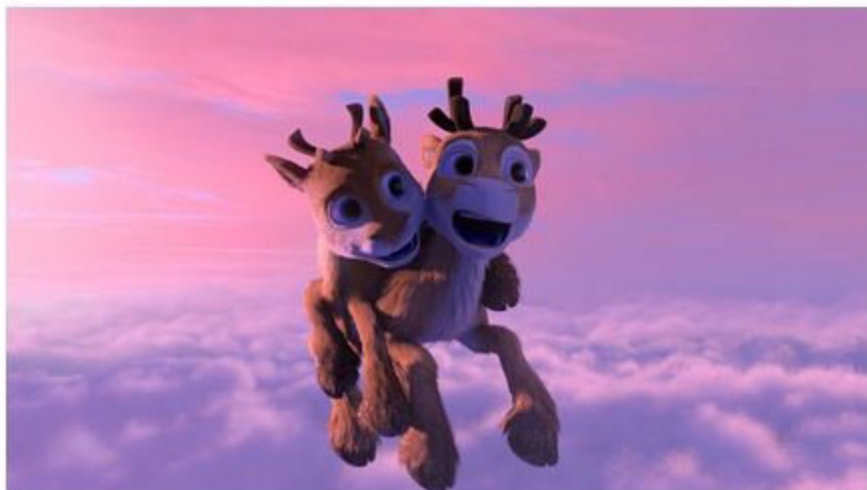


'Niko 2', 'Richard The Stork' Sold to Multiple Territories

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'Niko 2'

German sales group Global Screen closed deals across Europe and Asia for the 3D animated children's films.

COLOGNE, Germany – Proving there is an appetite for animated 3D children's fare from companies other than Pixar, DreamWorks Animation and other heavyweights, German sales group Global Screen closed multiple territory deals for two of its European-made 3D animated features, *Richard the Stork* and *Niko 2*, the sequel to the hit holiday title *Niko & The Way to the Stars*.

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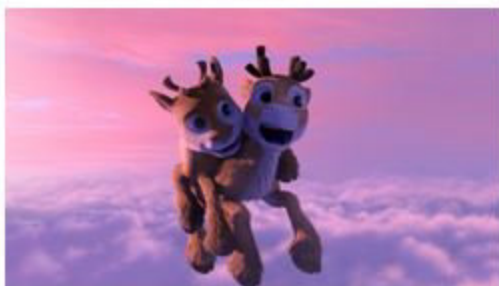
Niko 2 sold to Metrodome in the U.K.; Chinese distributor Flame; Intersonic/Abbey Road for the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Hungary; and Babilla Cine for Colombia. The film has already been released in the U.S. via Grindstone and Netflix, in France (Millimages), CIS (MGN Films), Benelux (Bridge Rights), Poland (Kino Swiat) and Germany (Universum Film), among other territories. Also titled *Little Brother*, *Big Trouble: A Christmas Adventure*, the film tells the story of reindeer Jonni, stepbrother to the first film's hero, Niko, who is kidnapped by eagles, triggering a rescue attempt by Niko and his friends.

Global Screen sold *Richard the Stork*, the tale of a sparrow raised by storks and convinced he is one himself, to CIS (Cinemax), Middle East (Gulf), Portugal (Lusomundo) and India/Philippines (Pictureworks). Bona Entertainment in China, South Korean

distributor Woo Sung Entertainment and Poland's Kino Swiat picked up the title earlier this year.

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Global Screen inks further sales on 3D toonpix

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In the run-up to the [AFM](#), [Global Screen](#) has inked further sales on 3D toonpics "Richard the Stork" and "Niko 2 — Little Brother, Big Trouble," underscoring the international demand for high-quality animated features for the kids' market.

"Richard the Stork" tells the story of a sparrow, Richard, who is adopted by a couple of storks. He is convinced he himself is a stork, but problems arise when the storks migrate for Africa. He wants to go too, and starts hitchhiking through Europe, by bus, train and boat, joined by an eccentric owl and a narcissistic, disco-singing parakeet.

Latest buyers include CIS (Cinemax), Middle East (Gulf), Portugal (Lusomundo) and India/Philippines (Pictureworks). Deals with China (Bona Entertainment), South Korea (Woo Sung Entertainment) and Poland (Kino Swiat) were announced earlier this year.

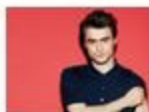
The pic, which is produced by Knudsen & Streuber Medienmanufaktur and Ulysses Filmproduktion, will be ready for delivery in late 2015.

"Niko 2 — Little Brother, Big Trouble," which is the sequel to B.O. hit "Niko & the Way to the Stars," has been picked up in the U.K. (Metrodome), Czech Republic/Slovenia/Hungary (Intersonic/Abbey Road), China (Flame) and Colombia (Babilonia Cine). It has already been released in France (Millimages), the U.S. (Grindstone/Netflix), CIS (MGN Films), Benelux (Bridge Rights), Poland (Kino Swiat), Germany (Universum Film) and other territories.

It tells the story of cute little reindeer Jonni, Niko's step brother, who is kidnapped by the eagles and then must be rescued by Niko and his friends.

It is produced by Anima Vitae, Cinemaker, Ulysses Filmproduktion, A.Film Prod. and Magma Prods.

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