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43RD ANNIE AWARDS ANNOUNCE ROSTER OF PRESENTERS

BURBANK, CA (January 26, 2016) – Saturday, February 6 will mark the 43rd Annual Annie Awards™ recognizing the year's best in animation. Returning for a second year to present Annie trophies are the comedy-folk duo **Garfunkel & Oates** - actress-songwriters **Riki Lindhome** and **Kate Muccici**. Joining the duo as presenters are actor, producer & director **Edward James Olmos** with actress **Rita Moreno**; actor & writer **Tom Kenny** (SpongeBob SquarePants) with actress **Laraine Newman** (Dawn Of The Croods); actors **Alexander Garfin** and **Hadley Belle Miller** ("Linus and Lucy" from The Peanuts Movie); actresses **Kristen Schaal** (Bob's Burgers) and **Phyllis Smith** ("Sadness" from Pixar's Inside Out); and actor **Kevin Michael Richardson** and composer **Christophe Beck**. **Watch the Annie Awards live on February 6 at: <http://annieawards.org/watch-it-live/>.**

"Last year, we thought outside the box a little bit and tried a new ceremony format, with no specific host. Instead, our presenters acted as "mini hosts," each introducing a block of awards. Happily this proved to be a big success. The ceremony was fun, fast and fantastic, so we are going to do it again!" remarked ASIFA-Hollywood Executive Director, **Frank Gladstone**. "And, as we have seen over the last several years, our audience, nominees and range of films continues to grow. Exemplified by our new Best Feature-Independent award, the Annies are reaching out to a world-wide and increasingly influential filmmaking community."

The Annie Awards™ honor overall excellence as well as individual achievement in a total of 36 categories including Best Animated Feature, Best Animated Special Production, Commercials, Short Subjects and Outstanding Individual Achievements. The Best Animated Features nominations this year are **Anomalisa** (Paramount Pictures), **Inside Out** (Pixar Animation Studios), **Shaun the Sheep Movie** (Aardman Animations), **The Good Dinosaur** (Pixar Animation Studios) and **The Peanuts Movie** (Blue Sky Studios, Twentieth Century Fox Animation).

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**43RD Annual Annie Awards – Saturday, February 6, 2016 at UCLA’s Royce Hall
Celebrating the Best in Animation
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The Annie Awards™ also honor career achievement and exceptional contributions to animation with its Juried Awards. This year’s award selection include three **Winsor McCay recipients** – Director **Isao Takahata**, **Joe Ranft**, posthumously, Head of Story at Pixar, and Animator, director and producer **Phil Roman**. The **June Foray award** for significant and benevolent impact on the art and industry of animation will be presented to Producer **Don Hahn**.

The black tie event will kick-off at 5 p.m. with Red Carpet arrivals and a VIP champagne reception, followed by the awards ceremony at 7 p.m. and after-party immediately following the show. All events will be held at UCLA’s Royce Hall. **For complete event details, please visit www.annieawards.org/event-info.**

General Admission tickets for the ceremony-only can be purchased through the UCLA Box Office, 310.825.2101 or Ticketmaster.com. VIP tickets are sold out.

ASIFA-Hollywood is the world’s first and foremost professional organization dedicated to promoting the art of animation and celebrating the people who create it. Today, ASIFA-Hollywood, the largest chapter of the international organization ASIFA, supports a range of animation activities and preservation efforts through its membership. Current initiatives include the Animation Archive, Animation Aid Foundation, animated film preservation, special events, classes and screenings.

Created in 1972 by June Foray, the Annie Awards have grown in scope and stature for the past four decades. For more information on the Annie Awards™, please visit www.annieawards.org. For information about ASIFA-Hollywood, visit www.asifa-hollywood.org.

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