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We are very proud of introducing here our Official edition of *Virtual Screenings Autumn*, which is our Mipcom 2020 special edition at the same time. In May, we challenged ourselves by organizing for the first time and in the middle of the Pandemic, an online screenings event aimed to compensate the cancelled physical shows. The result was impressive with +4000 participants of 101 countries, +1300 buyers, that we are here again in *Autumn*.

In May we were almost alone, as the Pandemic surprised most of the industry. Now there are lots of online events, and the main distribution players launch their own online platforms. Though, our second Virtual Screenings is a great success again, if we consider a 20% growth in booths and registered buyers, among all extremely positive figures —see the graphic aside.

What is different in *Autumn*? We launch a new modular design, for the buyers to have everything on hand. We add a special place inside the booths for the buyers to have faster interaction with booth holders. We provide analytics and reports from the first day, to enhance business from the first moment. We organize more than 15 panels with experts from all the word, that we launch every VSA day for people to have news during all the market.

What is the same in *Autumn*? The pillars of May that made VS a huge experience: full global traffic, a very simple and friendly system (two clicks and screen!), a story in progress day by day told by the daily newsletters, and full interaction reports.

There can be a lot of online events, but few of them generate a direct and friendly business experience, that replace the physical events and add real values of the digital era. This is the aim of *Virtual Screenings Autumn*. Our main motto is 'Live the experience'... Welcome!

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A fierce competition is at once seriously challenging Netflix's unstoppable path in the global market place, which has lead for almost 15 years. But now, with all the Major's services being launched and international plans being announced, there is a real risky to be surpassed in the number of subscribers, the only real income of **Reed Hasting's** pioneer platform.

Even though **Netflix** has almost reached 200 clients, adding 26 millions in the first semester of 2020, its top competitors Amazon Prime Video and Disney+ are already above the 150 and 100-million barrier and coming fast. The scenario is more complex, if we consider **HBO Max** and **Peacock**, which have confirmed expansion plans for 2021 and the following year, along with Apple TV and ViacomCBS' confirmed global streamer, among others.

The US operation gets a lot of attention, but it accounts for only about one-third of Netflix's 193 million paying subscribers (2Q 2020) and in recent years has been dogged by concerns of saturation. More than 50% of the streamer's revenue in the first half of 2020 came from outside North America

Ted Sarando, co-CEO of Netflix (Photo: Amanda Edwards/WireImage)

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While North America, Brazil and parts of India have production on pause, Netflix projects outside those regions --Europe, Middllion subscribers and had generated a total of more than USD 20.1 billions. But in 2Q 2020. their subscriptions skyrocketed as the last month of the first quarter (March) was the start of the global Coronavirus pandemic in many countries. By April 2020, Netflix had nearly 183 million subscribers and by June 10 million more

According to a recent report, based on the company figures reported in June Netflix is growing most strongly outside North America with preponderance in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), which it already means a third of the total subscribers. Latin America is the second largest place of growth with 36 millions clients, according to the most recent report of the company. In Brazil it has reached 17 million clients and in Argentina 5 millions: in both markets it has surpassed traditional Pay TV operators in number of clients.

In terms of 2020 programming, Never Have I Ever was a standout success seen by 40 million households over its first four weeks, same number as Steve Carrell comedy Space Force over that same period of time. In movies. Chris Hemsworth' Extraction was Netflix's biggest release of all time with 99 million homes watching it over the first four weeks. 27 million homes worldwide watched Spike Lee's Da 5 Bloods, while The Wrong Missy attracted 59 million homes to watch it over its first four weeks. Animated movie The Willoughbys reached 38 million households over its first four weeks.

Local language content, like Dark (Germany), Control Z (Mexico), Extracurricular (Korea), The Woods (Poland), and Blood & Water (South Africa) continue to be 'highly impactful', confirmed Netflix. La Casa de Papel (Money Heist) Part 4 premiered on April 3 and it was seen by 65 million homes worldwide over its first four weeks. Season Finale, 5, is under production.

Sarandos completed: 'When Reed and I first met over 20 years ago, he described Netflix almost exactly as it now works. But at the time, I was skeptical. The Internet was still new and Netflix's main competitor, Blockbuster, was huge and had completely disrupted the business model of my previous company. Part of Reed's brilliance is his persistence and so I eventually said yes, back in 1999'.

people over the next ten years'.

NETFLIX: GLOBAL SUBSCRIBERS.

**BY REGIONS (2Q 2020)** 

37%

le East, Africa, Japan and Korea— are up and

running again after brief hiatuses (Korea never

fully stopped production). In Europe, 22 pro-

ductions across 11 countries are back up since

July. Recently, leading global SVOD confirmed

**Ted Sarandos** appointment as co-CEO, and he

is giving the opening keynote at MIPCOM 2020,

as well as receiving the Variety Vanguard Award.

a company. While I saw streaming coming and

pushed for it, Ted drove the revolution in our

content strategy, which was way ahead of its

time and has been key to our continued suc-

cess. It was typical of his ability to see where

the industry (and consumer tastes) are headed', described **Hastings** in a letter, while he

remarked there is a 'tremendous room' for

growth as consumers embrace Internet entertainment. 'If we continue to improve our

service and the quality of our shows and films we can get to serve hundreds of millions more

'Ted's been instrumental to our success as

32%

Source: the company

USA/Canada

Latin America

EMEA

APAC

By the end of 2019, Netflix had 167 mi-



La Casa de Papel Season Finale (5) started shooting in August in Denmark, Spain and Portugal

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# **Disney+**, the game-challenger

PREMIUM INTERVIEW | DIGITAL ] of the largest and most robust OTT platform reaching 60.5 millions subscribers in more than 30 countries in 2Q 2020, while **Hulu** has 35.5 millions clients (up 27% year-over-year) and **ESPN+** reached 8.5 millions. All in all **The** 

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Walt Disney Company direct-to-consumer strategy is getting results very quickly, getting 104.5 millions clients and announcing a new platform, Star, that will sit alongside Disney+. But that's just the beginning as the company is continually releasing **Disney+** in new territories in Latin America, Asia and Africa in the following months. The new **Star** service will launch next year and will offer general entertainment programming including **ABC Studios**. Fox Television, FX, Freeform, 20th Century Studios and Searchlight. It will have a more adultoriented feel to Disney+ and appears likely to be more akin to US-based Hulu. However, it

In less than a year, **Disney+** has settled one

currently does. **Bob Chapek**, CEO, announced the service in the 3Q 2020 earnings call: 'Mirroring the strategy we successfully pursued with **Disney+**, the offering will be rooted in content we own from the prolific and critically acclaimed production engines and libraries. Star would be integrated into the **Disney+** platform from a marketing and tech perspective in many markets, with the brand name used because of its international clout'.

will not carry third-party content, which Hulu

Disney already operates Disney+ HotStar

in India, after the acquisition of Star India from Fox. The company expands geographically and in the number of clients and it is definitely the gamechallenger to the established and largest operators, **Netflix** (+193 millions) and Amazon Prime Video (+150 millions). The difference? The first service needed 13 years to reach the actual number, while Amazon did

it in four and Disney surpassed the 100 million milestone in less than a year.

The cost is not small. Disney is growing in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, having suffered a Q3 loss of USD 5 billons. Overall, the DTC segment had revenue of USD 3.97 billion (up 2%), and operating income loss of USD 706 millions. The operating income loss was better than analyst expectations of USD 1.06 billions.

About Hulu's international expansion, Cha**pek** added: 'It aggregates third party content; this will not. It has no brand awareness outside of the US'. Much of its original programming (The Great, The Handmaid's Tale and Devs) is tied up in licensing deals with a number of international broadcasters and streamers. 'Star gives us the ability to market this under the Disney umbrella and have synergies with our existing platform, and that we see this as part of a sort of a sequential Domino strategy in terms of getting towards an offering on Disney+'.

Chapek concluded: 'Our combined

DISNEY+ SUBSCRIBERS EVOLUTION (NOV. 19-JUN. 20) 60.5m 60 ۲ 0 50 ○₩00000 40 ے 🕒 🌰 30 1 1 1 20-10-Nov. 19 Dic. 19 Ene. 20 Feb. 20 Mar. 20 Abr. 20 May. 20 Jun. 20 Source: the company

**DISNEY+ GLOBAL AVAILABILITY** 



global reach now exceeds an astounding 100 million paid subscriptions. This is a significant milestone and a reaffirmation of our strategy for growth. The incredible success we've achieved to date has made us even more confident about the future of our direct-to-consumer business and our ability to be more aggressive in our approach. Going forward, this confidence, coupled with the trends we're seeing in the multi-channel universe, will lead us to pursue even more innovative and bold initiatives as we continue to grow the business'.



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Disnep-Bob Chapek, CEO, The Walt Disney Company

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# HBO Max: iconic brands + Max Originals meet global audiences

WarnerMedia's HBO Max was the last service to come to the US by the end of May, but it has already call the attention to the audience reaching 4.1 millions clients in the first months of operation. The challenge was bigger as AT&T's OTT is joining the traditional **HBO** Premium content with iconic brands from Warner Bros. and the global power from **Turner**. It is the most expensive services of the market at USD 14 99 a month

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Moreover, it combines the existing **HBO**, *HBO Now* and *HBO Go* platforms that were already operating in many global territories. Now, all under the same roof are prepare for the Direct-To-Consumer battle. All in the entire **HBO** world reaches 36.5 millions subscribers. The company has already confirmed that after the US disembark it will first launch in Latin America in 2021 where **WarnerMedia** is moving forward on the integration on the mentioned brands plus **DirecTV**, AT&T's second largest pav TV operator in the region.

Robert "Bob" Greenblatt, Chairman of War**nerMedia** Entertainment and DTC, explains: 'HBO Max is a dream that was created and nurtured by an incredible team of talented executives who dedicated the last year-and-a-half to making it a reality for consumers nationwide. ma× However, this is just the beginning of our journey. We will continue to innovate and evolve this oneof-a-kind platform that brings together beloved programming from across the family and around the world, while also paying the way for the creative voices of tomorrow'

HBO Max features a leading collection of content curated from across WarnerMedia's legendary catalog and a roster of new Max Originals, plus fan-favorite acquired franchises and films. This new DTC experience features 10,000 hours of premium content including the entire **HBO** service: motion picture and TV series from Warner Bros.' 100-year content collection; highlights from New Line; catalog titles from DC. CNN. TNT. TBS. truTV. Cartoon Network. Adult Swim, Crunchyroll, Rooster Teeth and Loonev Tunes Cartoons: a selection of classic films curated in partnership with **TCM**; along with a monthly offering of new Max Originals, guaranteeing something for everyone in the household

The company indicates that the OTT is designed 'to serve the whole family, creating distinct experiences for younger viewers through parental controls, which can be set to customize the kids' experience, and a PIN that can be set to "lock" kids into a walled garden experience'.

On the *Max Originals* side, the starter pack includes Love Life, On the Record, Legendary, Craftopia, Looney Tunes Cartoons and The Not-Too-Late Show with Elmo. Others coming then were Karma, an original second season of the critically acclaimed **DC** fan favorite Doom Patrol, an original second season of **Sesame** Workshop's animated series Esme & Roy, the return of the critically beloved mystery comedy Search Party, the first of four animated specials of Adventure Time: Distant Lands- BMO, the three-part documentary series Expecting Amy, the adult animated comedy Close Enough. the 1988-set comedy Frayed, the British animal rescue series The Dog House, the generational family docuseries The House of Ho, the animated children's series Tig N' Seek, and Seth Rogen's feature length comedy An American Pickle.

From HBO stands all times favorites The Sopranos, Sex and the City and The Wire, as well



Johannes Larcher, Head of HBO Max International, works along with Priya Dogra, President, WarnerMedia Entertainment Networks, EMEA & APAC and Whit Richardson, President. WarnerMedia Entertainment Networks, Latin America, where the service will be available first in 2021

> as Game of Thrones, Big Little Lies, Veep, Westworld, Succession, and for Latin American all the originals produced in the region in the last two decades. In the last three months, HBO Max premiered HBO originals I May Destroy You; Perry Mason; the six-part documentary series I'll Be Gone in the Dark; anthology series Room 104 S4; and J.J. Abrams' Lovecraft Country.

> The entire Friends library; TNT's The Alienist; the first four seasons of **truTV**'s hit show Impractical Jokers; The Big Bang Theory, The Bachelor; CW's Batwoman; The O.C.; the CNN catalogue of Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown. In addition, third-party acquisitions including Doctor Who (Seasons 1-11 and the next three seasons); the US premieres of Luther; The Honorable Woman; Ricky Gervais' The Office; and seasons 17-25 of Top Gear, all as part of the BBC Studios deal

> In charge of the global expansion is Johannes Larcher, Head of HBO Max International, reporting to Gerhard Zeiler, CRO, WarnerMedia & President, WarnerMedia International Networks. Larcher is responsible for the international rollout and management of HBO Max. working along with Whit Richardson, President, WarnerMedia Entertainment Networks, Latin America and Priya Dogra, President, Warner-Media Entertainment Networks, EMEA & APAC, the two first territories where HBO Max will be available in 2021.



Romantic comedy Love Life was one of the first Max Originals





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Robert "Bob" Greenblatt, Chairman of WarnerMedia Entertainment and DTC

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# ViacomCBS: super-sized premium streaming service in 2021

Before pandemic, 2020 was already a defiant year for ViacomCBS, the last integrated Hollywood studio in December 2019 that has become the second largest group in the US with 22% of the audience share and advertising incomes of USD 1.22 billions, only surpassed by The Walt Disney Company with 28%, according to data from Nielsen.

Since the beginning of the year, the combined strength of both companies in USA and abroad allowed ViacomCBS, led by Robert Bakish, President & CEO, to challenge its competitors. In March announced the expansion of its AVOD (acquired in January 2019) Pluto TV to Latin America and in July it confirmed the release in Spain and other strategic European markets.

But that's not the only move in pluto

the global marketplace. On the Q2 Earnings call, ViacomCBS Networks International (VCNI), one of the most dynamic division of ViacomCBS led by David Lynn, President and CEO, confirmed the launch of a premium streaming service internationally, appealing to audiences of all ages with a Paramount 🕂 competitively priced and supersized selection of 'must-see' exclusives, premieres and box-sets

from its entertainment brands. Following other OTTs expansion worldwide, the new ViacomCBS SVOD service will start its interna-CBS ALL ACCESS tional roll-out early in 2021, offering exclusive premieres of all new Showtime series, including Halo and American Rust. CBS All Access originals will also premiere exclusively on the new service, such as *Guilty Party* and *The* 

Harper House. Building a bespoke content offering in select major territories from launch, the service will also combine movies from Paramount Pictures and premieres and box sets from Comedy Central, MTV. Nickelodeon and Paramount **Network**, as well as originals from **ViacomCBS** International Studios (VIS) in some markets.

The new SVOD service will target on-demand audiences of all ages by combining blockbuster and classic movies, premium scripted series, kids, comedy and entertainment, reality and specialist factual content and will eventually aim to match or exceed other streaming services with a selection of thousands of hours of content in every market.

Lynn revealed the establishment of a 'supersized premium streaming service' aimed at being a game-changer for ViacomCBS: 'It can help us become as powerful a player in international streaming as we are in linear TV. We will market a world-class content offering at a very competitive price, and we're convinced it will have significant appeal for audiences everywhere and strong growth potential in every market'.

Launch priority will be given to fastgrowing OTT markets where ViacomCBS has

identified the opportunity to become a leader in paidfor streaming based on its competitive position: Australia, where its existing 10 All Access service will be rebranded and significantly expanded: Latin America, including Argentina, Brazil and Mexico: and. the Nordic countries. ViacomCBS will work with existing distribution partners, as well as new distributors, to market Source: Nielsen Showtime's Halo will be one of SHUWLINE'S TAID WILL DE ONE OF the series available on the new ViacomCBS global SVOD

the service to their subscribers, as well as retailing the service D2C. Making best use of ViacomCBS's unrivalled TV and film libraries and its global ori-

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ginal content pipelines, the service will utilize the technology and platform that powers CBS All Access. The roll-out will be executed using ViacomCBS's existing international infrastructure, which spans offices in more than 30 countries, to improve cost-efficiency and allow investment to be focused on-screen.

Pierluigi Gazzolo, President, Streaming for VCNI. added: 'With more than 200 million new streaming subscriptions due to come online internationally by 2025, we're very confident we can build a meaningful subscriber base in the next few years. ViacomCBS is one of a very small handful of elite content companies with broad enough content pipelines and deep enough content libraries to lead in all segments of the video entertainment market'.

The international launch of the new streaming service will progress in parallel to the ongoing roll-out of ViacomCBS's free streaming service, Pluto TV, which recently debuted across Spanish-speaking Latin America countries, following previous launches in the UK and Germany. Having enjoyed phenomenal early growth in Latin America, the service has plans to expand into Brazil and Spain by the end of 2020 and France and Italy in 2021.

### USA: AUDIENCE SHARE & AD INCOMES, BY GROUPS (AUGUST 2020)

	US Audience Share	US Ad Incomes
The West Diese p Company	28%	USD 4.464 M
VIACOMCBS	22%	USD 1.226 M
COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL	18%	USD 607 M



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# **Peacock:** the most diverse content offering

**NBCUniversal' Peacock** has been the launched in USA first in April 15 in a free-business model for **Comcast' Xfinity** clients and then in July 15 for the whole US market reaching 10 millions clients in a couple of months. Free tier features more than 13,000 hours of programming, while premium offering will feature more than 20,000 hours.

A.P. Bio (Broadway Video, Sethmaker Shoemeyers Productions and Universal Television) Departure (Starlings Television and Corus Entertainment, produced by Shaftesbury Canada and Greenpoint Productions UK), Five Bedrooms (Hoodlum Entertainment with assistance from Film Victoria. It is cofunded by Sky Studios, Network Ten and Screen Australia) and Hitmen (Tiger Aspect in association with Sky Studios and is distributed by NBCUniversal) are some of the new streaming originals, combined.

Also, a massive movie catalogue like Trolls World Tour and You Should Have Left in 2020, as well as Croods 2, Boss Baby 2 and

**Spirit** in 2021 and live sporting events such us U.S. Open Championship and U.S. Open Women's Championship (Golf), Tour de France, La Vuelta, Premier League and NFL Wild Card Game, Ryder Cup, and the Tokyo and Beijing Olympics and Paralympics.

Peacock offers US consumers a world-class collection of the best live and on demand programming from NBCUniversal, including NBC, Bravo, USA Network, SYFY, Oxygen, E!, CNBC, MSNBC, NBCSN, Golf Channel, Universal Kids, A&E, ABC, CBS, The CW, FOX, History, Nickelodeon, Showtime, Universal Pictures, DreamWorks, Focus Features, Illumination, ViacomCBS, Paramount, Lionsgate, Warner Bros. and Blumhouse.

In addition, the service brings *Peacock Original* movies and TV shows; more than 30 curated channels; current season series and specials from **NBC** and **Telemundo**; live news and sports; as well as daily trending highlights from *TODAY*, *NBC Nightly News*, *Meet the Press*, *Noticias Telemundo*, **MSNBC**, **CNBC**, **NBC Sports**, *E! News* and *Access Hollywood*. All in all it is by far the most diverse programming with scripted and nonscripted, sports and news in a free and paid business models.

Matt Strauss, Chairman of Peacock, comments: 'This is a historic moment for our company as we proudly launched **Peacock** to consumers nationwide. From current, classic and original movies and shows, to live news, sports, curated channels and trending content from around the world, Peacock is the only free, premium ad-supported streaming service that brings together everything consumers love about television and streaming, all in one place'.

**Peacock** offers an ad-supported free tier and an ad-supported premium tier for USD 4.99 a month, serving no more than five minutes of advertising per hour. An ad-free version of the premium tier is also available for USD 9.99 a month. Both tiers features current season hits from **NBC**, timely news, sports and pop culture highlights, and dozens of genre channels including live news from *NBC News Now* and *Sky News*, exclusive curated channels featuring the best Peacock Original series AP Bio and movie Black Boys

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moments from your favorite shows like The Office, Saturday Night Live, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night With Seth Meyers and exclusive genre channels like CNBC Make It, TODAY All Day, CNBC Ka-Ching, American Greed, 80s Mixtape, True Crime, Kiss Me Deadly, Peacock Reality, Out of This World, Caso Cerrado and I Love Jenni, among others.

Popular movies on the free tier include The Bourne Identity, Jurassic Park, American Psycho, The Matrix, The Blair Witch Project, Billy Elliot, In The Name of the Father and Dracula, just to mention a few. And new episodes of NBC's This Is Us and The Blacklist, sample episodes of Peacock Originals, and hundreds of iconic shows including comedies like 30 Rock, dramas Downton Abbey, reality series Million Dollar Listing New York, competition series like Top Chef Masters, kids series including Pac-Man, and Spanishlanguage titles Betty en NY, etc.

