



## MEDIA RELEASE

# **GASP! Nominated in the 2011 International Animation Film Festival of Annecy**

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An episode from Australia's SLR Productions' hilarious animated 'fish-com' series, GASP! has been nominated in the 2011 International Animation Film Festival of Annecy.

Nominated in the TV series category, 'Fish Stick' sees Gasp, experimenting with mind control techniques while babysitting toxic toddler Winston! Panic ensues when Gasp thinks he has accidentally turned Winston into a fish stick.

Executive Producer, Suzanne Ryan said "I am thrilled for GASP! to be nominated for this prestigious award. This nomination is a huge credit to our partners Canal +, Nine Network, ABC, Agogo and Moonscoop along with the show Director and the creative team behind the series. The series has already won animal lover hearts internationally and is currently enjoying a great response in Australia on the Nine Network".

President of Moonscoop, Worldwide Distribution, Lionel Marty said "It's great to see this TV series get the recognition it deserves with this Annecy Festival nomination. We're proud to represent the show internationally and can certainly vouch for its wide appeal. It's a one-of-a-kind series that is full of riotous fun and laugh out loud humour – just right for the energetic minds of 6-12 year olds".

Based on the successful GASP!, ZAPT!, SPLAT!, SQUISH!, CRASH!, CHOMP! series of comic books by Australian author/illustrator/genius, Terry Denton, GASP! is a 52 x 11 minute series for 6-12 year olds.

Distributed globally by Moonscoop, the series recently launched on the Nine Network in Australia and has already captured the hearts of animal lovers globally, airing on Canal+ in France in December 2009 and Nickelodeon New Zealand in August 2010.

The series has also been picked up for broadcast by TV3 Catalunya, RTP Portugal, Nickelodeon Israel, E-vision, MBC, Chutti TV India, and True Visions Thailand.

Ever wondered what pets get up to when there are no humans around to spoil the fun? This is the place to find out in a show about a larger-than-life golden carp named Gasp, whose imagination is as big as his heart. This fin-twitchingly funny series follows the zany antics of Gasp and his fellow pet mates left home alone when Mum, Dad and their two kids, Ginger and Fred, have gone off to work, school or play. From boot scootin' pond guppies to pet singing/dancing revues, anything can happen in this house -- and usually does! Gasp, Catflap, Dogbox and Beetlenick will be getting stuck into another seriously fun situation in every pun-packed episode.

Gasp is a thrill-seeking gold-fish who is noisy, enthusiastic, cheeky and hyperactive. He is way too smart and savvy for his own good and constantly craves stimulation. Dogbox is an excitable dog who has unstoppable energy and loves everybody unconditionally, even the protective cat, Catflap whose compulsive efforts to save others are constantly putting her in hilarious jeopardy. Beetlenick the cool and image-conscious beetle lacks morals leading him to tell outrageous lies which backfire when he tells the truth and no one believes him! Mrs Winston, the mother to the toxic ticking toddler time bomb guppy, Winston, is a motor-bike ridin', boot-scootin' piece of pond-trash who speaks rough, acts tough and has more attitude than a shoal of angry barracuda.

Terry Denton is a multiple-award-winning children's author-illustrator best known for the GASP! series, the Wombat and Fox series and the best-selling Just! books, in collaboration with Andy Griffiths. He has written twenty children's books and collaborated on eighty more with some of the most popular children's authors in Australia.

SLR Productions is one of Australia's leading and Emmy Award winning children's entertainment companies that specializes in the creative development and production of world-class children's entertainment programmes. Executive Producer Suzanne Ryan established SLR as an independent production company in 2003 and, since then, has been sourcing and developing significant properties for the international children's market. With more than 60 hours of content sold in over 50 countries around the world, SLR Productions continues to create hit shows with truly global potential. SLR Productions is owned by Suzanne Ryan and South Pacific Pictures.

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