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ANNIE AWARDS '42' TO CELEBRATE THE BEST IN ANIMATION!

BURBANK, CA (January 27, 2015) – Saturday, January 31 marks the 42nd Annual Annie Awards™ recognizing the year's best in animation. 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.

Scheduled to present the coveted Annie trophies this year are the comedy-folk duo Garfunkel & Oates - actress-songwriters Riki Lindhome and Kate Mucucci; Veteran voice talent and industry legend June Foray; Songwriter and music director Richard Sherman, Filmmaker and artist Tomm Moore; Industry professionals Leslie Iwerks, John Musker, Ron Clements and ASIFA-Hollywood Executive Director, Frank Gladstone. "Since 2002, the Annies have often been a predictor of the annual Academy Award for Best Animated Feature," remarked Gladstone. "And each year our audience, nominees and range of films grows to encompass a wider 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 **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).

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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 recipients include **Winsor McCay award** – producers **Didier Brunner** and **Lee Mendelson**, and legendary animator **Don Lusk** ; **June Foray award** – author and critic **Charles Solomon**; **Ub Iwerks award - DreamWorks Animation’s Apollo Software**; and **Special Achievement award** – **The Walt Disney Family Museum**.

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