New original programming continually debuts on **Peacock**, including Angelyne, Rutherford Falls, Battlestar Galactica, Punky Brewster, Dr. Death, Housewives Mash-up, Saved By the Bell, Five Bedrooms, Lady Parts, Girls5Eva, Who Wrote That, Kids Tonight Show, The Amber Ruffin Show, Armas De Mujer and Caso Cerrado.





Matt Strauss, Chairman of Peacock

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# **Virtual Screenings Autumn + Mipcom 2020 Don't look back**

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At last Mipcom and Natpe Miami, it was said that the global content market was inside a deep transition moment. But then the Pandemic took place, and nothing was as expected, both for conservatives and innovators. Though the Covid-19 restrictions will have an end, the industry has seen a twist in its evolution, and now it is moving itself in a different axis. Let's see what it is about.

Generally, it is said that Pandemic, more than generating new trends, makes emergent processes happen. Who had to go forward in digital transformation, now proceeds about. Who didn't want to, was obliged to do it and now faces its advantages. These apply for most of the economical segments, but show ups & downs at the content business. Due to the production stop, the market has made strong focus this year on finished contents and libraries. Also, free TV enhanced its viewership 30 to 40% in most of the regions.

But at the same time, main OTTs improved their insertion in 40 to 60%. Disney+ in the middle of the Pandemic had a great launch in Europe, while **Amazon**, for the first time, has competed the main stream with Netflix in Latin America. In Asia, local systems blew up, as well as new apps of converged media. The bad news is that both growths -linear and nonlinear TV— took place in a context of maximum restricted budgets, so they couldn't enjoy too much the overcoming.

Obviously, the restrictions haven't been the same through the different regions. In Asia the virus was born but had few effects in most of the territories, while in Europe the hit was violent but in two months and a half, let Governments reopen activities. In America most of the countries set up early guarantines, but due to this suffered very long lockdowns, of 5 months and counting, at the moment of writing this report.

The production side returned slowly. First in Asia, when already in April some ventures could happen with up to 50 people involved.

### GLOBAL MAP OF OTT SUBSCRIBERS/USER - IN MILLIONS (SEPTEMBER 2020)



**Key Facts in the Pandemic** 

Digital Transformation, accelerated

- Focus on finished product and libraries
- Free TV enhanced viewership 30 to 40%
- Main OTTs grew insertion 40 to 60%
- · Cloud shows, the new entertainment format
- · From physical to Digital Events and networking

In Europe the format titans reactivated by late July-August about 5% of their activities, growing progressively since then. But when sprouts of the virus happened, many closed again. Today there is the perception that more than surpassing the virus, people must learn to live with, going forward while health protocols allow it.

New content genres in the Pandemic? In China, Dragon TV was one of the first ones to launch 'Cloud shows', agile formats that can be made through cloud with main roles in different locations. This model has expanded throughout the world, generally making focus on small formats, easy to produce and keeping people safe.

How has been the buyer behavior? As most of big buyers make their buys in advance, they've used what they already have and for extras, they have been very cautious, till the picture clears up. Comparing, Pay TV network buyers have looked for more twists to drive in the Pandemic, due to the OTT growth. Broadcasters could keep quieter with the improved viewership. OTTs continued looking for 'Glocal' product, local but with appeal for the world.

The most damaged sector was the independent producers, who had to deal with the stop

USA VIDEO STREAMING USAGE AND DISTRIBUTION (JULY 2020)



### Source: 2020 Dynata Global Trends Report

of production but continuing paying the stable costs. Many have reduced their structures dramatically and from now, will use outsourcing or temporary recourses.

Other changing factor has been the events. Since March no physical events could take place, so progressively many digital events were launched, some cross to join the industry, and many big players launched their own platforms. This will have big effects for the future, to set up investments or the way people do business. In this picture VIRTUAL SCREE-NINGS, headed by PRENSARIO INTERNATIONAL, was launched in May and

had unique figures: 4000 participants. 101 countries. Now is a premium option for the market to come

### Where we are going

As a brief, the market is in a big mess, but showing a road for the future. All media will go on, but tighter. All must evolve in digital transformation. the li-

# **OTT Giants, during the Pandemic**

- Successful launch Disney in Europe Netflix, more local at any market
- Asia blew up with tech options
- HBO Max and Peakcock, on global launches





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En los últimos Mipcom v Natpe Miami, se decía que el mercado de contenidos estaba en un profundo período de transición. Pero con la pandemia global, ya nada fue como se pensaba, ni para conservadores ni para progresistas. Las restricciones del Covid-19 terminarán algún día, pero la industria ha dado un nuevo giro en su evolución, y ya se mueve en un eje distinto al que tenía. Veamos de qué se trata.

En general, se dice que la pandemia más que generar nuevos tips, lo que hace es acelerar procesos que venían. Quienes debían entrar en transformación digital, se lanzaron a hacerlo. Y guienes no querían, al verse obligados descubrieron sus ventajas. Esto aplica a la mayoría de los sectores económicos, pero tiene dobleces en la industria de contenidos. Con el parate grande de la producción, el mercado volvió a hacer foco en enlatado v librerías. Por otro lado. las TV abiertas aumentaron de 30 a 40% su encendido en casi todas las regiones.

Amazon, stronger in Latin America

• A-VOD: Pluto TV and Tubi, from the USA hit to international

Pero a la vez, se disparó la inserción de los grandes OTT, de 40 a 60%. Disney+ en plena Pandemia tuvo un muy exitoso lanzamiento en Europa, mientras en América Latina Amazon pasó por primera vez a competir mainstream con Netflix. En Asia, se dispararon los sistemas locales y nuevas apps convergentes. Lo malo es que ambos auges —de la TV lineal y la on demand- se dieron en un contexto de máxima restricción de presupuestos, por lo que no se pudo capitalizar demasiado esta superación.

Obviamente, las restricciones no han sido parejas. En Asia nació el virus pero tuvo poco efecto en la mayoría de los territorios. En Europa fue violento pero a los dos meses y medio comenzó a amainar, permitiendo a los gobiernos abrir actividades. Y en América los países se cerraron temprano, pero eso generó aislamientos mucho más largos, de 5 meses o más, que a la hora de escribir estas líneas aún seguían con fronteras cerradas.

La producción volvió de a poco. Primero en Asia, va en abril, con iniciativas que reunieran menos de 50 personas. En Europa los titanes de formatos se reactivaron desde julio-agosto, al 5% del ritmo habitual, para ir creciendo progresivamente. Pero al haber rebrotes en muchas partes se dio marcha atrás, y hoy la sensación más que de superar el virus, es de convivir con él hasta nuevo aviso, avanzando en tanto se cumpla con los protocolos de seguridad.





hybrid linear and on demand model, to gain with the whole. A big change of the Pandemic is that nothing is irreplaceable any more, no events, no brands, no contents, that someone must include for sure to be successful. From now, everything can be fitted within the digital fragmentation. This way, in each

near TV leaders must

turn themselves to a

### ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING INVESTMENT, BY PLATFORMS – IN US BILLIONS (2020)



This way, in each market we can see a

different competence. In many the global OTTs will prevail, but in others, there will be local players (as broadcasters) that can redesign themselves and change the equation, sometimes making alliances with some of the formers. Nothing is written, everything is possible from

# Global buyer behavior, 2020

- No specific Pandemic strategies
- Already bought product and few extras
- Buys for the medium and long term
- Pay TV buyers, more reactive due to OTT growth
- OTT buyers, glocal

### NBCUniversal's Peacock.

In the silence of the pandemic, the

content exclusiveness turned to more radical. **Disney+** for instance, while launches in new territories, is excluding the distribution to third parties of most of its material, except for the one that the group doesn't take — **Disney + Fox**, many big channels— o free TV rights that doesn't consider a competence. In **WarnerMedia** with **HBO Max**, is happening the same, or in

So, there will be more original content in each platform, to make the difference and not to depend on others. Again, nothing is essential from now. And within this, the priority on local





Source: CB Insights/Statista.com

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¿Géneros nuevos en la pandemia? En China **Dragon TV** fue uno de los primeros en lanzar 'Cloud shows', es decir formatos ágiles que se pueden concretar por Internet con los protagonistas en varias locaciones diferentes. Esto se expandió por el mundo, en general haciendo foco en formatos pequeños, que permitieran producir y mantenerse sin demasiada gente.

¿Cómo se han movido los buyers globales? Más pensando en el mediado y largo plazo que en estrategias especiales para la pandemia. Como la mayoría compra con mucho anticipación, usó lo que tenía y para extras se restringió al máximo, hasta que aclare el panorama.

En comparación, los Pay TV networks buscaron más 'vueltas de tuerca' para el momento, ante el avance de los OTT. Los broadcasters, con el aumento del encendido, se quedaron más tranquilos. Los buyers de OTT siguieron buscando contenido 'Global' es decir local per con appeal global.

Las productoras independientes han sido sin duda las más dañadas, al pararse la producción y tener que afrontar los costos fijos. Muchas se redujeron de raíz y desde ahora se moverán tercerizando mucho o con recursos temporales.

Otro factor de cambio han sido los eventos. De marzo para aquí no se pudo realizar ningún encuentro físico, por lo que de a poco se fueron lanzando los eventos online. En el año hay 4-5 grandes cross, mientras muchos players (fuertes) armaron sus propias plataformas. Esto tendrá importante efecto a futuro, en las inversiones de marketing y la forma de promover negocio. En este panorama los VIRTUAL SCREENINGS, creados por PRENSARIO en mayo, lograron cifras únicas: 4000 participantes de 101 países. Hoy son opción premium para lo que viene.

### A dónde vamos

El mercado está 'patas para arriba', en resumen, pero mostrando un camino a futuro. Todos los medios van a seguir coexistiendo, pero más apretados. Todos deben evolucionar en transformación digital, en particular los lineales que están yendo a combinados de TV lineal + on demand, para ganar con el conjunto. Sobre todo, con la pandemia, ya no hay nada imprescindible, como asistir a un mercado top o disponer de un producto major. Desde ahora, todo se acomoda en la fragmentación digital.

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### The glanced future

- All media will go on, but tighter
- All must evolve in digital transformation
- · Linear TV players turns to hybrid linear and on demand models
- Nothing is irreplaceable: no event, no product, no brand
- More content exclusiveness
- More original-local product per platform
- -The 'Studios' model for local big players

years, since last year they began to receive material from big studios and strong advertising support, turning to a great way to move library product, on demand. ViacomCBS' Pluto TV and Tubi had a great success in USA and now during the Pandemic, are expanding themselves to the different regions. Original product is again an arm for them to gain market.

Above all, don't look back. Nothing will continue as in the pre-pandemic scenario, now is different. Many of the appearances of this year will continue, as the virtual events or to move with agile formats, temporary recourses, the zoom calls, the own platforms to reach the market. The geographic barriers are also surpassed, as any event or distributor can be global if goes digital. The players must rethink, redesign their business watching what is new and working, on the new ecosystems that emerge.

content per region will continue growing. The local players (broadcasters, producers) evolve to 'studios' format: to produce for different customers changing business models each time. The problem is that original production is expensive, as **Netflix** is suffering, so big challenges and a lot of rethinking, are to come.

Another new-strong factor is A-VOD. Now yes, is an option to S-VOD. Though A-VOD exists for

### Don't look back

- Geographic barriers more flexible
- Nothing is written, everything may be possible
- Everything can be fitted in the digital fragmentation
- Cloud developments at every step
- · Virtual networking no top
- Agile formats, few people
- Outsourcing, temporary recourses
- Re-think business
- The new ecosystems drive the future

### Virtual Screenings Autumn + Mipcom 2020 -No mires atrás

Así, en cada territorio se puede ver una batalla distinta; en muchos prevalecerán los OTT globales, pero en otros, habrá broadcasters locales que sepan rediseñarse, incluso mediante alianzas con algunos de los primeros. Nada está escrito, todo es posible.

En el silencio de la pandemia, fue tornándose más radical la exclusividad del contenido. Disney+ por ejemplo a medida que se lanza en los territorios, excluve la venta a terceros de la mayoría de su material, salvo lo que no toma el grupo –de **Disney** y **Fox**, muchos canales— o derechos para TV abierta que no considera competencia. WarnerMedia con HBO Max. apunta a lo mismo. O Peacock de NBCUniversal

Entonces, habrá cada vez más contenido original por plataforma, para diferenciarse. Y mucho foco en contenido local para cada región. Así los players locales tienden al formato de 'Estudios', es decir producir para distintos clientes cambiando los modelos de negocio cada vez. El tema es que la producción original es cara, como bien lo sufre Netflix, por lo que hay grandes desafíos y mucho por reinventar de ahora en adelante.

El otro nuevo-fuerte factor que ha entrado en escena son los A-VOD. Ahora sí, son la primera alternativa seria al S-VOD en años de evolución. Si bien existen hace mucho, no recibían material de los estudios ni apoyo publicitario en grande. Ambos temas cambiaron desde el año pasado, con el éxito de Pluto TV de ViacomCBS y Tubi en USA. Son justos para mover catálogo on demand, y apelan también al contenido original. Durante la pandemia, fueron creciendo al mercado internacional.

> Sobre todo, no hay que mirar atrás. Nada de lo que era seguirá igual, sino diferente. Mucho de lo surgido en la pandemia vino para quedarse, como los eventos virtuales, el moverse con formatos ágiles. o recursos temporales. Se rompen también las barreras geográficas, cualquiera puede ser global si es digital. A repensar, rediseñar viendo lo que funciona v lo que prende, con los nuevos ecosistemas que surgen.



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- 2- What type of projects/programs are you looking for?
- **3** Acquisition Territory?

# Facundo Bailez, Head of Acquisitions, NBCUniversal Iberia (Spain)

1- Channels: Calle 13 (Spain): suspense, thriller, procedural Syfy (Spain and Portugal): fantasy, science-fiction 2- Prime Time dramas to premiere in the Territory (8-12 episodes per season). Movies to exhibit as first-window or movies that haven't been widely exploited. With recognizable cast, good script and production values. TV movies and Mini-series already dubbed in Castilian 3- Portugal, Spain

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**Guido Pugnetti,** Head of International Operations and Business Development, Rai Cinema (Italy)

RAI Cinema operates on the international market as the only supplier of scripted product to all of RAI's FTA channels. The Head of International Operations and Business Development works as RAI Cinema's reference for all studios and major US and European distributors, in terms of strategies, planning and scouting. 2- Mainstream drama Germany, Italy, United Kingdom nany, Italy, United Kingdom

# Franca Cerretti, Director Acquisitions, Bell Media (Canada)

1- Acquiring the best programmes for our diverse specialty channels including fiction, lifestyle, documentary and sport 2- I am looking for non-fiction programmes in all genres. 3 -United Kingdom, USA, Canada

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Stéphanie Bremond, Editorial Director, France TV SVOD (France)

1- FTV SVOD edits the SVOD service of France Televisions. Our content value proposition is centered on French and European programmes: fiction, animation, films and docs. 2- We are mainly looking for European drama & French and European films. 3- Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

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Ross Crowley, Director of Content, Foxtel (Australia)

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**Marcelo Liberini,** VP Digital, Caracol TV (Colombia) nain National Free TV Statio

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**Gimend Arensburg,** Programming Director Odisea/Odisseia, AMC Networks Southern Europe (Spain)

# Volker Lehmann, VP Acquisitions and Coproductions ZDF (Germany)

1- ZDF Enterprises has set itself the task of providing outstanding service to both external clients and partners, as well as its internal clients at ZDF. This comprises: comprehensive and exclusive utilisation of all ZDF rights management of programme purchases and Commissioners implementation of special projects (such as the ZDF Shop). 2- We are looking for high quality programmes which meet the requirements of ZDF and its affiliated channels. Also these programmes should attract new audiences, a crucial challenge in times of deep change in audience demographics. 3- Austria, Belgium, Danmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Canada, U.S.A

Patrick Hoareau, Head of TV Programmes, SBC (Seychelles)

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- Original drama with strong underlying story, recognizable talent or such production execution recognizable talent or such production execution that it overrides less well known content and talent. and it overnoes less were known ee 3- United Kingdom, Australia, USA foxtel

# Alena Blahosova, Head of Acquisitions, Czech TV

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# Willard Tressel, General Manager OnDirecTV/ DirecTV Latin America **JIRECTV**

1- Acquire and produce content for DIRECTV Latin America's exclusive entertainment channel, OnDIRECTV. 2- Series (drama/fiction), docs, concerts, events. 3- United Kingdom, Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

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# Sylvie Jason, head of acquisition, RTBF (Belgium)

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# VP Content, HOT Channel 8 (Israel) Edit Pinkas.

1- Channel 8 is the leading documentary channel n Israel, broadcasted exclusively on HOT platform which holds more than 65% of Israeli TV subscribers, giving the channel an important advantage in bigger exposure. The channel has been managed by HSCC since January 2013, focusing on original Israeli documentary content along with successful international series and movies acquired from well-known distributors. 2- Factual/documentary programming related to human interest, science, history, music, art, popular culture, feature length doc's, society and current affairs. 3- United Kingdom, Israel



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# **.J. (Tae Jeong) Kim,** resident, United Media (Korea

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The recovery of the European audiovisual industry went through various stages, depending on the effects of Covid-19 in each market. While Nordics countries or Turkey did not stop producing, Italy, France and the UK have re-entered into production in late June/July, as well as some CEE countries as Czech Republic, Russia and Poland. 

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Throughout the world, associations and producers have prepared and presented a significant number of proposals for health and biosafety protocols to shoot during the Covid-19 crisis. In Europe, both the **European Association of Audiovisual Production** (CEPI) and the **European Producers Club** (EPC) have developed documents in this regard, some of which have already been implemented, although both entities seek to go beyond Covid-19 and rethink to the audiovisual industry of the future.

European producers analysed the level of damage of the pandemic on its industry, and above all are in permanent contact with organizations at the local and pan-European level to alleviate the crisis: 'We want solutions to arrive soon but above all to be easy and accessible for the producers. We are working on this with the European Union', remarked **Elena Lai**, CEPI General Secretary, during a panel organized by the MIA market in June.

> MIA|Audiovisual International Market is the Italian event to take place both physically in Distretto Barberini,

Rome, and digitally, on October 14-18. It is the result of the consolidated joint venture between **Associazione Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche Audiovisive Multimediali** (ANICA) and **Associazione dei Produttori Audiovisivi** (APA), and it has transformed as the key event of the entire Italian cine-audio-visual system, and the most effective tool for boosting the exporting of products, co-productions and business ties at an international level.

The sixth edition is held in a protected and COVID-proof environment, thanks to protocols enabling full national and international participation at every event, with every necessary public health precaution in place. On-site activities are being further enhanced and integrated by online activities thanks to a new and important instrument: the *MIA Digital*. An online user-friendly platform, easy to browse, allowing exclusive and live direct access to thousands of users, from every device and operative system, the digital use of every activity and every service of the Market and the possibility to access a vast catalogue of totally brand-new multimedia content.

Since its first edition, MIA has grown nearly twofold in terms of attendance and number of contents presented (+84% since 2015), since 2017 accredited opera-

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Rola Bauer, President of International Television Productions at MGM

Kristin Jones, EVP International Programming and Programming Innovation at AMC Networks tors have increased by 35%, since 2018 by 20%. In the 2019 edition attendance was 2,600 in Palazzo Barberini in 4 market days, 44% of whom was international; 4,295 were on our panels, at screenings, pitching forums and content showcases, of whom 44% international.

**Lucia Milazzotto**, director: 'MIA's flexible format has always been the key of its success. This year, even more, our flexibility allows us to offer an upgraded and safe experience to our delegates: a layered and integrated market environment, both on-site and online, where key



Mina Larocca

ANICA' General Manager

'The crisis is drawing new scenarios and consumption patterns. For MIA our intuition was to immediately invest in technology and build the innovative platform of MIADIGITAL, which will not only serve producers and distributors to continue doing business, but also to support a strong international community and network until the end of the emergency'.



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Simone Emmelius, SVP International Co-productions and Acquisitions of the German public broadcaster ZDF

2018

Nathalie Biancolli, EVP Director of international fiction Acquisitions and Coproductions at France Télévisions

Daniele Cesarano, Head of Drama at Mediaset Italy

industry players can go back

to meetings and business. The latest months have been disruptive and opportunities to meet are vital in order to have content and ideas circulate worldwide and strengthen bridges, within Europe and internationally'.

MIA Drama is one of the three divisions featuring tailored activities designed to find the right partners for new high-end scripted contents, to be produced on an international level. Led by **Gaia Tridente**, the section is working closely to the industry to be nimble, innovative, and supportive as we all adjust to this new workflow, considering what has become a very challenging year.

