jessica Brown, Hasbro, with Charles Riotto, LIMA



Corporate Brand of the Year: Alison Ames, Beanstalk



Character/Toy Brand Licensee of the Year-Hard Goods: Jennifer Ahearn and Kerri Estreich, Sesame Workshop



Overall Best Licensed Program of the Year: $\operatorname{\sf Rick}$ Van Brimmer, Ohio, and Stephan Teglas, Disney



Character/Toy Brand Licensee of the Year-Soft Goods: Mitch Montgomery and Brian Siegal, Marvel



Corporate Licensee of the Year: Tammy Talerico, Church+Dwight, and Jay Asher, Brandgenuity



Film/Television/ **Entertainment** (Animated) Program of the Year: Stephan Teglas, Disney



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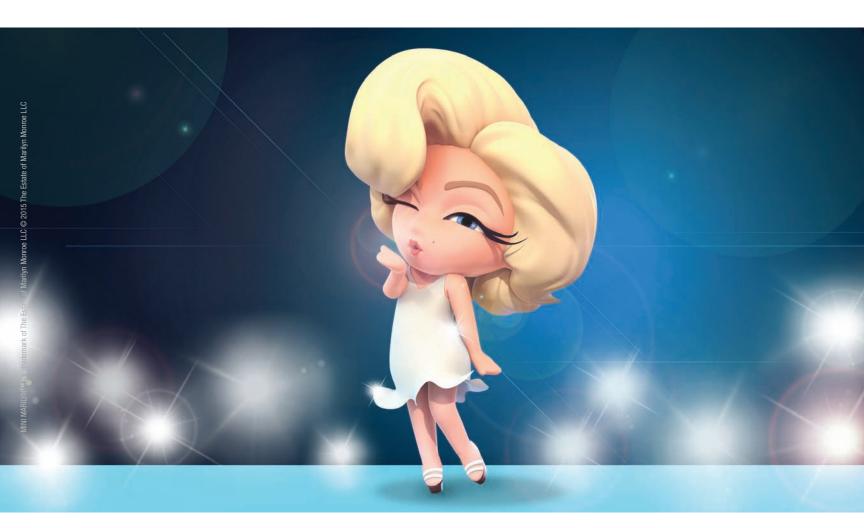


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Film/Television/Live Action Licensee of the Year-Soft Goods: Karyn Weiss and Jessica Schneider, Accessory Innnovations



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Film/Television/Entertainment (Live Action) Licensee of the Year-Hard Goods: Neal Slateford, Lovehoney, and Carole Postal, Knockout Licensing



Film/Television/Entertainment (Live Action) Program of the Year: Joseph Ford, NBCUniversal; Tamra Knepfer, Knockout Licensing; Dominic Burns, NBCUniversal, Carole Postal, Knockout Licensing; and Nick Young, NBCUniversal



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