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Global Screen sells **RICHARD THE STORK** to Grindstone Entertainment for North America

Munich, May 4 2017 | Grindstone Entertainment has acquired all rights for North America on Global Screen's most prolific current 3D animation **RICHARD THE STORK**. Under the title **A STORK'S JOURNEY**, the charming adventure will be released by Lionsgate in cooperation with Google Play US. The theatrical roll-out is set for June 30th in 10 markets, day & date.

The film sees Richard - a sparrow – growing up with a stork family, convinced he is a stork himself; problems arise when the storks, as migratory birds, leave for Africa to spend the winter. He wants to go, too, and starts hitchhiking through Europe, by bus, train and boat, joined by an eccentric owl with an imaginary friend and a narcissistic, disco-singing parakeet, to prove to his stork family that he's a stork.

For the release in North America, the lead voice roles have been cast with actor-singer Drake Bell ("Ultimate Spider-Man"), Jane Lynch ("Glee", "Wreck-it Ralph") while Youtube star Justine Ezarik (ijustine) will guest star as a netaholic pigeon sidekick. The deal was negotiated between Grindstone's Stan Wertlieb and Jennifer Modglin and Global Screen's Klaus Rasmussen and Alexandra Streichfuss.

"We are thrilled to team up with Grindstone to bring this outstanding and highly entertaining birds-road-movie to the US audiences this June. We are convinced the youngsters will cheer with joy and the parents will appreciate the many ambitious side stories and sidekicks," says Klaus Rasmussen, Senior Theatrical Sales Manager at Global Screen. "With Icon Film Distribution having picked up the film for UK, Paradis Films for France, M2 Pictures for Italy, and Spire Media for China etc. we are sold out world-wide now on **RICHARD THE STORK**."

RICHARD THE STORK is produced by Knudsen & Streuber Medienmanufaktur, Kristine M. I. Knudsen, and Ulysses Filmproduktion, Emely Christians, whose previous animation movies "Ooops! Noah is Gone..." and "Niko" also sold-out worldwide. **RICHARD THE STORK** is directed by Toby Genkel and co-directed and written by Reza Memari. It is co-produced by Walking the Dog/Eric Goossens, Melusiné Productions/Stéphan Roelants and Den Siste Skilling. It premiered at the Berlin Film Festival/Generation and TIFF Kids.



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Global Screen GmbH is a leading German sales & distribution company for theatrical feature films and TV -movies outside the German-speaking territories. The company is one of the largest world-sales outfits in Europe and has a catalogue containing more than 15,000 titles. The theatrical distribution arm handles a varied portfolio of German- and foreign-language feature films focusing on commercial arthouse such as Sci-Fi Thriller "S.U.M.1" – starring Iwan Rheon -, high-profile documentary features like "Julian Schnabel – A Private Portrait", and family entertainment like the high-profile 3D animation films "Niko & The Way to the Stars" and "Ooops! Noah is Gone..." which were sold all over the world and established the company as one of the leaders in family entertainment distribution.