The Drama Advisory Board has been renewed and is made of a selected group of industry professionals and ensure that content is up-to-theminute, highly relevant and engaging: 'My work **Italia**; and **Walter Iuzzolino**, **Eagle Eye Drama**. The Advisory members would be part of the Executive Committee, responsible for the evaluation of the projects shortlisted for the "Drama Pitching Forum", and would join the brand-new *Drama Buyers Club*, an exclusive circle of industry leaders designed to support the Italian TV industry and strengthen the global community in light of what has

Kevin Beggs, Chairman and Chief Content Integration Officer of the Lionsgate

Television Group

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Kate Barnes, SVP Global Content & Scripted at ITV Global Studios Global Entertainment



Ignacio Corrales, Managing Director of the newly created JV of Telefónica and Atresmedia, Buendía Estudios Francoise Guyonnet, Executive Managing Director TV Series at Studiocanal



'Italian audiovisual production has been characterized by a long wave of growth and a significant increase of international co-productions. It is a very positive trends which will have to deal with the Covid emergency'.

has been mainly focused on keeping growing the engagement of the US and international players and opening the drama boundaries, featuring an exclusive lineup of speakers – that will be revealed by mid-September - and founding a selected circle of industry professionals, made by the industry for the industry', remarks **Tridente**.

This year' Drama Board includes Erik Barmack, Wild Sheep Content; Kate Barnes, ITV Global Studios; Rola Bauer, MGM; Ignacio Corrales, Buendía Estudios; David Davoli, Bron Studios; Simone Emmelius, ZDF; Francoise Guyonnet, Studiocanal; Davide Nardini, Amazon Studios; Nancy Cotton, EPIX; Kevin Beggs,

Lionsgate Television Group; Robert Franke, ZDF Enterprises; Ted Miller, Creative Artists Agency (CAA); Kristin Jones, AMC Networks; Daniele Cesarano, Mediaset Italy; Nathalie Biancolli, France Télévisions; Sean Furst, Skybound; David Ellender, Sonar; Michael Ellenberg, Media Res; Nicola Maccanico, Sky Italia; and Walter Iuzzolino, Eagle Eye Drabecome a very challenging year. MIA Drama is founded on two talent schemes, the "Pitching Forum" and GREENLit the key *glossy* event in the Drama Division of MIA, returning in 2020 with new Italian scripted contents with a strong international appeal. Both are conceived to support and promote the best new contents coming from new and diverse talent in the industry.

MIA Drama programme will be tailored with an exclusive line-up of conferences with leading names. An A-list of top key players and talents will be protagonist of the panels and keynotes line-up live from Rome and streamed on MIA Digital, which will be at disposal for all MIA 2020 industry digital and physical attendees. Diversity and inclusion are the key to meaningful discussions. MIA is working to ensure that all sessions represent diverse viewpoints and aims to achieve a balance across gender, geography and experience in all conferences and sessions of the Drama Division.



Source: European Audiovisual Observatory analysis of WARC Data



# **Rendez-Vous 2020:** The challenge of going virtual maintaining the efficiency

TV France International, the trade association which promotes French TV programs worldwide, celebrated its annual Rendez-Vous edition for the first time in 26 years 100% virtually, due the pandemic.

'We have adapted to the restrictions made necessary by current circumstance and tried never to lose sight of our objective: maintaining the recognized efficiency of this 1st market of the season, the only one entirely dedicated to French audiovisual programmes, while keeping its spirit of conviviality, even if we do not have the pleasure of actually physically being together', commented Hervé Michel & Sarah Hémar, President and Executive Director of TV France International, about the event that this year was fully supported by TVFI's service, Screenopsis which also included a showcase during the event. At the same time, the digital interface was combined with a pop-up studio on the Paris rooftops, where took place live discussions and TVFI hosted a programme of exclusive video and animated contents which even can reseen, with a 'dynamic approach by speakers and video topics', according to the executives.

'This has led us to revisit our flagship event by combining the agility of a dedicated digital platform and a pop-up broadcasting studio, a forum for live exchanges. In this we are accompanied by **Publicis Live** agency and supported by our main partners: the **Centre national du ci**néma et de l'image animée (CNC), the Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères, and The Procirep', added.



In addition to its renovate market, the event included a rebranding of its logo, and counted on the first day with more than 350 from 64 countries, almost 1/3 more than in 2019; over 500 content titles, and more than 100 exporters

attending digitally. Among the buyers and decid-

ers registered for the 26th edition of the event it stands ZDF (Germany), RTBF and VRT (Belgium), TG4 (Ireland), RAI (Italy), RTS and RSI (Switzerland), all the Scandinavian public broadcasters, NHK (Japan), Radio-Canada, TRT (Turkey), VTV (Vietnam), and Canal Encuentro in Argentina, among several others.

Since 2004. Rendez-Vous celebrated the best content ready made from the principal producer and creators from France, recognizing the professionalism and know-how of French audiovisual programme exporters in animation. documentary and fiction genre with **TV France** International Export Awards.

As for animation, Mediatoon Distribution was recognized for The Fox-Badger Family, based on the award-winning comic book of the same name, published by Dargaud. The series airs in France on the broadcaster France Télévisions and has been sold around the world.

While among documentaries, The Party Film Sales (ex. Doc & Film International) won in the category for Cinema through the Eve of Magnum. The documentary was commissioned by Arte and portrays the work of photojournalists at the iconic Magnum agen-

cy through 70 years during which they observed the world of cinema

Last but not least, Federation Entertainment was recognized for its series Le Bureau, which was already sold to more than 112 territories and broadcasted by Canal Plus locally. In addition, dur-

ing the last day, CNC and Ampere Analysis provided a report on 🚺 LE RENDEZ VOUS

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presented on the report highlights that US networks and Netflix dominate the international commissioning land-

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scape, but several European public broadcasters are in the top 15, mostly for commissioning documentaries, positioned it to France Television as eighth on the list.

Regarding international content, more than 3200 TV titles are available in France, even the market is located just behind other major European markets. 488 French programs are available on at least one SVOD plaform (outside France), and French production is ahead Spanish production (224 titles available outside Spain) and Italian production (151 titles), but far behind the UK (2,809 titles).

As for availability of the French content across the world, its titles account for 1.1 % of the total catalogue of TV titles available on SVOD outside France, this markets is therefore the 7th country of production most represented internationally.





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# **Barça Studios:** Revolutionizing the fan experience

Besides of being one of the top football teams worldwide, **FC Barcelona** (Spain) has been growing outside the field during the last 20 years, producing audiovisual content for its own channels, first on the linear television channel, then for social media, where it accumulates more than 360 million followers around the world, over 1.4 billion interactions in 2019, and more recently on the global streaming channel **Barça TV+**. 'We thus decided to unify all of this production under the same roof, and also use it to create new original contents and formats for other third-party channels', explanis **Paco Latorre**, director of the **Barça Studios**.

'There are two studios at the site, where different programmes and panel shows are recorded about Barça affairs, to be shown on Barça TV and Barça TV+, as well as six editing rooms, twelve postproduction rooms, four audio rooms, eight commentary booths and a color grading room that can be used for 4K postproduction, as was the case with *Matchday*. Additionally, there are more than 200 square meters of production offices, Barça TV newsrooms and meeting rooms',



Matchday, documentary series that follows the first team players throughout the 2018/19 season

adds Latorre and highlights that, since it was set up, the strategy has been to produce quality content in different formats that have engendered different projects, some of which are already available and others that are currently in the production process.

The former include *Matchday*, the Barça documentary series that follows the first team players throughout the 2018/19 season and that went down very well among the audience, and *The Awakening*, an emotional film about human sentiments and relationships.

Regarding Barca TV+, the digital service released June 3 with more than 1,000 hours of content and 3,000 100% Barça videos via the Club website and app, and in three languages -Catalan, Spanish and English-, the executive remarks the reception by the public in just a couple of months, with highs expectative for the future. 'We shall continue to work on the creation of new contents, such as special behind the scenes features, games, and other content related with our players, as well as on new originals', adds Latorre and recommends series and documentaries only available on Barça TV+ such as Ready! Antoine Griezmann's Challenges, in which the first team striker challenges his fellow sportspeople from around the world with surprise activities, and Origins, which takes an unprecedentedly intimate look at the players' backgrounds in the form of personal interviews and testimonies from friends and family.

'This section also includes a series called *Discovering Barcelona*, in which the players show us around their favorite places in the city, while *What's next?* features different Barça legends telling viewers what they have been doing since retiring from professional football. The Barça women's team also has its own series called

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- +360 million followers around the world in Social media
- + 1.4 billion interactions in social media in 2019
- + 1,000 hours of content available in the streaming service BarçaTV+
- +3,000 100% Barça videos, including series, documentaries, movies, behind the scenes, videos connected to players and matches, and others

Paco Latorre, director of Barça Studios

Dare to Play, while The Album looks back at the experiences of players that already form part of Club history, and Talent Explorers is our first cartoon series, now in pre-production and inspired by La Masia, our sports academy that has set new standards worldwide', he adds.

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As for the geographic areas where Barça TV+ has had the greatest penetration according the executive, Spain one of the most important markets, followed by the United States. In Latin America, Mexico is the country where the service is getting the biggest following, while in Asia are India and Japan. 'Because of the technical complexities involved in such a country as China, Barça TV+ is not yet available there but we are looking into ways of getting into that market through a local partner, as we have done with our website and social media channels', says Latorre.

And he completes: 'From our leading position, Barça is working to revolutionize the experience for its fans around the world by developing its digital strategy, in which a key factor is boosting engagement with its followers and connecting with new audiences around the world by creating unique experiences. And this is where entertainment content, and especially audiovisual content, plays an essential role, as it is these that best transmit emotions in a universal, meaningful way'.



Talent Explorers is the first cartoon series developed for **Barça TV**, now in pre-production



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# Star TV: Cooperation to face adversity

**Star TV** (Turkey) is not only one of the first private channels, but it has been a trendsetter in the sector for a long time. As part of Doğus Media Group and during the pandemic, the broadcaster started to work more closely with other Group's channels such as the news service **NTV** and digital platform **Puhu TV** to create new projects. 'We have named that group as *Dogus Media Lab*, and we are discovering more and helping each other', describes Sebnem Aksoy Acıkalin, Drama Director, Star TV, and highlights the success of the development of super series such as *Phi* and International Emmy Award Winner Persona.

According to Sebnem, while the coronavirus has hit the media and entertainment sector, some new initiatives were seen, like the one released by actors of the sitcom Jet Sosyete, which produced a special episode for the digital platform Puhu TV, shot from their own houses during the self-isolation period. 'We've observed that the audience would like to see more positive projects and they want to watch feel good contents, action and light-hearted movies', says the executive and highlights the good results of entertainment shows like Survivor during the lockdown, but clarifying; 'The audience missed the dramas as well'.

Even when Star TV's strategy during the

lockdown was aimed to broadcast archive programs, foreign shows and Turkish movies as a consequence of the stop of all the sets and productions, the company is now back and focused on the upcoming season, with new releases of titles like The Ambassador's Daughter and The Choice. 'We have one new comedy: the adaptation of Netfilix's French TV series Call My Agent; a new drama called İyi Günde Kötü Günde (English title is not ready yet) and focused on a girl who, after 5 years of being abandoned by his ex-boyfriend during their wed-

ding, decides to become a wedding organizer and she finds herself in a difficult situation to make the organization of her ex's wedding, and Evermore's star Özcan Deniz's new drama project Seni Çok Bekledim', she adds.

'The sets are returning slowly to the new normal. They are extremely cautious about the Covid-19 in the sets. We don't get any audience in our shows anymore and we've categorized the production crew in three sections. If it is not necessary, crew members never enter to the other sections in the production. Before the shooting, all the crew members and the actors are having a PCR test, and if the results are negative, they could join to the production', remarks Sebnem



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will continue to work closely with our owner company Doğus's other assets and values. We will develop more projects with Puhu TV and hopefully these coproductions will carry us to the position that we all would like to be in the new digital era'.



lyi Günde Kötü Günde is a new drama that follows a wedding organizer that finds herself in a difficult situation to make the organization of the one that abandoned her

And completes regarding the future: 'We



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Menajerimi Ara will be the first adaptation of Netflix's French TV series Call My Agent



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# **NTV** positions Russian content abroad

NTV Broadcasting Company is one of Russian biggest broadcaster and one of the top content producers domestically and abroad. The channel shows are rating leaders in the competitive Russian TV market and are also available worldwide on the biggest streaming services such us Netflix, BiliBili and Amazon Prime

The company has a content library of over 25,500 hours with 8,500 hours of actionpacked TV shows. 'We target a wide circle of 18+ audience, so anyone can enjoy our content. As one of the biggest TV channels in Russia, we really do care about the quality of our content: we invest in our scripts, actors, directors and props', underlines **Timur** Weinstein, General Producer.

'During Covid-19, we had to reinvent some of the processes due to the new measures and limitations. We put our production routine under strict disease control and found ways to keep producing the same amounts of original content. 30% of NTV broadcasting consists of premiere shows and films. so we're doing our best to maintain that proportion because we understand that now our audience needs entertainment content and quality TV shows more than ever'.

'During the lockdown, all the filmings were suspended. However, it couldn't stop us, we



Action-packed drama Wolf Trap and entertainment show Secret for a Million

still had plenty of work to do: we were editing the footage at hand and working on the screenplays for new projects. We reorganized the production processes of our shows and decided to hold up on live audience. In some fields, we explored well-known technologies like virtual studios on a new level. Many live interviews moved to online platforms', he added.

Ad market is going through tough times because of the Covid-19. But according to Weinstein NTV has experienced 'positive' changes: 'Firstly, we have managed to cut expenses as well as minimize the production costs without compromising on quality. Secondly, we have started employing new technology more eagerly. We have more digital opportunities now'.

'Viewers are searching for alternative platforms to consume media content. NTV is Russia's first TV channel to release both TV and online versions of the same series. Actionpacked drama *Caged* was first released on the popular streaming service **Start**. The TV premiere followed shortly after. The series made it to the top 5 most viewed projects on the platform. Before it premiered on NTV, we had handed the comedy-action series Escapade to catch forward over to Okko'.

The company is fully focused on it international expansion: crime series Wolf Trap premiered online during the MIPTV Drama Buyers Summit as the only Russian project selected. In June, it presented two more projects at the first international online market of Russian media content Key Buyers Event: digital edition - dramedy Reluctant Hero and action-packed crime series Flashpoint that did really well on

the channel, and now is taking place of Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 with Wolf Trap and Nobel Detective.

The 12-episode screen version of the novel The Road to Cavalry by Aleksey Tolstoy is available on Netflix. while the drama Aria of the Doomed was added



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to the Arab streamer **TenTime**. Secret for a *million* is channel's weekly provocative show where famous actors, musicians and politicians sell their secrets for a cash award. It is the #1 weekend entertaining show in Russia with over 200 million views on the Internet. The format was optioned by **ARB** (Azerbaijan) with the adaptation coming this fall. By 2021, the show will air in three countries.

'Last year our product sales doubled: we sold over 1,000 hours of content to Baltic countries. LTV7 (Latvia) recently aired Mukhtar, New Footprint and the first two seasons of Dr. Driver. Mukhtar's viewership share reached 10.6%, Dr. Driver's 12.7%. Miracle of the Holy Flame has been aired for 17 years: for seven years **BNT** (Bulgaria) has been purchasing the right to re-broadcast the ceremony. A Bulgarian foreign content distributor Tandem bought rights to the shows Retribution, Escapade and Trucker mini-series

In 2H 2020 we will pursue the active promotion of the existing NTV content in Asia, Latin America, CEE, MENA. Asian audience is already familiar with Schubert series (BiliBili) and The Road to Calvary (Netflix). Vietnam will see the action-packed drama Countdown (Arait Multimedia has purchased the broadcasting rights) and TenTime subscribers can watch historical drama Aria of the Doomedbbeab.

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# **Infinity Hill:** 'The pandemic confirmed that the content industry is recession-proof'



The Covid-19 conditioned the activity of the audiovisual producers, but did not stop them. Axel Kuschevatzky (Los Angeles). Phin Glvnn (London) and Cindy Teperman (Buenos Aires) Infinity Hill bursted onto the global scene with the series Staged for the BBC.

Kuschevatzky and Teperman defined the company launched in November 2019 as a 'diverse and eclectic' society, which allows it to have 'complementary' views from different geographical locations. Infinity Hill had a good part of its line-up ready to go ahead in 2020 and, although the Covid-19 stopped its production plans, its growing ambition did not. 'Like the rest of the universe, we recalculated dates and strategies to resume filming. We have a dozen projects in different stages, waiting for protocols to be established'.

It has finished Doorman, an action film starring Ruby Rose and Jean Reno, Nasha Natasha, a world premiered documentary on **Netflix** about an incredible tour of Uruguay's actress and sin-

> ger Natalia Oreiro in Russia and its first TV series. Staged, which led the

Staged was a big success on BBC One and immediatelly gained

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Nasha Natasha, a documentary for international recognition Netflix about a Natalia Oreiro tour in Russia

first BBC One'. note the executives.

'We were seduced by the idea of being flexible and adaptive: a TV series with Michael Sheen and David Tennant. a film in Mexico with **Rob Schneider**. a feature film in Cambodia with **Alex Pettyfer**, a feature film in Venezuela and a film in Argentina with **Ricardo Darin**. We deeply believe in the coexistence of absolutely different projects and we feel that it is a plus that is not traditionally seen in the market, where companies tend to be more rigid. We are multicultural and we love diversity'.

The global impact of *Staged* was given by the screen that chose to broadcast it, but also by offering a simple concept. 'We were all locked up, frustrated and Phin proposed to make a series that could be recorded with cell phones and Zoom. He raised it with Simon Evans, a British theatre director with whom we have been working. A very simple premise was developed: a short series about a director trying to rehearse a play online during the pandemic', explain the renowned Argentine producer.

Teperman added that BBC took over the project immediately and a month later we were on the air: 'The repercussion was so strong that two weeks after the season ended, the network began to repeat it again, with more than two and a half million viewers per episode and incredible reviews in all the British media', she stands.

About the synergies of cinema and TV, the executives consider: 'It is not true that they functioned as separate entities. The stories mark the game. Some of them work better on TV over multiple episodes, and others that benefit from on the "big screen" and last only two hours. Then, the most important thing is the talent to narrate and that is not tied to any specific platform'.

> What should we expect in the future? 'Pandemic confirmed that the content industry s recession-proof and at the same time accelerated the place of streamers. But it also showed a mature market: the audience chooses very well what to consume. The crisis is a transition and not everything that worked in the pandemic will necessarily work afterwards. The industry is going though an extraordinary era that will surely continue to surprise us', conclude Teperman and Kuschevatzky.

# **BBC Three:**

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We Are Who We Are

Sue Deeks, Head of Programme Acquisition, BBC

BBC

Academy Award-nominated director Luca Guadagnithree no brought his unique cinematic style to TV for the first time in We Are Who We Are, an eight-part limited series that has been acquired for BBC Three from Fremantle

An HBO-SKY series, produced by Lorenzo Mieli for The Apartment and by Mario Gianani for Wildside (Fremantle companies)

Forward, We Are Who We Are tells the story of two American kids who live on a U.S. military base in Italy. exploring friendship, first-

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identity. We Are Who We Are and immerses the

audience in all the messy exhilaration and anguish of being a teenager. Sue Deeks, Head of Programme Acquisition, BBC, says: 'We are so delighted that this beautifully observed drama will be enjoyed by our viewers. It really is very special'.



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# Joyn: 'Our focus is on our users and ourselves'

lovn GmbH. the joint venture streamer of ProSiebenSat.1 and Discovery launched in May 2019, has completed a full year in the German market offering a complete service of linear TV channels and content library of both, acquisitions and originals. But besides content, the platform headed by the managing directors Katja Hofem, Dr. Jochen Cassel and Tassilo **Raesig** has plans to launch in Austria. Thomas Münzner, Director Content Acquisi-

tion & Original Production, explains to PRENSA-RIO: 'We have built a premium platform, consistently expanded it and are now a well-known brand in the German streaming market. With over ten million app downloads and up to 3.9 million monthly unique users after only one year, we are absolutely on track. We offer 60 free-TV stations in live stream and as a media library, bundling the content of the free-TV stations of ProSiebenSat.1 and Discovery as well as 15 other content partners on one platform and one app'.

'Users can play content free of charge and without registration on iOS and Android devices as well as on the web and via smart TVs. The goal is to create a comprehensive German OTT platform of cross-channel content. An important step was the launch of **PLUS+** by the end of 2019, a premium offer that includes additional live TV channels in HD plus Pay TV channels, originals and exclusive content as well as the latest films and series. Additional features and content will be added continuously. including exclusive sports content'

For Joyn it's important to have a mix of local Original and acquired content, says Münzner. 'Today the access to global stories is omnipre-



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sent. At the same time, there is a growing need to refer to content that conveys a sense of belonging. With our local Originals we aim high: We want to lead discussions, address new topics, discover new talents and be different in many ways. But we also bring new exclusive and on-demand content to our platform so that more content can be seen always with our community in mind, what they would like to see at Joyn. We will continuously add new partners to our platform to offer an even greater variety of content', he completes.

