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42nd ANNIE AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

BURBANK, CA (December 1, 2014) – The International Animated Film Society, ASIFA-Hollywood, announced nominations today for its 42nd Annual Annie Awards™ recognizing the year's best in the field of animation. For a complete list of nominations, please visit www.annieawards.org.

The Annie Awards cover 36 categories and include Best Animated Feature, Best Animated Special Production, Commercials, Short Subjects and Outstanding Individual Achievements. The winners will be announced at a black tie ceremony on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at UCLA's Royce Hall. A pre-reception and press line begins at 5:00 pm with the awards ceremony following at 7:00 pm. A post-show celebration immediately follows the ceremony. All events will be held at Royce Hall.

Best Animated Features nominations include: **Big Hero 6** (Walt Disney Animation Studios), **Cheatin'** (Plymptoons Studio), **How to Train Your Dragon 2** (DreamWorks Animation SKG), **Song of the Sea** (GKIDS/Cartoon Saloon), **The Book of Life** (Reel FX), **The Boxtrolls** (Focus Features/Laika), **The LEGO Movie** (Warner Bros. Pictures), and **The Tale of The Princess Kaguya** (GKIDS/Studio Ghibli).

"We had a steady increase in submissions this year and I am excited to say it's going to be a great awards ceremony," remarked ASIFA-Hollywood Executive Director, Frank Gladstone. "We added a new category to the mix – Best Character Animation in a Video Game – bringing the total Annie categories to 36. The Annies are a true celebration of the best talent in the animation industry, from big studio features to indie films, television series to internet shows, games, shorts and student films alike, as well as a wonderful group of juried award recipients again this year."

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The juried awards honoring career achievement and exceptional contributions to animation, will also be presented. Three **Winsor McCay** recipients have been selected by the ASIFA-Hollywood Board of Directors – **Didier Brunner, Don Lusk and Lee Mendelson** for their career contributions to the art of animation; **June Foray Award – Charles Solomon** for his significant and benevolent or charitable impact on the art and industry of animation; **Ub Iwerks Award – DreamWorks Animation's Apollo Software** for technical advancement that has made a significant impact on the art or industry of animation; and **Special Achievement Award – The Walt Disney Family Museum** recognizing the unique and significant impact on the art and industry of animation.

For a more information on the Annie Awards, please visit www.annieawards.org and click on the 'Event Info' button on the Annies home page.

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 veteran voice talent June Foray, the Annie Awards have grown in scope and stature for the past four decades.

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