Regarding the audience, he remarks: 'In the beginning, jerks. was an absolute driving force. Little by little our users discovered our originals such as Frau Jordan stellt gleich, Check Check or M.O.M. Also classics like Grey's Anatomy, which are always in demand, as well as exclusive like the Dutch answer to 4 Blocks, Mocro Maffia that were also very well received by our users. Season 2 will be released later this year. In general it helps us to listen to the voices and recommendations of our Joyn community and to take them into account when buying or developing content'.

'Our focus is on our users and ourselves. We want to create the #1 platform where people can find their favorite TV shows, series and movies, all combined in one place, easy and convenient to use. This combination of content offering with originals, Free TV channels and catch ups libraries plus a tailored premium offering with more originals, HD and pay TV channels, acquired movies and series is unique and outstanding in the German market'.

Joyn invites users to give us feedback and join the "lovn Community". Münzner adds: 'We want to create a user-friendly product with a pleasant viewer experience. To achieve this, we are still in constant exchange with our community and corresponding feedback flows continuously into the further development of the app. Thus we were able to implement the first user feedback in September 2019 and made it available on Google Chromecast. New features such as personalized recommendations or original language, which our users have requested, will follow in the course of the year'.

'Already during the content acquisition or development phase, we keep an eye out for potential partners. For example, we were able to win **rbb** as a partner for MAPA. With **Blackout** 



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cooperation with W&B Television and SAT.1, based on Marc Elsberg's million-dollar bestseller of the same name. Moritz Bleibtreu has been signed on as the leading actor for the thriller series. Shooting will start in early autumn 2020', concludes Münzner.



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### JOYN MILESTONES

June 2019: ProSiebenSat.1 and Discovery officially launched Joyn on the German market as an aggregator platform offering live TV, broad media library with catch-up and preview content, and first own originals like the third season of the successful format Jerks

November 2019: With Joyn PLUS+ users can now stream even more exclusive content the best movies and series as well as ever more live TV in HD

December 2019: Joyn launches its own primetime channel for American film and series highlights. Joyn PLUS+ original Dignity, a coproduction with Chile, tells the story of the infamous Colognia Dignidad

March 2020: In the context of the Corona crisis Joyn produces the format Join me @ home together with Studio71 GmbH June 2020: Joyn expands partnership with Viacom



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# **The GAS television** market: resilience and growth



## With about 50 million television households and a population of close to 100 million the German speaking European region including Germany. Austria and parts of Switzerland, the so-called GAS territory is the second largest worldwide in terms of turnover. next to the US TV market.

With around 38 million households the German TV market is by far the largest of the three GAS markets in terms of audience acceptance and advertising sales, and in fact one of the leading in the world in terms production volumes, diversity, quality and robustness.

Overall, Germans, 14 years and plus, spend an estimated record of 5 hours and 10 minutes a day watching moving images. The majority of this is accounted for by daily television viewing time (age 3+) of 221 minutes per day in 2019. According to the Media Activity Guide 2019 the remaining moving image usage is another 86 minutes. of which 47 minutes are spent for mobile and online video.

### **GERMAN MARKET AT A GLANCE**

Daily reach of television marks a record of 51 million viewers or nearly 70 percent of the population in Germany

Total daily viewing time reaches 5 hours and 10 min. with time spent on television. streaming and online and mobile video content

First half of 2020: On average 17 million Pay TV users and more than 13 million SVoD consumers in Germany

Pay TV & paid video on demand revenues total EUR 4.5 billion in 2019 in the GAS region compared to EUR 4.0 billion in 2018

### **The German TV Market**

Television remains the most-used medium in Germany: according to AGF Video **Research**, television programs reach 51 million viewers daily (from 3 years of age), or 67.2 percent of the total population. Within a two-week period, television even reaches 91.5 percent of the population (widest circle of viewers) and thus almost every person in Germany.

In 2019 the number of licensed television channels in Germany totaled 442, of which 421 were commercial and 21 public channels.

The strength of the German marketing is characterized by tremendously attractive content and channel offerings. According to the **Commission on Concentration in the** Media (KEK), the 421 private TV channels comprise 256 nationwide private and teleshopping channels as well as 165 nationwide, regional and local TV channels.

By the end 2019, the number of Germanlanguage, nationwide private TV stations in Germany consisted of 12 general interest programs, 80 special interest free TV stations, 108 pay TV programs, and 21 teleshopping programs.

The Pay TV and paid VoD market in Ger-



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many is more diverse than ever before and the demand of Germans for high-quality moving image content continues to grow even during the Corona crisis. Measures to contain the pandemic pose particular challenges for producers, broadcasters and providers alike but also give way to new creativity.

The number of pay TV subscribers rose to 8 million last year (2018: 7.8 million) and the pay TV programs researched by AGF reached an average reach of 16.4 million pay TV viewers per month in 2019, an average of 400.000 more than in 2018.

In the first half of 2020, there were already an average of 17.1 million pay-TV viewers. and in March 2020, this figure had risen to

GERMANY: AVERAGE DAILY TV VIEWING TIME - IN MINUTES (1997-2019) Source: AGF and Statista

18.3 million. The number of SVoD consumers in the fourth guarter of 2019 was 13.4 million (Q4 2018: 6.9 million). Revenues from pay TV and paid video on demand in the entire DACH region rose to an impressive EUR 4.5 billion in 2019 (2018: EUR 4 billion).

According to VAUNET (Video, Audio, Net), the German association of private broadcasters, total revenues in Germany in 2019 were approximately EUR 3.9 billion (2018: approximately EUR 3.5 billion), including pay TV with a revenue volume of around EUR 2.4 billion (2018: EUR 2.3 billion), followed by subscription video-on-demand (SVoD) with approximately EUR 1.2 billion (2018: EUR 1.1 billion).

### Future

The German and GAS TV and video markets are highly dynamic ones and characterized by a vast number of upheavals and evolutions in the field of regulatory issues. digitalization, new market offerings (e.g. national and global streaming services) and transitions, and needless to say disruptions and forthcoming technological advances such as with 5G and AI which are enabling ever more flexible and mobile consumption of media content.

Even though consumer expectations and viewing habits are changing rapidly in the age of VoD and mobile media consumption - which will continue to grow at impressive rates in the next few years - research maintains that traditional, linear television will continue to show its resilience in the coming years. This will be the case especially in the area of popular live content such as shows, sports and major events. TV and



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Source: AGF Video Research

video advertising will adapt accordingly - as they always successfully have in the past - to new formats and relying more and more on the personalization of advertising content, e.g. Smart

The challenges posed by Covid-19 is still marked by a number of imponderables, however, it is very certain that the future of television and video markets in Germany and in the whole of the GAS region remain to be promising in the medium and long term view whe-

re most undoubtedly the winner will be the viewer.



Tatort Spieglein, Spieglein, a top crime series with 14 million viewers (Credit: WDR / Thomas Kost) and the movie Das Perfekte Geheimnis (The Perfect Secret) with 5 millions theatree goes stored by Flyes (Credit: WUK / Thomas Kost) and the movie Das Penekte Generinins (The Perfect Secret) with 5 millions theatres-goers starred by Elyas M'Barek from Constantin Film AG (credit: Constantin Film AG)

# GERMANY: DEVELOPMENT OF PAID VOD GROWTH (Q1 17-Q1 20, %).

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# Latin America, the next **battleground for OTTs**

The battle of the digital Titans has already begun, and the battlefield is starting to get defined, with Latin America as center of the dispute.

In addition to the expansion of Netflix and Amazon in the region, the launch of Disney+ in November, the confirmation of the arrival of **HBO Max** and **ViacomCBS**'s service in 2021. and the beginning of local premium productions of players such as Starz Play or Pantaya (Lionsgate) have accelerated the race to achieve the potential subscribers. Because the offer is wide, but estimates from specialists indicate that customers would be willing to purchase up to 4 services.

### Preparing the field

According to a report from Digital TV Research, there will be a boom in for the Latin American SVOD market, with the number of customers set to more than double between the end of 2019 and 2025 to 100.35

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### Source: OMDIA

Latin America SVOD Forecasts report highlights that Brazil will remain the market leader, with 36 million SVOD subscriptions forecast by 2025 (+20 million vs. 2019), while Mexico will have 28 million gross SVOD subs by 2025 (+16 million vs. 2019).

Company-wise, Latin America is set to experience a wave of US-based platform launches over the next year. Digital TV Research noted that despite the extra competition (**Disney+**, Hulu, HBO Max and ViacomCBS), Netflix will likely continue to grow but its dominance is set for decline. The Latin America SVOD Forecasts report predicts that Netflix will have 47.4 million subscriptions by 2025, up from 31.4 million in 2019. Disney+ is expected to grow rapidly following its November 2020 launch, with 25 million subs by 2025.

In terms of quantity of streaming services, a Kantar IBOPE Media's survey highlights that 44% of people subscribe to two services (which can be paid or free). 18% to three and 7% to four. The youngest are the most likely to subscribe to a paid system, while 15% do not subscribe to any platform with the elderly in the lead.

# Disney+ will be launched in Latin America on November 17th with strong titles like The Mandalorian The Digital Studios

Since the arrival of Netflix to the industry.

most of the traditional players have had to be reconverted, and Studios are no exception. From Lionsgate to Universal, Disney and ViacomCBS, no one wants to be left out.

In the case of **Disney+**, its launch in Latin America was confirmed on November 17. with an important slate of original series and films from some of its main brands such as Marvel, Pixar. LucasFilms and Fox. while Warner Bros. seems to follow the same strategy with DC Entertainment, HBO Originals and WarnerMedia's channels content. Among the hot and most expected titles is House of the Dragon, spin off of the multi-awarded Game of Thrones.

Lionsgate's Starz Play is already available in Brazil with its catalog of hits such as the period series The Great, starring Elle Fanning and Nicholas Hoult, P-Valley, and Power Book II: Ghos, and recently announced the production of its firsts Latin originals: Señorita México (Fabula and Fremantle) and Toda la sanare (Pantava. Spiral International and Fremantle Mexico). 'As Starz continues to expand its global presence through the Starzplay platform and its directto-consumer international application, creating international co-production opportunities for original content is the next step in tailoring our offering to our subscribers', said Superna Kalle, EVP, International Digital Networks, Starz.





Source Parrots Analytics

### **FAST and AVOD expand opportunities**

However, the cost of VOD services, coupled with the low level of banking penetration in Latin America, has open the gate to new business models such as free ad-supported TV (FAST) or ad-supported Video Services (AVOD).

According to some estimations, the adsupported video streaming market saw a 38% growth in revenue between 2018 and 2020, and that number is expected to increase. ViacomCBS CEO **Bob Bakish** told that its FAST platform **Pluto TV** touts more than 22 million monthly users -agrowth of 75 percent year over year. As Viacom-CBS grows its streaming footprint (the company also offers CBS All Access and Showtime to customers), having a free, ad-supported service like Pluto TV helps. Bakish also expects that number to hit 30 million by December 2020. Similarly. Xumo has 5.5 million active monthly users, and Comcast sees it as a good asset to have in the streaming wars.

Another good example of this evolution is NBCUniversal, which included an AVOD option to its OTT Peacock, with 13,000 hours of programming (vs. 33,000 for the premium version).



NUMBER OF SVOD SUBSCRIBERS IN LATIN AMERICA IN 2020.



According to a special survey developed by Parrot Analytics, it can be seen that even when Latin America seems to be a big market, each country that com-

poses it has its own demand and preference. 'To succeed in today's attention economy, content creators and distributors need to all

be responsive to audience demand. Audience demand is the driving force shaping a landscape where content travels and markets are no longer constrained by geography', said Alejandro J Rojas, Director of Applied Analytics.

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While Xumu (Comcast), Crackle (Sony), and the Fox Corporation's **Tubi**, which established a cooperation deal with **Azteca** in Mexico, are also stomping in the game. 'Importantly, coupled with the combined power of FOX's existing networks, Tubi provides a substantial base from which we will drive long-term growth in the direct-to-consumer arena.' Fox CEO Lachlan Murdoch explained, and focused Tubi CEO Farhad Massoudi: 'Our expansion in Latin America is just getting started and we hope to announce additional territories in the future'.

### To each market, its platform

In Argentina, for example, Amazon Prime Video originals are gaining traction. reaching 13.4% share of the market for digital originals, while in Brazil. Anne With An E ranks (Netflix) is one of the most watched shows within the digital environment. 'Chilean audiences are ready for Disney+. Chile tops the region in its demand share for originals from this platform. Despite not yet being officially available in Chile, Disney+ originals have a 13.2% share of all digital original demand', analyzed Rojas and highlighted that, in Colombia,

Netflix digital original series dominate. 'Over January to May 2020, 60.5% of all digital original demand in Colombia was for a Netflix title', he added. In Mexico, local taste is even stronger, with Blim's Nosotros Los Guapos, 7.9 times more demanded than the Mexican series average.

### Opening up the game

But the Digital Studios, whether through SVOD, AVOD or FAST services, are not the only ones interested in the OTT war. Undoubtedly what

Anne With An E (Netflix) is one of the most watched Anne With An E (Netflix) is one of the most watched shows within the digital environment in Brazil, while in Mexico, audience prefer local content like Blim's in Mexico, audience prefer local content Analytice Needtroe Lee Guance according to Parrot Analytice In Mexico, audience prefer local content like Blims Nosotros Los Guapos, according to Parrot Analytics

defines those who survive from those who don't, will be the differential content, giving a new opportunity to the niche platforms that address different genders such as gaming, factual or animation.

Launched in 2015, CuriosityStream has become the home of content about science, technology, history and nature documentaries, while to the well-known Crunchyroll (animé) Funimation. recently confirmed the release of its animé OTT platform in Mexico y Brazil during 2020. The service is already available in USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

'Anime is special because it reaches people of different cultures, countries and languages all over the world in the same way. The Latin American audience is among the most passionate



### Linear TV reinvents itself during guarantine



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worldwide and has been asking for more,' said **Colin Decker**, general manager of Funimation.

The company has been boosting the distribution of animé in North America and worldwide through its OTT and theatrical releases. Last year, Funimation expanded its global reach, enlarging its catalog of titles by almost 20% through strategic agreements with animé licensees such as Aniplex and NIS America.

Aiming kids' audiences is **Discovery Kids Plus**, a children's content app for the whole family is consolidated in the digital market, after reaching 2.2 million unique users in Latin America in May, and with content based on the main Discovery Kids' brands such as Mini Beat Power Rockers, Peppa Pia and Luna).

Mixing entertainment with gaming and crypto-currency, **Flixxo** (Argentina) is focused on users between 14-24 years old, and includes micro-series (5-15') and over 1,000 hours of content created by users. 'The current video platforms don't contemplate this type of user -young audiences-, since their business model is based on subscription through credit cards, excluding adults, who are used to paying for audiovisual

-4%

Action & Adventure

content. On contrary, Flixxo democratizes access to quality content, it is free and it is based on consumption modes of digital native: mobile consumption, shorter, interactive contents, under the logic of the rewards of video games', explained Adrian Garelik, CEO.

But, how to respond to the growing offer, unifying the user experience? Some telcos seem to have found the clue. Claro announced in Brazil the launch of a a new set-top-box service under the name of Claro Streaming Box, which will give access to linear TV and OTTs' content from

### **Rethinking content**

in Uruguay and **Flow** in Argentina.

As said, the content was, is and will be the king, but the digital context leads to rethink the stories and the ways to produce.

companies like Now, Netflix, Looke and Para-

mount+. Similar experiences include Anatel Box

Reviewing the top in-demand 50 premieres during January and May 2020 in Latin America and US Hispanic, Parrot Analytics identify Drama as the genre on top, capturing audience attention, concentrating more than 80% of the demand and 60% of supply. While Action and Adventure, different from the linear platforms, is more than twice the share of supply, indicating that the genre is resonating with audiences who prefer to stream content.

While seasonal releases tend to have a high peak in the beginning, they

lose demand quicker than episodic releases. Episodic

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regular demand during a longer period. And

that in Brazil, two of the five most commentedon shows are local productions, but Anne With an E is the main one due to the cancelation of the show. In Mexico, Almost all the main shows with the highest social engagement are from Netflix, but the show that generates most activity is from Disney+, even without availability in the market; among the shows with more activity from social media in Argentina, the only one from the region is Brazilian and Colombia was the only market where an Asian show stood out. The other most commented-on shows are from

COLOMBIA - DIFFERENCE IN GENRE SHARES FOR DIGITAL ORIGINAL

OP 50 IN-DEMAND PREMIERES IN LATIN AMERICA,						
BY DEMAND (JAN - MAY 2020)						

Rank	TV Shows	Rank	TV Shows
1	The Walking Dead	25	El Marginal
2	Grey's Anatomy	27	Ozark
3	Vikings	28	Community
4	Titons	29	Doom Patrol
5	Outlander	30	Swamp Thing
8	Westworld	31	Downton Abbey
7	Star Wars: The Clone Wars	32	Altered Carbon
	La Casa de Papel	33	Jane The Virgin
	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	34	The Terror
10	Better Call Saul	35	La Casa De Las Flores
11	Narcos	35	Treadstone
12	How To Get Away With Murder	37	Avenue 5
13	Homeland	38	Orange Is The New Black
14	The Outsider	39	God Friended Me
15	Star Trek: Picard	40	Las Chicas Del Cable
16	Criminal Minds	41	La Piloto
17	Chilling Adventures Of Sabrina	42	Vivir Sin Permiso
18	Fear The Walking Dead	43	NCIS: Los Angeles
19	BoJack Horseman	44	El Final Del Paraíso
20	Élite	45	Sin Senos Si Hay Paraiso
21	El Señor De Los Cielos	45	Mickey And The Roadster Rocers
22	Curb Your Enthusiasm	47	Nolled It
23	Station 19	48	Tales From The Loop
24	Bia	49	Ancient Aliens
25	Sex Education	50	My Brilliant Friend

# releases don't have high peaks but have more

Episodic releases, on average, best optimize for retention by slowly distributing their total demand over a longer lifecycle. Weekly releases, on average, take 10 more days longer to reach to 50% of their lifecycle than the average allseason release. Some other interesting results highlights

the US.





Difference in genre share

10%

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Source Parrots Analytics



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# TV Azteca: Expanding beyond the shelf

In addition to being one of the main content generators in Latin America and globally and top broadcaster in the Mexican market, **TV Azteca** has begun in recent years to search for new business models, especially in digital environment. Earlier this year, the Mexican group annou-

nced the launch of **Clic**, a digital channel that hosts both content from its pay TV channels. as well as original short content and free access, with themes such as exercise routines and lifestyle.

The release is in line with a number of important recent partnerships, such as the one achieved with one of the free AVOD **Tubi**, in which TV Azteca will sell ads on behalf of the digital platform in Mexico and promote the service to their massive audience via online and other platforms. In addition, some of TV Azteca's most popular titles will be made available completely free to Tubi customers in the country, including Exatlón Mexico, MasterChef, and Lo que La Gente Cuente, among others.

'As part of TV Azteca's transformation towards the future, we are looking forward

2019 ESPORTS REVENUE STREAMS (GLOBAL)



\$1.1Bn

to enhancing our distribution

And added Farhad Massoudi, CEO tubi of Tubi: 'We're thrilled to collaborate with a world-class partner and, together with TV Azteca, launch a new free streaming home to some of Mexico's most celebrated television franchises. Our expansion into Latin America is just beginning and we look forward to announcing additional territories in the future.

But alliances are not only strengthened in relation to TV content models: on one hand, earlier 2020, Azteca launched a new edition of the Azteca eSports Tournament, broadcasted through the AZE's ecosystem, project dedicated to the dissemination. coverage and breadth of electronic sports

> and which stomps on a market that generates 1 billion dollars annually. While in the other, it closed a deal with the audio streaming service **Deezer** giving access to the Mexican users to local content, and will also have the opportunity to see their favorite stars participate in

for TV Azteca

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Deezer Live. In line with this, the company part of Grupo Salinas released in mid-July a new weekly show through Azteca Uno, creating the first Free TV show produced by a streaming service and hosted by local influencers.

deezer

However, as Deezer subscribers are not just limited to listening to music, podcasts both in English and Spanish start to became a good opportunity to Azteca to create new ways of sharing their stories, basing on new formats.

The music streaming market in Mexico is expected to more than double and exceed US\$700 million between 2019 and 2024. Deezer already has a growing user base in Latin American countries, including Mexico, Colombia and Argentina. In addition, Deezer is one of the two main streaming services in Brazil. The alliance with the Grupo Salinas companies will enable Deezer to become a key plaver in audio streaming in Mexico and thus accelerate its growth in the region.











\$456.7M



BROADCASTERS

LATIN AMERICA: BUYERS

# **TVN Chile:** 'Production must come back from the efficiency we have achieved these months'

Chile is one of the most competitive countries in the region in terms of competition in open TV for audience and advertising investment. And within that context, the pandemic has further increased the challenges.

José Antonio Edwards, Head of programming and production at **TVN**, explains: "In October there was a social outburst and then came the pandemic, so we had to be quite efficient in being able to develop programming that would allow us to ride out this wave. First of all, we had to stabilize the channel's programming. And in that sense it was very important to be able to adjust the schedules and the content.

In order to achieve this objective, the Chilean pubcaster aimed to stabilize prime time, where the greatest amount of advertising investment is concentrated: "From Monday to Thursday in prime time we premiered the Turkish series Hercai (ATV), reaching the second place with 9.8 points between December 2019 and August 2020, with peaks of 10.8 during the final chapters of the season, and the Turkish drama Woman (**Calinos**), called in Chile Fuerza de Mujer with good results of rating", describes the executive and emphasizes that for the access prime, the central newscast, re-runs of national telenovelas as ¿Dónde está Elisa?, and finished successes such as Moses and the 10 Commandments (Record) were key. Some good examples of the results

of the strategy are the morning show Buenos días a todos, which went from an average of 3.9 pts in January to 6.0 in lune.

"The changes in programming generated a substantial improvement in our audience and in some schedules we saw an increase in the number of televisions turned on, which also improved television viewing in the total of open television", says Edwards.

Regarding of the proper impact of the pandemic, the executives ensures that "it has hit the media ecosystem very hard due to the drop of the advertising investment". "This has forced many media outlets to take painful measures that are only going to get smaller, and secondly it has forced us to be very efficient in the decision-making process and execution, so we have had to review very thoroughly our way

of producing and doing things", he adds.

However, the response was quick, strengthening the spaces of both national and foreign fiction in high call hours both the access prime and prime time, with a view

to that in the near future can be reactivated national production, but "without leaving the learning of efficiency that we have achieved these



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CHILE: RATING SHARE EVOLUTION, PER CHANNELS (JANUARY-JUNE 2020)



months that gave us a boost from 4.8 pts in lanuary to 6.3 in lune".

"In the next few months we will be premiering the series La Jauría, in co-production with the production company Fábula and which has been broadcast with great success by Amazon Prime", completes José Antonio.





# SOMOS CONTENIDO

Maestros del Engaño, morning show launched during last July in TVN



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Got Talent Uruguay: high end TV show produced by Canal 10





In this scenario, Canal 10 seeks to attract global attention and become a production hub for the formats it already produces for the local screen, and whose locations can be used to generate international versions for other latitudes. 'It is undoubtedly a great moment and the industry is being given a strong boost, which we want to take advantage of, said **Alejandro Cattaneo**, general manager of the leading proadcaster in the local market.

internacionalización

**Canal 10**, Uruguay's leading broadcaster, has ambitious plans to po-

sition the country as a production hub due to its strong commitment to

international formats recognized for their high production quality. It is

one of the few countries in South America where content productions

have been restarted and the Government is launching new benefits for

Uruguay is strongly positioning itself in the global market. A combi-

nation of factors allows one of the smallest countries on the continent

(geography and population) to offer attractive conditions for international producers: first, the good administration of the pandemic; second,

authorities are renewing the Uruguay Audiovisual Program (PUA in Spa-

de Uruguay

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Canal 10

international producers.

'The competitive costs and the international potential generated from this scenario plus the know-how give us good prospects. We have natural locations and gualified talent, but we can also produce in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis. And with the new incentives that will be presented, we will ave more international visibility'.

For six years, Canal 10 has been the home of national production with a few weeks obtaining a 50% share, and stren-

> gthening its leadership during the pandemic. 'National production differentiates us, anchors us in Uruguay. We have had very good experiences in adapting international formats like Got Talent, most recently, MasterChef Celebrity, coming soon'.

# Canal 10: apuesta a la ViacomCBS South Cone expands in 2021

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During the online Upfronts for advertising agencies and brands, ViacomCBS Networks International introduces some of its key contents for 2021 for the Argentine network Telefe and the group of Pay TV networks. Among other regional executives, Dario Turovelzky, Director General, South Cone and Guillermo Pendino, VP Programming and Contents, **Telefe** and Pay TV, highlighted VIACOMCBS a general balance and the new shows for 2021.

On the celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Telefe, the leading channel in Argentina owned by ViacomCBS Networks Inter**national** had an average rating of 8.45 points and 42.18% share on 1H 2020. having obtained the highest mark since March 2007, according to the Kantar IBOPE Media.

**Pendino** emphasized that since March, when the quarantine started in Argentina, the share of Free TV increased, evidencing a 28% growth in the youth segment, as well as an accumulated 7.46 rating points and 40.27% share. Nine out of ten of Argentina's most watched programs belonged to **Telefe**. He also underlines Telefe's news shows for 2021, including a local version of Master Chef Celebrity with Santiago del Moro, and Game of Game hosted by Susana Giménez. Also, Trato Hecho, Divina Comida, and the return of teen series Floricienta, as well as two bioseries: **Disney**'s Monzon and Netflix's Apache.

Turovelzky remarked that the company already has more than 4.300 million accumulated subscribers of its networks, both free TV in USA, Australia. UK and its Pay TV channels operating in more than 150 countries. 'These figures are the results of our three business pillars: traditional TV channels, emerging businesses such as SVOD digital services (Paramout +, Noggin and Pluto TV) and Viacom **Digital Studios International** (VDSI); and ViacomCBS International Studios, producing content for its own and third parties, as well as consumer products, licenses and live shows'.





Disney's bioseries Monzon will be premiered on Telefe in 2021

### VIACOMCBS NETWORKS SOUTH CONE IN NUMBERS

Nickelodeon is the #2 most watch kids channel with 6 millions boys & girls

MTV reaches 6.5 millions of young people

Comedy Central has 3 millions of people laughing

Paramount Networks grew 35% in 2020

Pluto TV offers 47 channels with 14000 hours of programming covering 17 countries in LatAm

Argentina's Telefe reached 42.2% of audience share in June 2020, the biggest since 2007



# Nurses Share % (Monday through Friday) Share % average for month



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# PRIMETIME SUCCESS AVAILABLE AS A FORMAT AND AS A FINISHED PRODUCT



Extraordinary stories

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# **A+E Networks**, adapted to the Pandemic

Although 2019 was a great year in terms of audience, achieving historic growth, the pandemic led viewers to consume more and more content: 'We are having the best ratings in our history today. History, which turns 20 in October, has had the best month in its history. On the **A&E** side, April was the month with the highest rating peaks in its history', said Eduardo "Eddy" Ruiz, president of A+E Networks Latin America.

According to the manager, the company "adapted to the challenges imposed" by a global pandemic: 'You can watch the channels on the air and you don't notice that you are working remotely. We have teams that are producing promos from home every day. In the study, we only have 20% of the people. We found that with the correct devices and software, announcers can get the job done remotely. This allows us to be able to do all the dubbing of our productions. without the need for a studio'.

'We are expanding the team, having hired two sales managers in Brazil and Mexico. History in the USA is not talking about a pandemic. However, in Latin America we decided to speak to the public about the pandemic. We knew that going out to produce was going to be difficult for us with guarantine'.

> '**History** is doing two specials, with a historical setting about the pandemics that have existed in the past and the pandemics that will come in the future. *#EntrevistaHistory* is one of the productions that we are doing remotely for YouTube and Face**book**, with interesting interviews. This format is being done for Latin America in Spanish and for Bra-4+E zil in Portuguese'.

'With *#EntrevistaHistory* we

seek to do something contem-

porary, that is fresh, new and

terview specialists the first 10

days, from doctors to experts

in the field. Then it will be the

'We are going to face many

need advertisers to come

back and support us. We are supporting them in all possi-

ble areas. I think it will take

time but things will improve

and each country in its own

time', **Ruiz** concludes.

different. In a first stage, we in-



#EntrevistaHistory was produced remotely for YouTube and Facebook

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# **CuriosityStream** takes factual beyond

CuriosityStream debuted in Latin America by the end of last year with the launch at **Totalplay** in Mexico and it currently continues to expand, Jorge Franzini, director of Content and Development, confirms to PRENSARIO. 'We continue with the expansion, now with the launch at Millicom, which brought our factual brand to more than one million viewers in Colombia, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Gua-temala, Bolivia and El Salvador'.

he adds.

'We are expanding our value proposition to the mobile market with a content offering in Spanish developed specifically for this type of device. The audience is naturally curious, and we have noticed an increase in demand for quality programming, particularly during the pandemic, which has resulted in a record



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audience. Our mantra has been "Stay inside, stay curious". We are a window to the world from where we reinforce the values of the Latin American family through education and the opportunities that arise through exploring the world with our programs', remarks the content director.

At the beginning of March, before the start of the pandemic in Latin America, CuriosityStream began the production of programs on the Coronavirus, with the latest statistics and the participation of medical experts at the forefront of the fight against the disease. 'So far we have produced five episodes for the Breakthrough series, covering topics such as the race to the vaccine and the psychological effects of being in quarantine, all available in Spanish', Franzini comments.

'We are now producing a sixth episode that will premiere in the next few weeks, as well as a special that will cover stories from all over the world and will premiere in the fall. We also launch new productions such as My Wild Backyard (5 episodes) and it presents episodes completely dedicated to Patagonia and Mexico, also available in Spanish. On the other hand, we have original programs that include a co-production with NHK, Space Phenomena and Asteroids: The Source of Life?, new episodes of Bright Now and Breakthrough, Rio Grande: The Great Saga. And 50 new productions from DocLight's and Children of the Stars', finishes Franzini.



Breakthrough, about coronavirus expansión



# **Globo: adapting to** changes



During the past years, Globo (Brazil) has reconverted itself in order to respond to the different demands of consumers and a market in constant changes and movement, investing in permanent research projects to keep up with the different trends

Pablo Ghiglione. Sales Manager

All the Women in the World, limited

series produced for Globoplay

As a result, the company started to work through **Globo Studios** with new formats and genres, not only for linear but for OTT services such as All the Women in the World (14x45'), a limited series that follows a

dreamer bohemian who lives his relationships with intensity, until he falls deeply in love with the women he meets in his life, but he never manages to forget Maria Alice, his greatest love.

Among the main focuses for this season are A Life Worth Living (115x60'), a telenovela where, after their exams have been exchanged, an optimistic seamstress and a terminal patient come together to learn how to rediscover the pleasure of living, and *Unsoul* (10x60'), a supernatural

thriller set in small town, where supernatural events will bring to light the secrets of a crime from the past that ties three families' destinies through time

Sweet Diva (135x60') is the story of a strong-willed pastry chef, victim of her own daughter's limitless ambition, while Orphans of a Nation (90x60') follows a young Syrian woman that lives a forbidden love after fleeing from a forced marriage to a sheik

Last but not least, are the short police thrillers The Division  $(5 \times 40')$ . set in a violent Rio de Janeiro at the end of the 1990s, and Renegade Archangel (10x45'), where a violent and incorruptible sergeant seeks revenge when one of his friends is tragically injured during an operation. His actions put him in dangerous conflict with powerful politicians.

# **Kanal D: The Turkish** drama moment

With titles like Fatmagul, Forbidden Love, Wounded Love, Times Go By or Price of Passion in its catalog, Kanal D International's dramas have established themselves as a guarantee when it comes to attracting audiences across the entire world.

Kanal D it's a global phenomenon with great acceptance in Latin America, where its dramas are broadcasting in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, and Peru

At Virtual Screenings Autumn, the company is promoting its recent developments, among them: Hekimoglu, the Turkish adaptation of House MD, which second season debuted in Kanal D and and follows Hekimoglu's ex-wife lawver Selin Kurt, who will be back after 5 years from their divorce, because of her current husband's illness, changing everything in the hospital will change with her appearance.

Also New Life, about a chain of events that suffers two differ-

ent families when their lives cross. The series is starring by Serkan Cayoğlu, Melisa Aslı Pamuk, Tayanc Ayaydın and Nilperi Sahinkaya and produced by Karga Seven Pictures.

And Romance Next Door, a new series from Mia Yapim, which tells the love story and also the story of friendship between 4 young people from different social classes and cultures, whose characters are opposite to each other. The drama was released past July in Turkey, and is starring by Furkan Andıc, Ezgi Senler, Yiğit Kirazcı and Nilay Deniz.

Among these new titles, the company is still pushing its success Ruthless *City* (Avsar Film), *Love Trap* (ARC Film), and *Prince of Passion* (D Production) and also the period drama Wounded Love,, produced by 03 Turkey, that is still broadcasting on Mega in Chile, which story is set in the first Balkan War and the Greco-Turkish War, and follows a family separated during the war, seeking by all means to reunite again.

# Scenic Rights: feel-good and young adult stories

Scenic Rights (Spain) continues to present itself as a source of new content, especially in the current context of the World and industry. Sydney Borjas, Managing Director, explains: 'Despite the fact that the film and TV sector is suffering from production downtime, the demand for on-demand and TV content has broken records, and the industry will require new stories and content in the short/medium term to offer premieres and replenish its offer on the screens'.

According to Borjas, the current situation has a peculiarity: 'we have more time to read, analyze projects and develop. Therefore, Scenic Rights is playing a strategic role in these times to provide production companies and Studios with the best proposals for the adaptation of stories and books from curatorship focused on the editorial lines, genres and themes that the sector and the audiences demand'.

On trends, the executive points out that he sees a marked industry focus on positive and inspirational stories in comedy or warm, feel-

good dramas, as well as good thrillers and "echo" dystopias with hopeful endings. Women's stories are still in vogue and stories about pandemics are re-emerging. Stories contained in terms of production that allow for agile execution when the confinement is over are in the forefront. The high demand for young adult stories deserves special mention, and for this reason Scenic Rights has expanded its catalogue with the books that are working best in this line based on its agreements with leading publishing houses and literary agencies', he adds.

Among the new titles are Maneras de vivir, by Luis Leante; Ahorallega el silencio, from Álvaro Colomer; or theinternational bestseller La querra de lasbrujas, from Maite Carranza



Kerim Emrah Turna Managing Directo



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# **Disney+ disembarks** in Latin America



Diego Lerner.

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Some of the new exclusive content on the platform will be the Marvel Studios stories, which will arrive in simultaneous premiere with the USA, such as Falcon and the Winter Soldier; WandaVision

All original titles produced by and for **Disney +**, as well as complete collections of all available content from the five iconic brands of The Walt Disney Company in all formats (movies, series, shorts, shows and docu-President. The Walt mentaries) will be exclusively on the platform which is launched for Latin America next November and has 60

million subscribers worldwide.

Disney Company Latin America



Latin America in one place: **Disney +**, the studio's app that has already exceeded 60 million customers worldwide. Aimed at all family members, the OTT will arrive in the region one year after its launch in the USA, in November 2019.

Since its launch in Latin America, Dis-

Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and Na-

will be available from next November in

ney + will be the exclusive destination for the most complete selection of films and series from the iconic labels, as well as exclusive original productions (with 19 Emmy Award nominations), thus becoming the only streaming platform where they are accessible all available movies from Disney, Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars.

Diego Lerner, President, The Walt Disney Company Latin America, commented: 'Our Latin American audiences are looking forward to the launch of the only streaming service that will offer exclusive access to all the premieres of the available content. In addition, it brings together all Disney animated classics, a robust offer of original Disney + series and films, a selfproduced label, with a variety of titles that can be seen only on our platform, as well as original content produced locally in various countries in the region for the most diverse audiences. The best and most relevant of Disney will be unlimited and permanently only on Disney +'.

# eOne: the power of IP

In December 2019, **eOne** (Canada) was acquired Hasbro for USD \$3.8 billion, becoming a real titan in the kids and licensing industry with hot and evergreen titles on its slate such as Peppa Pig or PJ Masks, now added to a robust portfolio of more than 1,500 owned and partner brands like

Transformers, My Little Pony, Monopoly or Power Darren Throop, Rangers, to name a few.

'The acquisition of eOne adds beloved story-led global family brands that deliver strong operating returns to Hasbro's portfolio and provides a pipeline of new brand creation driven by familyoriented storytelling, which will now include Hasbro's IP,' said Brian Goldner. Chairman and CEO, **Hasbro**, and highlighted: 'Hasbro will leverage eOne's im-

mersive entertainment capabilities to bring our portfolio of brands that have appealed to gamers, fans and families to all screens globally and realize full franchise economics across our blueprint strategy for shareholders'.

But kids' content is not the only core business of the company: despite the pandemic, the company worked on several pro-

tocols in Canada in order to keep moving with its original content, coming back to shooting in different locations in Canada. At eOne's pipeline where the second season of Nurses and the fifth season of Private Eyeswill, as well Feudal in Nova Scotia and Burden of Truth. On the unscripted side, are the third party show Family Law, Bake or Break and Arctic Vets, now shooting in Manitoba, Canada.

**Canal 13: all genres** 

For 60 years, Canal 13 S.p.A. has been innovating, producing, and broadcasting programs with the highest quality and creativity standards. For decades. Canal 13 has been in constant dialogue with the audience. through its leadership, pluralism, and public service in Chile.

Canal 13's distribution division has a wide range of programs includes: news, entertainment, docushows, telenovelas, series, and docu-

mentaries, which have set high standards within the industry.

The company offers on the Virtual Screenings first edition some of its top titles, including Helga and Flora (10x'50) which follows the first female detectives of the Chilean police and how in their first mission they are sent to Kerren, a small town located on the Big Island of Tierra del Fuego to investigate the theft a horse owned by a powerful German farmer. The

series was produced by Canal 13 Chile and Suricato.

Also The Old Crocks (10x'50) about an ingenious, improvised and geriatric criminal gang that has been forced to rob pharmacies in the capital city without firing a single shot. The band is made up of Julián, Raven and Mariano, lifelong friends. Why did they rob these Rodrigo Correa, pharmacies? Because Estela (Julián's wife) is ill and the high cost of her treatment is beyond her financial possibilities. And inevitably, she will die.

At the moment of her dead, Estela entrusts "The Old Crocks" to help the underprivileged that she could not help in life. Thus, "The Old Crocks" transform into a peculiar band of outlaws who in each chapter investigate, plan and execute a plan to help those who have been defrauded by the system. The series was produced by Canal 13 Chile and Kuarzo







Peppa Pig is one of the most iconic brands of the Canadian independent producer



Nurses returned to shooting in Juli for a second seaso

Sales Content

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Helga and Flora, drama

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# **Global Agency** conquers new territories

Global Agency has acquired recently the new drama starring by Can Yaman and Ozge Gurel, Mr. Wrong. Produced by Gold Film, one of the top producers in Turkey behind proven series such

as No 309. Iffet, and Dila. The drama premiered on FOX Turkey pas July and it's part of the content offer

> from the company during the Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020.

Among the new titles, the company is heading with Aleph (8x'45), that follows detectives Kemal and Settar that pursue a dervish serial killer who sets a series of nysterious clues, launching them on a quest that will make them confront their pasts in a series enriched with traces of Ottoman and Islamic history. The series is produced by May Productions.

Izzet Pinto

Founder & CEO

The Boy, drama

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Also The Boy (62x'45), which presents the life of Akça and how is turned upside down when she

goes in search of the son she gave up for adoption and is drawn into the turmoil of a powerful family. The titles it's a 1441 PROD production. Meanwhile highlights the successful stories *Daydreamer* (161x'45). The plot:

Sanem and Can are two independent souls, with contrasting experiences of life, who discover love and one another in the heart of Istanbul.

On the formats side, presents Good Singers (produced by Talya) that follows two teams, with three celebrities each, compete against each other in this new musical contest and will have to use all their powers of perception to succeed. In each episode, 12 contestants will come onto the stage, each with a numbered label, and each of them pretending to be a "Good Singer".

Izzet Pinto, Founder & CEO: 'Covid-19 spread to many regions of the world, causing a very serious health crisis. Just like the rest of the world, we are carefully following the news and statistics about Covid-19; doing our best to adapt to current conditions; and working hard to be able to shape our own future. In these difficult days we try to help our clients by providing good content'.

# all3media: British dramas for export

all3media International is the leading producer and distributor of indie content from the UK. The company is supporting over 1.000 broadcasters and media platforms in more than 200 territories around the world with over 15.000 hours of content across all genres. As well as Britain's top-selling drama series Midsomer Murders, also quality scripted content such as Fleabag, The Missing, Skins,

Mystery Road, Liar and National Treasure; and non-Scripted and Format highlights including Gogglebox, Undercover Boss, Flirty Dancing, among others.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020, the company is promoting and offer formed by its success in different markets, like Des (3x'60), Starring David Tennant, a truecrime drama focusing on one of the most infamous criminal cases in UK history, Dennis Nilsen. Also All Creatures Great and Small. a new version of the wellknown period drama based upon the books about a Yorkshire vet. written by Alf Wight

under the pen name of James Herriot. And The Deceived (4x'60), a thriller which follows English student, Ophelia, who falls in love with her charismatic lecturer, Michael.

Among the non-scripted offer, all3media is pushing at VSA: Escape to the Chateau: Make Do and Mend (4x'60), that presents how Dick and Angel turned their own home into a fairy-tale French chateau, and are now helping families across the UK tackle their design and DIY dilemmas: and The Savov from the Studio Ramsav. documentary filmed over the most dramatic period of the Savoy hotel's history, this five-part series offers a fascinating glimpse into the experiences of being a guest at this iconic hotel.

**Beyond Rights, the best from Beyond Distribution + TCB Media Rights** 

Beyond International (Australia) announces the merge of Beyond Distribution business with its recent acquisition of TCB Media Rights to create the unit Beyond Rights. In addition, the company picks Kate Llewellyn-Jones as CEO of the international division based in London.

In that sense, Kate's first task in this newly created role will be to combine the two business with the recent company acquisition. With Beyond and TCB teams in London, the new business will incorporate Beyond's office in Dublin and team members based in Sydney.

Beyond Rights will then have a huge catalogue of more than 7500 hours that covers different unscripted genres and documentaries, in addition to scripted content, feature films, children'sprogrammesand formats. Key long-running titles in the combined catalogue include Love It or List It, Mythbusters, Abandoned Engineering, Underground Worldsand Border Patrol.

Mikael Borglund, CEO and MD of Beyond International, comments: 'I am delighted to welcome Kate to the team and look forward to working with her on strategy for the new Beyond Rights business going forward. We are Llewellyn-Jones, new CEO of the extremely lucky to have someone with International Distribution division. her experience, reputation and vision in Michael Murphy, General Manager this new role'. of Beyond Distribution will remain

Llewellyn-Jones adds: 'Following the with Beyond Group in a CEO role recent announcements about expanding

both its distribution and production capabilities, it's certainly a very exciting time to be joining Beyond. I am looking forward to re-connecting with the team at TCB Media Rights and to getting to know the people at Beyond'.

Michael Murphy, Beyond Distribution's general manager, will be remaining with the Beyond Group in an executive director role working alongside Mikael Borglund on recent joint venture BeyondTNC, as well as corporate administration and business development.

Due to varying lockdown conditions, the full merger process is expected to last for a couple of months.



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# InterMedya: heartbreaking stories

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With its titles reaching over 140 territories. Inter Medya (Turkey) has become a referent when spreading the Turkish content in the global industrv.

At VS, the company led by **Can Okan** recommends The Ambassors Daugther, drama starred by Engin Akvürek that follows the son of a poor woodchopper, who has never left Muğla. On the other hand, is the daughter of an ambassador and a world citizen who grew up in Oslo, Tokyo, Cape

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The Ambassors Daugther, drama starred by Engin Akyürek



her again. The Light of Hope tells the heartbreaking story of a family torn into pieces... Many years ago, Ipek's husband, Omer, was imprisoned due to theft charges. Meanwhile, Ipek, who was pregnant at the time, went into early labor and lost her baby shortly after birth. While Ramo tells the extraordinary story of a real person; a man who

goes against his superiors... It's a story that encompasses the deep conflicts of family, justice, revenge, friendship and love. The fuel theft gang, known for smuggling diesel fuel, works for a powerful family who runs the entire area.

Last but not least, is the global success Miracle in Cell No. 7, feature film set during the early 1980s during Turkey's coup d'état period tells the heartbreaking story of Memo, who lives with his beloved little daughter and grandmother in an Aegean town. With a mental deficiencv. Memo is a shepherd who lives happily in his small world. In 1983. when Memo is framed with the murder of the martial law commander's daughter, his life is turned upside down. He's sentenced to death penalty and gets locked up in the seventh ward, where he has a small chance of staying alive. While everyone is seeking justice, Memo and his daughter Ova's only wish is to get reunited.



Can Okan, CEO

# FoxTelecolombia: **Local stories**

With several projects, in different stages of production and to be carried out from Colombia and Mexico. FoxTelecolombia and Estudios Telemexico have rethought the plans and adjusted to the current situation that is being experienced worldwide by Covid19. 'The implementation of work at home, the care of our team, the creation of a detailed health protocol

to resume production, the implementation of effective solutions for the remote production regarding live content, even the creative rethinking of the stories that we want to tell, have been some of the measures and actions that we leaded from the first moment we worked to cope with this moment', comments a spoken person from the company. The company offer is leading by

House-Husband (122x'60), series that follow to Francisco, a regular guy, married and with three kids, who's expecting to be promoted to Manager at the bank he works in, but instead of the promotion, he gets fired and must take care of the housework. Aired in RCN (Colombia), the production and is an adaptation of the original Argentinean series from Sebastian Ortega.

Also Celia (80x'60) a biopic series that follows the life of the Cuban singer Celia Cruz. The production reviews the beginnings of her passion for singing in Cuba in the 50s and his recognition as the most determinate singer of the Sonora Matancera, upon leaving the island with her husband Pedro Knight, her artistic career conquered markets in other languages and positioned herself as the most recognized salsa singer in the music industry. The series was broadcasted in RCN and Telemundo.

Regarding distribution business, FoxTelecolombia assures: 'This is an unprecedented moment, considering that the demand for entertainment has grown significantly in all windows. That is why we are in permanent contact with all our clients to support them in everything they need with their programming plans with successful products of different genres and formats, and with the guaranteed quality from FoxTelecolombia and Estudios Teleméxico.

# **Castalia: Mexican culture to the audience**



Castalia Communications is an independent media development company that produces television programming, provides sales and marketing for international television networks, and acts as an independent distributor of television content.

Through **Mexicanal**, that was launched in 2005, the company have been committed to creating and keeping strong ties with Mexicans living and working in USA and

Luis Torres-Bohl. president

also with all people who love Mexico. At this Autumn edition of Virtual Screenings, the com-

pany is pushing Cornelio's Cantinas that takes audience on a journey to get to know the traditional and cultural values of cantinas, as well as the specific stories, characters and contributions they've made to daily life in Mexico. The show pretends delve into the secrets of their kitchens and snacks and learn

to prepare the drinks that distinguish each of these historic places.

Finally, The Car of My Life, show that invites to discover the endearing stories about the loyalty and camaraderie between a man and his automobile. Beyond a prestigious brand, powerful engine, and cost of the paint,



Cornelio's Cantinas, factual

The Car of My Life talks about the mileage of

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## HBO Latin America: *The Bronze Garden 2*

HBO is living one of its best years. The company is developing original content for all its signals around the world, and progressively is launching its streaming platform HBO Max in diferent markets. In Latin America, the company announced that the OTT will arrives during 2021.

Xavier Aristimuño, Vice President Licensing

HBO Latin America, the leading premium, subscription-based, television network in the region, recognized for the quality and diversity of its programming, which includes exclusive original series. films. documentaries

and specials, it's still expanding its production, and telling stories about unique and relevant topics through diverse points of view.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn, the company is promoting its recent titles development in the region, among them *The Bronze Garden* (S1 – 8x'60 / S2 – 8x'60), a suspense drama series based on the book of the same name by Gustavo Malajovich, which follows the desperate struggle of architect Fabian Danubio to find his daughter, Moira, who has disappeared inexplicably and without a trace.

From Brazil, Joint Venture (10x'60), depicts the story of a young drug dealer

who decides



to leave the criminal life behind and use his knowledge to trade within the law, in a fictitious São Paulo where marijuana has just been legalized. The series is directed by Fernando Meirelles and Quico Meirelles, and produced by **HBO** and **O2 Filmes**; also the comedy *Hard* (6x'30), adaptation of the French series of the same name, that follows the story of Sofia, a dedicated housewife who is recently widowed and after the sudden death of her husband, she watches as her perfect life falls apart upon discovering that he lied throughout his entire

life about his profession.

The offer of the company is completed with the drama comedy by Vera Egito, *He, She, They* (8x'30), which follows the story of Rafa, a young, 18-yearold, non-binary pansexual who decides to leave their family and move into the home of their cousin; and the miniseries that portrays the life of the famous Brazilian inventor and aviator of the 20th century, *Santos Dumont*.

# The world is watching Calinos series

Calinos Entertainment is enjoining a fruitfull year in expansion of its drama. The distribution company has approached the big success from **Medyapım/MF Yapım**, *Woman*, to several markets like Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Albania, Argentina, Chile, Panama, and Uruguay, where series obtained 15 rating at Uruguay **Sete TV** and settled in the 1st place of the lists.

As well as from Medyapim, *Our Story*, which find his place in Chile with hight rating levels, the drama was recently added to **MX Player**'s "Top Show" list in India.

While Forbidden Fruit series; continuing to be aired at FOX, starring Talat Bulut and Şevval Sam, settled in the first place among the rated first 100 programs in the Astana TV channel and recently the company sold it to Vietnam andBosniaandHerzegovina.

At now, on Autumn edition of Virtual Screenings, the company is promo-

ting these production, in addition to *Second Chance*, produced by **Pastel**, which story focuses on an innocent woman who has everything in life that she could wish for, until her husband disappears without a trace; and *In Love Again* (**SÜREÇ FiLM**), where Zeynep, a beautiful woman, marries a man without the approval of her family and moves with him to America, but the marriage fails and she decides to return home to Turkey where have to face her family, until met a man on the plane and soon discover a common desire to lead a new life.

About the situation and how this 'new normality' affects the industry, Jose Luis Gascue, Executive Vice President Head Of Worldwide Sales at Calinos, explains: 'Specifically in LatAm, we observed a reduction in prices, somewhere between 35% and 50%; almost all countries were affected by the pandemic as advertising revenues plummeted. Most of ourclients either asked for a price reduction, cancelled some deals or relied heavily on reruns. We can deifnitely say that we have entered a difficult period'.

#### WarnerMedia: Production and distribution with partners

Under the **WarnerMedia** umbrella, **Turner Latin America** highlights at Virtual Screenings its most recent original titles developed and produced in the Latin market, all these with an international profile. Several of these series are derived from co-production models with firms such as Dopamine (Mexico), Gullane, VideoFilmes (Brazil) and Polka (Argentina).

Among them, stands out *The Cleaning Lady* (8x'60), a police drama about a woman who must clean up the crimes of the mafia to save money for

her sick son, based on *La Chica que Limpia*, by **Jaque Content** (Argentina / Mexico / USA) and distributed by **RM Vistar / Glowstar**.

Also *Love Spells* (10x'60), one of the three projects co-produced with **Dopamine** (Mexico), which tells the story of Ana, the granddaughter of a former Shaman expert in love spells in the Sonora market in Mexico who decides recover the family tradition. As for bio-stories, the company stress *Bronco*, Untamed Success (13x'60) a biographical series that portrays the Mexican band, co-produced with **Plataforma** and **Comarex**, both from Mexico.

On the other hand, the story of a powerful union leader who will risk everything to improve its people *The Tiger* (12x'60), produced with **Pol-ka**, **eltrece** and **Cablevision Flow** in Argentina. Likewise, as part of this co-production agreement of two series for five years, *My End Of The Deal* 

(8x'60), a mystery thriller that features an economist who signs a pact with a strange woman, who it ends up catapulting him to the success at a very high price, inspired by **Alfred Hitchcock's** *Strangers on a Train* based on a **Patricia Highsmith's** novel.

And from **Ay Yapim**, Tuner/Warner Media Latin America is distributing *The Choice*, which follows an idealist professor of economics in a state university, who turns upside down when he wrongfully gets fired and his 7 year old son Deniz gets sick.



Jose Luis Gascue, Executive Vice President Head Of Worldwide Sales



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## **VIS: the power of versatility**

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Guillermo Borensztein, VP Content Sales & Co-Productions VIS Americas

well as for third parties. VIS global sales include original productions, co-productions, formats sold for local adaptations, and sale of ready-made content. The content that VIS possesses covers all genres, from soap operas to dramas, short and long-form comedy formats and, feature film productions. Among the highlights of the company for the

Teen telenovelas are key for

Keepers (50x22'), a suspense

series focused on two strong

and determined heroines

and fraternal twins who

were separated at birth and have set out to per-

form their crucial roles in

Launched in 2018, ViacomCBS International Stu-

**dios** (VIS) has become a key piece at ViacomCBS's structure, producing content for different brands

and platforms, both from within the group as

VS Autumn, the company recommends the preschool series *Blue's Clue* and You (20x30'), a remake of the groundbreaking interactive series Blue's Clues, featuring brand-new elements alongside refreshed iconic items from the original series, including new CG-animation for Blue and Magenta, an updated Handy Dandy Notebook equipped with a new blue crayon and smartphone technology, allowing Josh and Blue to receive



Blue's Clue and You, a remake of the adbreaking interactive series Blue's

Hood (50x22'). the main plot of the series revolves around the differences between rich and poor Hoods and Narcissists and their personal and social challenges, while

the world. at The

Noobees, the series based on the eSports world, comes with a second season for more adventures and videogames.

R (10x60') is a comedy about a man in unending and boring routine until one day, a medical checkup leads to a terminal cancer,

one month to live. Shocked by

the news, he decides to free himself to enjoy to the fullest extent the little time he has left. And *Entangled* (13x60') is a suspense drama which's plot starts after a man has a car accident, but the woman that was with him, disappears without a trace.

R, comedy about a man whose routine life's change after a medical checkup

On the unscripted side, VIS is pushing for the international market the game show America's Most Musical Family (13x30'), where over the course of twelve weeks, 30 groups of all types of music do whatever it takes to show off their musical skill with a unique twist.

#### **Be-Entertainment: Formats for every condition**



Be-Entertainment (Belgium), the format distributor that represents some of the most talented content developers in this country, offering breeding ground for format developers to test new ideas and for a format distributor.

According to Gepke Nederlof, managing director, 2020 has been a 'special year' in terms of dis-

Gepke Nederlof.

tribution, explains: 'our business is still continuing managing director well and we see an increasing demand for tried and tested formats around the globe. It has also been

very warming to see that, despite the challenges the pandemic brings, there is also a lot of room for creativity resulting in a strong line up for fall 2020 and beyond'.

Gepke announces that it will launch up to 7 new titles in the coming 6 months, with no titles to confirms, assures that will be offering a wide mix of different genres ranging from dating/quiz/home renovation and factual entertainment to scripted titles.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020, is promoting three formats, first one: The Way Out that was launched less than a year ago has seen in-

ternational success with 3 local productions (Flanders, French Belgium and the Netherlands) and option deals in Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The show sees two different celeb duo's sent into



The Hood, teen series

an adventure room to figure out all scientific experiments in order to find 'The Way Out' first.

Also Make Your Country Great Again, where in each episode, a team of young TV makers went on three kinds of missions: a personal mission, a society mission and a community mission, to promotes the local and social actions that are changing the planet.

And Greetings From 19XX that brings a celeb family back to the year the celeb was 12 brings us the warm personal stories and nostalgic feeling that proof to be a perfect fit for these current times.

All these contents seems to provide the perfect fit for the current situation in every country, or company production, being formats that can be produced with minor adjustments due to the Covid-19 restrictions.



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## The digital market pushes the Asian borders

The evolution of the **APAC media market has** open new opportunities both in traditional Pav TV and OTT, especially considering the growth of subscribers and the raise of content options within the region

iQiyi acquired the exclusive rights of Descendants of the iQiyi acquired the exclusive rights of Descendants of the show was released simultaneously in South Sun and the show was released simultaneously in South Korea and China, being the first Korean drama to do so, Korea and China, being the first Korean drama to do so, and was viewed 2.4 billion times.

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Korean content continues its expansion: the acclaimed Oscar winner drama Parasite (CJ EM) has become the milestone of k-wave growth in 2020, become the milestone of k-wave growth inivi and dishal reaching both Asian markets through inivi and dishal become the milestone of k-wave growth in 2020, reaching both Asian markets through iQiyi and global audiences through Netflix NUMBER OF PAYTV SUBSCRIPTIONS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIOS FROM 2019 TO 2020 WITH A FORECAST FOR 2025, BY COUNTRY (IN MILLIONS)



According to a survey made by Mordor Intelligence, the media and entertainment market is expected to register a CAGR (Compound annual growth rate) of 7.2% between 2020 and 2025. This growth is mainly pushed by the Chinese market with, based on figures from **Digital TV Research** (DTVR), leads the number of PavTV subscribers in with over 357 million

subscriptions. However, DTVR forecasts to decrease to 356 million subscriptions by 2025 and the number of PayTV subscriptions in Japan, Indonesia, and India expects to increase from 2020 to 2025.

#### **Traditional TV and market** opportunities

Growth in the Asian markets, although slight, is pushed by a growing middleclass who can now afford subscription costs in emerging territories like India. China. Indonesia and the Philippines and the rising adoption of Internet Protocol television (IPTV). according to DTVR. And Asia Pacific captured over 18% revenue share in the market for PayTV in 2019, where IPTV has

been the primary growth driver for the region owing to the rapid adoption of the online subscription business model amongst users. Furthermore, the increasing penetration of PayTV in rural households in regions such as China, India. and Indonesia has resulted in overall industry growth

Last year, the government and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India completed its initiatives towards digital transformation. such as digitization of cable TV and Direct-to-Home (DTH) services, which are also favoring the adoption of this protocol in the country. The IPTV scenario in India is witnessing change owing to the advent of the network services provider, with the company providing free IPTV live subscriptions to its customers. With other companies to follow suit, the demand for mobile-based IPTV services is expected to increase in the region, which will, in turn. increase the demand for media and entertainment in the area

However, Media Partners Asia (MPA) assures that these figures can be changed in some markets like Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand, due to the "cord-cutting", the development of streaming platforms, and the launch of 5G technologies. 2019 was a peak year of cord cutting with a net decline of almost 1 million subs across the six markets, according to MPA.

MPA executive director Vivek Couto says that regulatory policies for PayTV, the cost of these in some territories, and the increasing access to high-speed internet has created 'crack' in MPA digital TV research at

the traditional PayTV ecosystem: 'Business models remain dependent on the monetization of branded channels and sports rights in the PayTV window. But the growth of legal online video services means that PayTV operators and content providers are striving to distribute and monetize online. Inevitably, this strategy is being executed at a significant potential cost with the risk of cannibalization'

Various consolidated companies have seen there are also some challenges faced by the market and opportunities: the creation of media content has witnessed a drastic change with a shift from traditional television to online digital platforms, pushed by online entertainment content providers, such as Netflix and Amazon, who have successfully introduced acclaimed original video content in the region. These companies are also financing content in regional languages to attract customers, especially in multilingual countries, such as India. The rising competition in the market, high cost of content creation, and technical difficulties associated with viewing videos online may hinder the market growth to an extent during the forecast period.

On the other hand, local players is promoting strategies to face the foreigner content service, investing in future technologies to gain substantial expertise, which would enable them to achieve sustainable competitive advantage, like Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited, who launched four new regional channels, namely Zee Punjabi, Zee Biskope (Bhojpuri), Zee Thirai (Tamil), and Zee Picchar (Kannada), along with its well-known OTT platform **ZEE5**. which registered 63.1 million monthly active users past March.

Also **China Media Group** (CMG), one of China's





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significant broadcasters, launched more than 200 new programs as part of a production revamp. It includes TV, radio, and new media platforms run by the CMG, including 19 TV chan-

Tencent Video's original series The Coming One Tencent Video's original series The Coming One Tencent Video's original series With more than 4 set a record during its first year with more than 4 set a record during its first year with more is billion views, while Midsummer is full of Love is based on a Korean series

nels and the CMG's news app. The broadcaster upgraded some of its most important programs, including the daily produced and broadcasted China Central Television evening news bulletin. or Xinwen Lianbo

#### **Next Asian's entertainment giants**

As well as in Americas and Europe, consumers around Asia was at locked down during the Covid situation, restricted and forced to spend more time with their families, and this pushed the rates of digital consumption, where the OTT platforms have taken a part of this, but not just the Western giants like **Netflix** or **Disney**.

Couto comments that global outbreaks, 'supposed a great opportunity to move online, to monetise online and have a business that lasts the next 50 years, as we really move into this era, there's a lot of potential in these markets, a lot to growth'. **MPA** thinks that local and regional VOD services to grow strongly, even more than the international OTTs.

In this picture, China's streaming major, iQi**yi** and **Tencent**, highlights its strong presence in Southeast Asia. while Netflix continues its expansion in some APAC countries, and **Disney** +Hotstar enjoys its recent launch past April in India, and its launch in Indonesia later this year.

TOP 5 ASIAN COMMISSIONERS, BY NUMBER OF TITLES (JULY 2020)



Source: Ampere Analysis

iQivi is taking the COVID-chance, with 500 million monthly active users, the platform is dealing with the top providers and producers from the region, like CJ ENM, the company behind the Academy Award's winning for Best Picture Parasite, or being the exclusive screening platform for Beijing International Film Festival. The company announced this year an expansion to Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Indonesia, and its president said that there are also plans to establish local teams in South Korea. Japan, and the Middle East, while the Spanishlanguage version of the streaming service has been also confirmed.

On the other hand, Tencent is taking advantage of the market left by other services, such as Malaysian OTT **iFlix**, which was acquired by this one to reinforce its presence in Southeast Asia. The company said that this acquisition seeks to expand the reach of its overseas international OTT WeTV with iFlix's catalogue. Tencent Video, its streaming platform in China, boasted over 110 million paid subscribers at the end of March.

While China has been demonstrating being a prolific market for an OTT. other territories have represented problems as for the country's strict rules governing foreign ownership of media, earn salary average by habitant and the



multiple languages managed. Such as Indonesia, where **Netflix** attempted to operate, but he won't reached a content distribution deal with the national Telco, **Telkomsel**, by contrast, **iFlix** has a deal with this one that allows locals to watch it legally.

In this complicated market, the OTT **Viu**, owned by Hong Kong Telco **PCCW**, stands out with a hybrid model, offering some titles for free on an AVOD subscription, with the possibility to evade it with adding a charge. The platform offers regional content to over 41 million actives users per month in Southeast Asia. the Middle East and South Africa, and among its content, the OTT has licensed top shows from South Korea providers which are popular across all of Asia. Some experts think that with Southeast Asia

dominated, the next frontier will be Englishspoken-territories, and as result, services like iQiyi and Trencent are planning to develop original production in other territories offering subtitles shows in English, Thai, Malay, Indonesian and Vietnamese.

#### Focus on Southeast Asia

On ATF Plugged In-Series, the online market session focused on these key territories, marked some important points to understand what buyers and commissioners from these countries want and which values must have any

content to have success here. As for Cambodia market, buyers Western Me-

dia Limited. Cambodian Broadcasting Service and Sabay Digital. talked about

'need to understand' this market.

B.C. Achaya, CCO of Sabay Digital, explained that the cost of the content offer and the licensing deal is the key to access to this market, remarked that beyond the cost of acquiring content, there is also the cost of localization (recruitment for localization etc): this is something that should be taken into account any distributor

The exec agree that the top elements that stop a content flourishing in Cambodia is pira-



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Japanese formats for export: Nippon TVs' Mother Apanese formats for export: Nippon IVs' Mother has become truly global phenomenon thanks to the Turkish and other adaptations, opening approximities for extinted. TRC's excluses IN THE INIVISITIATION OTHER AUAPTANONS, OPENING New opportunities for scripted; TBS's SASUKE/ Ninte Metrics in one of the ten tenence above new opportunities for scripted; TBS's SASUKE/ Ninja Warrior is one of the top Japanese shows aired in 165 countries with 25 local adaptations, confirming the good moment of the Japanese arrea in 100 countries with 20 local adaptations, confirming the good moment of the Japanese the still -growth market, and that's what sellers cy, language frontier, and infrastructure, where bandwidth and speed is an issue outside of the

big cities. But despite this, Cambodians in general, do appreciate quality content, and more so, content that can be enjoyed with family and friends. Foreign content is still widely accepted, dubbed in the local Khmer language, includes the usual romance, horror, action, and suspen-

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Regarding Indonesia, while the country itself holds appealing potential based on market size, being the fourth-highest number of TV households in the world with 68 million (Omdia), Hendy Lim, Content & Channel Vice President, Indonesia Entertainment Group (IEG) assured that 'the Indonesian masses are not as sophisticated as audiences from, for example, Japan, or Europe or even USA', explaining that the right content is not always guaranteed of success in this market

Across the board, from dramas to animation to movies. local will always win hands down (99%), leaving foreign finished content, apart from the usual suspects of Korean and Indian offerings, a highly challenging slew of products to sell.

From Philippines, Isavel C. Enriquez, Content Acquisitions Manager at Cignal TV showed more open to other Asian content likes of India, Japan. Hong Kong and Singapore: while Wilson Tieng, President & CEO, Solar Entertainment Corporation stated its preference by English language content, in line with a good portion of the pie from the UK and the US; finally Yazmin Basa, Head of Content, Vuclip and buyer for Streaming platform Viu, Filipino content, along with Korean and Chinese dramas and variety shows, work well with a dominant market representation of China, Singapore, the Philippines and Korea in the mix.

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The emergence of diverse streaming services is changing the ways in which people access content, and technological innovation is accelerating. Because of factors such as these, the environment surrounding Japanese public broadcaster **NHK** is changing incessantly and dramatically.

Since the Japanese government lifted a state of emergency in May due to COVID-19 many national events this summer and autumn have been and NHK's programming has been affected accordingly. PRENSARIO wanted to know more about how were these months inside the national public TV channel

'We see this situation as a great opportunity to creatively explore new ways to work without tying to established production and decisionmaking processes. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a number of development initiatives at NHK, which have received a great response from viewers and from colleagues in the media industry', explains **Fukano Junko**, Head of Global **Content Development Division** 

One example is drama. While a state of emergency was in place in Japan, **NHK** did not bring outside performers to its studios. 'The first idea to emerge was for telework dramas. Using the absolute minimum of personnel, we made fiction in which the characters found themselves at cross-purposes while physically separated. The experience gave us an opportunity to reappraise our working practices from totally new perspectives. How we could shoot a drama safely with infection risks kept to a minimum? As well as airing the drama, we aired a documentary that showed how we struggled to make it', he adds.

Fuyofukyu No Ginga (Fuyofukyu means nonessential and nonurgent) was aired in July and had a bigger impact not only on viewers but also on the media industry, and the Tokyo metropolitan government used it in calls for people to refrain from going to bars and clubs as many people in Tokyo were contracting the coronavirus in establishments that serve food and drink at night. Another example is the children's show Sugoi Shukudai (Awesome Homework), where adults who work in diverse fields set wacky or thought-provoking kinds of challenge for children who have to stay home because of the coronavirus. 'Since the start of this show in May,

children have come up with fantastic answers that have surprised people (including the production team) and created fresh communication with the audience', remarks Junko.

The Body vs. Coronavirus: The Battle Inside Us is an international coproduction with CuriosityStream, using cutting-edge science to examine truths about immunity. Executive explains: 'The documentary uses 8K microscope video and exquisite computer graphics to give a vibrant depiction of the microscopic world inside the human body as it searches for keys to surviving the pandemic. Schedule for broadcast in Winter 2020 is the animated movie Earwia and the Witch (NHK, NEP, Studio Ghibli) made entirely using 3D computer graphics. It was directed by the award-winning film director Mivazaki Goro and was part of the official selection of the 2020 Cannes Film Festival. Lastly, We're In This Together: Life with the Pandemic where **NHK** asked people to film their lives during the pandemic'.

**NHK** is also a key player in the local and international 8K markets. BS8K will premier a bluechip nature film Okavango: A Flood of Life with Icon Films, Natural History Film Unit and Fremantle with award-winning natural history filmmaker Brad Bestelink; the '80 drama Gift of Fire, a coproduction with **Eleven Arts** that turned a fresh spotlight on Japan's wartime attempt to build an atomic bomb 75 years after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and Kurosawa Kiyoshi's Wife of a Spy.

'8K enables people to enjoy a sense of going places without leaving their homes. This spring, NHK aired a two-part 8K series about the Orsay Museum, a coproduction with the Orsay Museum in France. We plan to air a two-part 8K series about the British Museum in September', comments the executive.

Junk concludes: 'We see COVID-19 as a fresh opportunity to consider how we can build connections with viewers through communication. Also, we see it as a reminder that efforts to tackle global problems require broad perspectives and global cooperation. A number of international coproduction projects for which we had to pause production are, little by little, restarting with new approaches. The future is unclear. We look forward to finding ways forward with our partners around the world'.



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Earwig and the Witch



8K drama Gift of Fire



Fuyofukyu No Ginga was used by Tokyo metropolitan government in calls for people to refrain from going to bars and clubs and get Coronavirus



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## WarnerMedia APAC: 'Integration is an opportunity to retain and build on all the best parts of the individual organisations'

WarnerMedia Entertainment Networks APAC has 17 channel brands, two streaming services. HBO GO and Dingji Theatre, available in 42 countries in 17 languages. It is a leading group in the region.

**Ricky Ow**, President of the group: 'We're excited to see how the new WarnerMedia International organisation takes shape and evolves under the leadership of Gerhard Zeiler, combining all linear businesses, commercial activities, and regional programming for **HBO** Max. In APAC, HBO and Turner are firmly united so this new development will see us take that further step forward with our Warner Bros. colleagues in due course. Integration is an op-

Lamput, Cartoon Network Asia Original

Asia originals Workers and Dream Raider have premiered recently on HBO and HBO GO

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portunity to retain and build on all the best parts of the individual organisations, and our experience to date is that we're really lucky to be able to pool such depth of talent and the best TV brands across news, kids and general entertainment'

About content strategy, he underlines: 'We have such robust pipelines for all of our channels and services, including originals from Asia and USA. During the lockdown phase, we were in post-production for many of our Asian projects which means we can roll these out, even during these difficult times. A great example is the new We Bare Bears movie. While led by Cartoon Network. the TV film is simultaneously launching across all our platforms in Asia: from **HBO Family**, **Boomerang**, **Warner TV**, Oh!K. as well as HBO GO and the Cartoon Network Watch and Play app'.

Asia Originals such as Titoo on **POGO** and The Head. Workers and Dream Raider on **HBO** and **HBO GO** have all premiered recently, while from the US standout Westworld. Perry Mason and **DC**'s Stargirl. HBO GO will add **HBO Max** Originals such as Anna Kendrick's Love Life and Ridley Scott's Raised by Wolves. On Oh!K, Singapore and Malaysian audiences enjoy a strong slate of Korean dramas such us When I was the Most Beautiful. SF8. KKondae Intern and The Game Towards Zero.

Ow: 'Consumers continues to focus on quality, tentpole content from brands that they trust. While there are just more choices than ever out there and it's a very competitive environment, our brands have the power to increase viewership for both our linear networks and our SVOD service across Asia. Despite ongoing headwinds, our linear channels still performed well. and we think much of this is down to the strength of the brands and the content offering'.

According to the executive HBO GO subscribers are up: 'We are now in eight territories in SEA and have some great distribution partners. Feedback has been good, and we are excited to continue to build on this strong



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start. Another area of non-linear growth is mobile games. Recently, we've licensed a number of new games in Asia for The Powerpuff Girls, Adventure Time and other Cartoon Network IP. working with developers such as **SundayToz** in Korea and GoGame'.

**Ow** completes: 'Asian content is absolutely working and we are seeing even more diversity of genres and in storytelling. For example, in August HBO Asia launched its first ever sci-fi series called Dream Raider with a truly multicultural production team. While sci-fi is not a common genre in this region, we wanted to explore something new. We know there's a growing appetite from a more sophisticated audience. Workers has performed very well for us and it is yet another example of a different genre - dark comedy. In the next few months we are continuing to double-down on our brands by investing heavily in content and in our digital business'.

#### WARNERMEDIA APAC IN NUMBERS

WarnerMedia Entertainment Networks has 17 channel brands, two streaming services (HBO GO and Dingji Theatre) available in 42 countries in 17 languages

POGO continued its impressive run in India as the #2 rated kids network for Q2; and Cartoon Network in South Korea jumped up two spots to become the #2 rated kids network in Q2, the country's #1 international Kids channel

New HBO GO launches since October 2019 in Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and Malaysia and now its available in 8 SEA territories (Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Malaysia)

In O2, HBO GO subs increased 65% since O1 and active users increased 70% a.o.a.



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Viu offers users popular and current content with streaming and download features, and lo-

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The service can be accessed via app (available for free on App Store and Google Play) on connected devices, e.g. smartphones and tablets, selected smart TVs, as well as on web by logging into www.viu.com. Viu revenue increased 46% year over year, driven by subscription growth, and paying subscribers growth was 119% year over year.

MAU's expanded by 21% to 36.1 million (normalized after India exit). video views grew by 23% to 3.2 billion (also normalized after India exit), average monthly time on the app grow 59% during Covid-19 (AppAnnie, includes Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand). Among major video streaming platforms, Viu has the highest number of users in Southeast Asia and is ranked second in terms

of streaming minutes, according to AMPD Research/Media Partners Asia (Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Philippines).

Viu has partnered with more than 30 telcos. including also five main Korean broadcasters with longer exclusivity, enhanced features and functionalities. The service has penetrated local markets with content from premium local partners and international networks such as A&E, **Discovery** and **SABC**. Its Originals, such as *Pretty* Little Liars, My Bubble Tea and Black performed well due to data-driven content decisions based on consumer insights.



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Pretty Little Liars and The Bridge, two Viu Originals

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Australia Broadcasting Corporation is country's publicly funded national broadcaster (like **BBC** in the UK). Year-To-Date. total network share is 14.8% and reach 47.3%. In addition to local dramas Mystery Road, Operation Buffalo and Stateless, the top performing shows tend to be acquired British dramas as Death in Paradise, Doc Martin and Verg. Killing Eve also performs very well for on **iview**. High end, impactful factual series also do well, and on the pre-school channel, **ABC Kids**, Bluey is hugely popular.

ABC's head of Acquisitions, Dallas Krueger: 'Australia experienced a surge in audiences tuning in across all the FTA networks at the beginning of the crisis. This was largely driven by news and current affairs. As the pandemic wore on. news fatigue set in, with the high viewing numbers starting to resemble pre-COVID levels. However, consumption is still strong with audiences shifting from news towards scripted and entertainment'.

**Krueger** remarks: 'Australia is experiencing seismic shifts within the industry with traditional broadcasters grappling with the ongoing transformation from linear to digital business models. Traditional broadcasters are simultaneously facing stiff competition from the local and global streamers. Casualties will be inevitable as will be the entry of new players in the market. The pandemic has acted as an accelerant'.

'Pandemic has changed local filming protocols to adhere to social distancing regulations. The industry has had to adapt quickly and accept unorthodox approaches, such as filming panel shows without a studio audience. COVID impact has made its way into storylines as well: satirical lifestyle show At Home Alone Together takes a light-hearted approach to lockdowns, self-isolation and social distancing'.

'Retrograde is another ABC commissioned comedy that follows the lives of a group of 30-so-



mething friends as they drown their sorrows at a virtual bar during COVID. We have also acquired content recently that also reflect living in this Era that will reach audiences later this year. Going forward, we will see an audience appetite for content that offers an escape from pandemic'.

The ABC's on demand platform **iview** hit new heights in 2020, with average minutes consumed hitting a record 1.1b, up 45% from 740 minutes in 2019. ABC iview accounts for around a guarter of the total minutes consumed across all Australian broadcast VOD services. The broadcaster has also increased presence on third party platforms such as YouTube, Instagram and Facebook. 'Rather than simply retrofitting broadcast content, there has been investment in bespoke content that appeals specifically to these platforms and audiences', comments Krueger,

Executive also highlights **ABC Listen** app, which is 'extremely popular' and showca-

ses binge-worthy ABC produced podcasts such as Trace and Snowball. both true crime. Coronacast is a short, daily podcast that breaks down the latest news and research to help audiences understand how the world is living through the pandemic. Last year web series Content launched simultaneously on Instagram, YouTube and iview. It was the first scripted comedy series presented in vertical video format designed to be viewed on smartphones, and it went 'viral'.

**ABC COMMERCIAL: WILDLIFE AND LANDSCAPE** 

ABC Commercial distributes 2,000 hours of ABC's content to the international marketplace. Karen Quinn, Sales Executive, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Latin America, MENA: 'We have had a lot of success in Pan Regional sales but there is a growing interest in individual territories where particular programs may be of interest such as *Revelation* (3x'90) and children's action adventure Itch (10x'24).

For the 2H, distributor offers Miriam Margolyes: Almost Australia (3x'60), Fight for Planet A: Our Climate Challenge (3x'60), Australia's Oceans (3x'60), Wild Wars Australia (4x'60) and Wild Australians (6x'60). Quinn: 'We are starting

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Future? ABC announced an AUD 5 million "Fresh Start Fund" that will support more than 200 Australian productions and new content ideas. to help safeguard local content and creativity against the impact of COVID-19. 'Almost 60 Australian music projects are among those receiving development funding and support, plus 44 children's content ideas and productions, 30 comedies, 15 dramas, 14 documentaries and factual projects and more than 30 specialist projects spanning areas such as podcasts, arts, science and religion and ethics. On the international front, we announced a creative and commercial collaboration with Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) that will enhance the reach and impact of content across both countries', concluded Krueger.



AVERAGE WEEKLY REACH FOR ABC IN METROPOLITAN REACH,

Source: OzTAM Metropolitan Consolidated 28 Data (5 mins. consecutive viewing)

> Karen Quinn, Sales Executive, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Latin America MENA

to see major growth in our formats business: You Can't Ask That, now in

production in 12 territo ries followed by sales and major interest for the delightful family competition formats The Great Bee Challenge and Fight For Planet A, both formats empower local audiences to make their contribution to the global challenges of climate change'



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## **BIG IN CREATIVE CONTENT**





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Created in 2015 and available in the sub-Saharan Africa, Showmax became a key player within the region as an industry booster, setting a streaming service with a unique combination of hit African content, first and exclusive international series, premium documentaries, and the best kids' shows. On the other hand, Showmax Pro adds music. news and live sport from SuperSport.

Candice Fangueiro, head of content, explains: 'We've deliberately ramped up emphasis on local content to meet demand. If you look at something like the first view metric, which asks what's the first show someone watches after signing up for Showmax under

#### SHOWMAX: TOP NUMBERS

Showmax is available in more than 70 countries worldwide, covering all of sub-Saharan Africa and with an African diaspora service available in another 26 countries.

There are more than 25,000 hours of content available on Showmax.

We don't disclose the number of subscribers but we can say that we have more than half a billion play events annually (people hitting play on a piece of content).

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the assumption this is probably what convinced them to join, three out of the top five first view pieces of content are now local. Local telenovelas and reality series are both particularly popular right now'.

Among top Showmax Originals, Fangueiro highlights titles like Tali's Wedding Diary (2017), The Girl From St. Agnes (2019) and Somizi & Mohale: The Union (2020), all set first-day viewing records on the streaming platform.

But scripted is not the only focus of the service: the company has released Life With Kelly Khumalo, a reality series about one of South Africa's biggest music stars. 'Other Originals on the way include Jahmil XT Qubeka and Layla Swart's epic African mythology series Blood Psalms, with Canal+ International.

'Other popular content on Showmax this year includes local telenovelas like The River, a 2019 International Emmy nominee, and The Queen, as well as international series like Grey's Anatomy, Vikings, Westworld, and Insecure and movies like Aquaman, Dora and the Lost City of Gold and Fast & Furious Present: Hobbs & Shaw', adds the executive.

According to Fangueiro, 'It's exciting times for the African market'. 'Our partnership with Canal+ on Blood Psalms continues a move towards co-productions from Showmax's parent company, Multichoice, which partnered with HBO on last year's Trackers, an adaptation of the bestselling Deon Meyer novel, which out-



Showmax is boosting the local market with the investment in original shows such as Tali's Wedding Diary and Somizi & Mohale: The Union



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performed Game of Thrones in South Africa. We're also fortunate that the content fragmentation hasn't reached us yet to the same degree as elsewhere: Disney+, HBOMax, Hulu, and **Peacock**, for example, aren't available in Africa yet, so we're spoilt for choice with international content'.

For the future, Showmax is aiming to keep adapting the service for the data connectivity constraints on the continent and focusing on the most-used viewing devices. 'Mobile usage is mainstream here, so in November last year, Showmax launched a mobile-only service for smartphones and tablets featuring all of the

Showmax content but at half the cost of the standard Showmax service and consuming less data, which has proven popular', remarks Fangueiro and completes: 'In June 2019, Showmax began testing sport live-streaming, and the new Showmax Pro service is based on the results of this. With the mobile-only version of Showmax Pro, anyone with a smartphone in sub-Saharan Africa will be able to get the best African content, the best of Hollywood, and all of the best sporting action. This is some-

thing no other service is doing and we think it's a game changer'.

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# N E W T V S E R I E S FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF LEVERAGE AND THE LIBRARIANS

'There are two major trends happening in animation right now: one is driven by technological advancements and the other is in the types of content and stories being produced. Advances in technology are not only making animated features more visually stunning, it is also upping the quality of TV animation to feature levels and opening doors for great content to be made not just at the big animation studios but at smaller independent studios from different parts of the world'.

Alfredo Marun,

**Television Animation** 

director of development, Disney

'There is no only one type of family so we want to offer stories for every member at any age. We look for fresh and different stories: our greatest success comes from supporting creators who are capable of generating fun, moving, character-based and locally relevant and authentic stories. Those are the movies and shows that resonate with our members around the world'.

A peack into the kids'

content industry. Here are some of the most powerful concepts

Relevant characters, audience interaction and the ability to entertain and

educate are some of the trends described by executives in the children's

**content industry** 

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Dominique Bazay, director of Netflix Original Animation, EMEA, APAC y LATAM



Paula Taborda dos Guaranys, Director of Content, Coproductions and Acquisitions, Planeta Junior

'We mainly seek to create local IPs, but something that is local doesn't mean that it will not be global, only in the way of telling, the way of speaking, of creating a narrative. You can create a narrative that is global, even if it has local details and that the children can see themselves reflected on the screen and it doesn't matter which screen, television, computer, cell phone, but it is very important, from the beginning of the project to have that vision'.

Genaro Díaz. Panning coordinator, VP of Image and Publicity Televisa

'During the pandemic we tried to offer our partners a slightly more viable production scheme and also to take advantage of the space where we could have a greater brand exposure. So we developed two interaction projects last year that were very relevant and have had an interesting continuity: Catalina la Catrina and a special project for Sponge-Bob (ViacomCBS), where children could "talk" with the characters on open TV'.

'What interests us are youth / family content (large section of kindergarten and 6-9 years) treated from a childish point of view, short or feature film.

We are looking for co-development and co-production opportunities, all genres combined, and content pitches with a touch of originality. These programs should be likely to appeal internationally'.



Qing Fan, Producer, Tencent Technology



'The absolute priority for us is to find characters with heart and humor, which will appeal to children and to whom they will become attached, but also which we can exploit through different platforms, because children do not like to be limited: they want to see, play and feel at the same time that things belong to them. We're looking for ideas for our channels first globally'.



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'Content that clearly emphasizes comedy, friendship and adventure is important to us. While even when we give priority to animated titles (in synthetic images or in 2D), we also really want to expand our offer to content in real or hybrid shots. This is something that we actively seek to integrate into our range'.

Vicky Schroderus, Executive in Charge of International Co-Productions and Acquisitions, YLE

'We are not only looking for high quality animation, but also very original characters and innovative stories with a touch of humor. We attach great importance to the scenarios. As for formats, they can range from one to thirty minutes'.

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Sony Pictures

Craig Hunter, Director of Kids Networks, Sony Pictures Television

Julien Borde. Head of Channels, France & Africa, Cartoon Network



Kerstin Viehbach, Head of Editorial Commissioning & **Development**, Super RTL



"We're always looking for the "next big hit". We need to reach the masses and are looking for themes with a long shelf life. Our focus is on animated series, but we also consider liveaction. The content should be gender-neutral with lots of heart and humour and a big portion of adventure. The stories should be inspiring, with unique and likeable characters and relate to the everyday life of our audience'.

## What do kids buyers and commissioners want?

Special survey made by Reed Midem about what the top kids' buyers and commissioners are looking at the international markets

- 1- What is your editorial strategy?
- 2 What type of projects/programs are you looking for?
- **3** Acquisition Territory?

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Senior Manager Series Acquisition & Production, Disney Channels (Germany) 1- The Disney Channel Germany pre-buys and acquires animated comedy programmes for girls and boys aged from 3 to 13. 2- We look for compelling characters, inspiring and character-

driven stories as well as strong humour, always encouraging the audience to follow their dreams and believe in themselves 3- Austria, Germany, Switzerland

3- France, United Kingdom, Canada, U.S.A.

2- Educational

Kirsten Hurd.

animation and covering all ages from early pre-school through

to school age children. We acquire fiction and non-fiction series

Acquisitions, TVOkids (Canada)

1- I am always on the lookout for high quality

educational content for kids. Both live-action and

#### Luca Milano, Head of Kids' Division, Rai (Italy)

Anuradha Javeri, Creative Director, Yoboho

1- We create/produce and acquire

New Media (India)

kids' content for digital platforms. 2- Looking for preschool and non-verbal 3D or 2D animated shows. Looking for specific rights, global

concepts, distribution and good quality work

1- Rai Ragazzi includes two free TV channels for children and kids: Rai YOYO and RAI GULP 2- For co-productions, we are looking for projects that can involve Italian companies too, while in acquisitions, European content is a plus 3- Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom



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3- Worldwide

#### Sean Chu, CEO & Founder, WeKids Asia (China) 1- WeKids is a leading children and family entertainment specialist 1- WeKids IS a leading children and family entertainment specialist focused on developing, managing and distributing IP for international focused on developing, managing and distributed more than 5 non encoder markets. To date WeKids has distributed more than 5 non encoder used on developing, managing and distributing IP for international markets. To date, Wekids has distributed more than 5,000 episodes of best-in-class kide' programmes to CCTV kide and all arkets. To date, wekids has distributed more than 5,000 ep of best-in-class kids' programmes to CCTV Kids and all of best-in-class kids programmes to CUV kids and all major digital platforms in China. Our business involves: Induct digital platforms in China. Our business involves: producing & co-producing. IP licensing and developing 2- High quality animations for kide interactional extension Producing & co-producing, IP licensing and developing 2- High quality animations for kids. International artwork 2- High quality animations for kids. International artwork or stories, instead of strong regional features. It would be

or stories, instead of strong regional features. It would be great if there is a running time on other main broadcaster a trance company United Kingdom Constant is A great if there is a running time on other main broat 3- France, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, U.S.A

## Adina Pitt, VP Content, Acquisitions and Co-Production, Cartoon Network (UK)

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1- We look for content (animation) for kids that can work across our vast ecosystem. We build brands and look to balance our originals with high quality 3rd party IP 2- Children's Programmes (primarily animated), Animation for kids 6-11 as well as 4-7 years old 3- India, Malaysia, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, U.S.A

#### **Martina Pestaj,** Head of Children's and Youth Programme, RTV Slovenia RTV A SLO

1- As a national broadcaster we want to offer our young viewers the best quality programmes we can find on the market. 2- I'm looking for high quality animation series for preschoolers, short docu series and strong life-action series for children. 3- Danmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom



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## **Gulli** consolidates French leadership and expands worldwide

'The animation sector has suffered less from the crisis than the production of streaming or fiction, it is true. The studios have done everything possible to ensure continuity despite this exceptional situation. We have maintained an ambitious program, a quality schedule. Despite the increased competition during this period, and thanks to well-anchored values, the children remained faithful to their favorite channel'.

Philippe Bony, Head of Thematic & Youth Channels and President of **Gulli**, describes to PRENSARIO the moment of the leading kids network in France, and he adds: 'We maintain production to offer an offensive, rich and joyful comeback with around 15 new releases. The French studios with which we are co-producing more than 20 series at the moment have been responsive and efficient despite the crisis. Thus, we launched The Sisters 2 on M6Kid, The Adventures of Paddington or Ricky Zoom S2 on Gulli'.

'The new school year was also made with successful licenses like My Pony Life, the new seasons of Loud Family or The amazing world of Gumball, Power Rangers and Pokemon. We launched in May Boy, Girl, etc., the new series from Watch Next Media. And the audiences were there: we had our best market shares for two years this summer with 19% PdA on children', remarks Bony.

As highlighted, Gulli is a leader in youth and to accompany children and families during the crisis, it has reinforced the positive values that we convey through original programs. The executive explains: 'During the lockdown we strengthened QUI our ludo-educational offer and the public particularly praised the series Il était une fois certified "Nation apprenante" by the State. We have also strengthened our preschool programming, a strategy that we maintained in the new season with the arrival of 4 new series for the smallest'.

TV consumption has increased 'significantly' on the general audience. 'Of course there were more children in front of the TV but what has changed significantly is that they were with their parents', clarifies Bony. And he adds: 'The joint listening has been boosted and our audiences have also focused on the most family-friendly programs, such as Shrek and Asterix. We continue to offer more and more unifying programs: family programs, great animated films. A winning strategy since this summer **Gulli** achieved its best market share on the FRDA-50 (women -50 years old) and moms in ten years'.

About digital. **Bony** says: 'Digital consumption has taken a very important place even if the linear remains the first source of consumption for children. Faced with this trend is confirmed and to best meet the different needs and expectations of our audience, we are currently working on the integration of





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Source: Médiamat/Médiamétrie

GulliReplay into the 6Play platform as well as the development of new features. Since this summer, we have been present with all the main operators: with 3 million subscribers **GulliMax** is the first French SVOD offer for children'

Regarding the future, executive believes: 'Our media sector is experiencing an unprecedented crisis, and it is difficult to project. Animation remains very active and source in proposals. We are currently engaged in the production and development of 15 series, but also 2 animated feature films with Groupe M6. Comedy remains our privileged genre, the most unifying, but we are open to all the most original and creative proposals'.

And **Bony** concludes: 'Our challenge is to remain the favorite channel for families and children in France and in abroad. We have strengthened out position as the first French youth animation channel in the world: Gulli Brasil was launched in early August (the first French channel edited in Latin America). Gulli Africa became a member of the world coalition for education organized by UNESCO and finally, **Tiji** and **Gulli** in Russia and Gulli bil Arabi in the Middle East continued their development'.









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#### **GO-N: French** animation for the world



Eric Garnet, president and CEO, and Anne de Galard, general manager, Go-N Productions

Simon, animated series

**BITORS** 

**Go-N** is a French production company founded 15 years ago, which has a studio in Paris. where generates 2D projects and is now adding CGI little by little. Its flagship product is Simon, which has 3.5 million subscribers on YouTube and is a

hit on **Netflix**.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 is promoting Simon (156x'5 - 3 seasons of 52 episodes). The company just completed the production of Season 3 and has announced past month the development of a 4th season with France TV. Simon is a new modern classic for preschool audiences, based on the worldwide best-selling children's books by Stephanie Blake, published by l'Ecole **des Loisirs**, with over 3.5 million books sold Worldwide. The series has achieved tre-

mendous audience ratings where've it been broadcast, becoming n°1 or 2nd highest ranked show in a few months: France TV, Clan RTVE (Spain), Cartoonito (Italy), Télé-Québec (Canada), NHK (Japan), Disney Channels (Latin America& South East Asia), Netflix, Discovery Kids (MENA), Jim Jam (Central Europe).

The next step of the company in Latin America is to find the right partners to expand Simon's strong IP across the region.

The second series is Lou! (52x13') a sitcom for older children 8 to 12. It tells the daily life of a girl and her mother, and friends, as they begin toenter the world of adolescence. This series proposes a modern and positive take about important social themes: single parent family and diversity.

The third show that highlights is *Zip Zip* (2 Seasons of 52x'13) a comedy cartoon which was sold over 100 countries, currently on Disney.

GO-N has also launched its own YouTube channels which have reached more than 4 million subscribers and more than 1,5 Billion views, half of them are from Latin America.

### **MIAM!** animation: female stories

To face the economic slow-down linked to the sanitary situation. MIAM! animation. the independent Paris-based production and distribution company, chose to strengthen its production team and continue to enrich its distribution line up with meaningful content.

Hanna Mouchez. CEO and Founder: 'We have started the production of Edmond and Lucy (52x'12) with France 5, executive produced by MIAM! studio, our

new real-time 3D production studio. Heading the new 3D studio are two experienced persons, both former Gaumont Animation executives: Gaëlle Guiny, as Head of Studio, and lérôme Desvignes as Technical Director. Edmond and Lucy is an adaptation from the illustrated books by Marc Boutavant and is published in more than 20 countries. France Televisions acquired, as well as **RTS** (Switzerland). **SVT** (Sweden) and **TV5 Monde** for the French-speaking world. Global presales have already begun.

Miam! is also promoting this fall the 2D animated series Brazen (30x3'30), produced by Silex Films. Targeted to teens, families and adults from 9 years old and up, adapted from a French bestseller comic book that sold WW to +550K copies, it introduces the portraits of 30 women, each revolutionary in their own way, who changed the world but where forgotten by history. It premiered in March 2020 in France and gathered more than 12 million views ranking the show within the top 10 most watched series on France Televisions. YLE, RTP, RAI, RTS and Gulli Russia are already on board.

The company has also confirmed two acquisitions: from Quark, Women Undercover (6x'6) that introduces the portraits of 6 former Cold War spies and unveils their determinant and yet unknown contribution to International Intelligence; and from Darjeeling Productions, Fail in Love (13x'4), which brings up 13 funny, unexpected and awkward dating app stories. Both series premiered on **Arte** in March and July, and reached more than 2 million, respectively.

#### Zodiak Kids produces Ultimate Video Skills for Sky Kids

Zodiak Kids, part of Banijay, produced brand new entertainment series, Ultimate Video Skills. The 20-episode series is commissioned by Sky Kids Director of Kids Content UK & ROI, Lucy Murphy. The series will be available on Sky's on-demand service, Sky Kids and on streaming service **NOW TV** in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland this month.

Ultimate Video Skills is a series of five-minute shows designed to teach children aged 8 -12 how to make cool video clips on their phones or tablets to show their friends. Using camera tips, tricks, and techniques, presenter Luke Franks (**CITV**'s *Scrambled*), will demonstrate how easy it is to make fun video clips at home. In each episode, Luke will be joined by a guest creator who will also illustrate one of their camera tricks.

The series will be executive produced by Steven Andrew, Zodiak Kids' Creative Director, and Joe Shaw.

Additionally, Zodiak Kids has secured an eighth series of popu-**CITV** kids entertainment lar show, Scrambled!, which has gone into production for a further 57 episodes, as well as a fifth season of multi-award-winning comedy drama, Secret Life of Boys, for CBBC.



Hanna Mouchez.

CEO and founder

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Brazen, 2D animated series



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Barceló and other tour operators in the region, and with the support of the National Chamber of the Film Industry of Mexico (Canaci-

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Due to Covid-19, Platino Industria has developed several weekly online panels as Platino Industry Meetings (EPI) since July about the "Animation Industry in Latin America" together with Paul Vaca from Alterego (USA). The sessions, including 21 panelists from Cana-

da, USA and Latin America, gathered more than 1.000 attendees from 19 countries. The talks last until December to discuss about different topics that concern producers, content directors, creators, students and the community of the film, audiovisual, tourism and education sector.

'We are glad to announce new alliances with whom we will share the different topics', underlines Adriana Castillo, coordinator of **Platino Industria**, and she exemplifies with three: **WAWA**, the Mexican Society of Photography Authors (AMC) and the Latin American Federation of Cinematographic Photography Authors (FELAFC) to carry out the workshop "How to make a film from start to finish" from the hands of internationally recognized directors and cinematographers as well as winners of the Platino Awards. 'We will end the year with the participation at Ventana Sur (Argentina), she added.

**Castillo** concludes: 'EPI is an opportunity to create new links between professionals from a variety of regions, to bring together film, audiovisual, tourism and education sectors as well as an opportunity to create business in Latin America, Spain and Portugal through a digital environment'.

### Astrolab transforms crisis in opportunities

Argentine-based Astrolab is is just an example of how a crisis is at the same time a source of opportunities. 2020 has been an extremely unusual year, that has taken the whole world by surprise. But at the same time, it has allowed content developers to bare time, skills and grey matter into the new challenges that await ahead.

Many boutique production companies, keen

in the development of original contents knew how to manage their resources in a flexible manner, allowing them to mitigate the effects of the Covid19 Pandemic. Such is the case of **Astrolab**. who was able to keep its creative department very active during the worldwide freeze.

During 2020, Astrolab produced a pilot episode with the aim of making a big step

on the ultra-competitive OTT platforms fiction miniseries niche. The pilot of *Formicario* (10x'44) was fully financed by Astrolab. as a laboratory experience to confirm their skills to create high standard products for the high-standard international market.

After 12 years of success in creating edu-tainment contents for international networks, Astrolab also ventured in the production of its first action and adventure animation series for young teens Brotheroids (26x'11) which combines acid comedy with action, though maintaining the same ADN stamps on all its creations, since underneath its main plot lies the ecological value of how to obtain renewable energies.

While planning the fourth season of its animation TV series Mind-Blowing Breakthroughs (78x'12), Astrolab and its South Korean partner Grafizix, premiered the third season at Korean EBS network.

Astrolab also premiered the second season of their original production**JAVI &** The Tree House Club (21x'11) at NatGeoKids Latinamerica, a Pay TV panregional channel currently managed by the Disney Company network.

#### Mondo TV Iberoamérica and RTVE will co-produce Annie & Carola



Maria Bonaria Fois. CEO of Grupo Mondo TV Iberoamerica

Grupo Mondo TV Iberoamérica partners with RTVE for the co-production of the animated series Annie & Carola, an original work by Myriam Ballesteros. The series premiere is scheduled for the second half of 2022.

With the details of the participation of the public television in negotiation, children's channel **Clan** has selected Annie & Carola among six other projects in the annual call to creator, which seeks to support the Spanish audiovisual industry. The series is written by Txema Ocio and directed by Myriam Ballesteros, CEO of **MB Producciones**, whom the company has recently signed a strategic agreement that helps the company

to obtain almost all of the IP and take care of international distribution.

Annie & Carola will consist of 52 episodes of 11 minutes each, in 2D HD. The series follows Carola, a nerd with no social skills, who builds herself a clone friend, with whom she can share her love of science and keep herself safe from the world of teenagers she is unaware of and fears..

All pre-production will be in charge of Mondo TV Producciones Ca**narias**, which will play a key role in the development of the property

Maria Bonaria Fois, CEO of Grupo Mondo TV Iberoamerica, said: 'The selection of Clan of Annie & Carola is an important vote of confidence of the channel and we believe that it is an important milestone for the development of the series. Our group is proud to be part of this very special project together with Myriam '.



Federico Badia, CEO

Mind-Blowing Breakthroughs, animated series

30x3'30





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### Eccho Rights: bold, modern dramas

As one of the leading Turkish distributors, Eccho **Rights** is having a strong presence on Virtual Screenings Autumn with four brand new dramas: The Red Room, Legacy, My Sweet Lie and Everywhere I go. Along with the new addings, the company is restructuring the strategy: **Fredrik** af Malmborg, managing director, is expanding the offering from other parts of the world, and Handan Özkubat has been appointed as director of Turkish Drama. At the same time, company is building closer collaborations with **CJ ENM** and their contents in the pipeline. 'Handan has played a major role in developing our busi-

ness in Istanbul which has been an instrumental Fredrik af Malmborg. part of our tremendous growth in the past decade. and Handan Özkubat It is only natural that she takes on a more comprehas been appointed as hensive role at the head of our Turkish busidirector of Turkish Drama

> ness now', remarked af Malmborg. From the creators of My Home My Destiny (OGM Pictures) arrives The Red Room (95x'45): premiered as top rating show in AB demo, top cast of well known actors, it is a hard-hitting, psychological drama series, tackling real life issues as seen through

the eyes of a team of therapists at an Istanbul clinic. 'It is a series that speaks to women (and men) around the world who can relate to the issues faced by

those entering the clinic, as well as the personal stories of the staff that we see developing over the course of the series', underlines Özkubat.

Legacy (255x'45), from Karamel Yapim, premieres this month in Turkey about a little boy is the subject of a fierce family feud after his mother passes away. Everywhere I go (75x'45), from Karga Seven Pictures, is a huge audience favourite in Turkey and won the "Best Romance" award at the 2019 Golden Lens Awards and has been an international sales triumph. Hit of the summer in 2019 in Turkey, now sold to diverse territories including Spain and India, My Sweet Lie (95x'45) from 03 Medva shows little white lie becomes hard to maintain when a woman arrives at Nejat and his daughter's house, who the little girl believes to be her long lost mother.

#### Onza sold Equilibri by Okuda to NHK Enterprises

**Onza** (Spain) sold its 4K documentary Equilibri by Okuda to Japan's NHK Enterprises Inc. The 50-minute movie outlines his success and the development of one of his most ambitious projects: a huge sculpture that will be burned down during the Fallas Festival in Valencia. The artist will have to deal with the criticism of the traditionalists against his avant-garde art.

Okuda is a well-known artist that has worked in almost every corner of the world: India, USA, Japan, Chile, South Africa, Hungary, Canada...Focusing his art work in murals, sculptures, and paintings that very recognizable by their colourful geometric forms.

Carlos Garde, director of **Onza Distribution** states: 'We are very happy to bring our productions to the Japanese audience. This sale is part of our growth strategy in a market with a huge potential. Our re-

CDC:

**The Gentlemen** 

With a vast library of over 350 titles, CDC United Network is one of the top 3 independent

suppliers of independent television program-

ming to all of the TV channels in Latin America

butors throughout the territory. At Virtual Scree-

nings Autumn, the com- pany is promoting

a slate of movies headed

by its new crime film The

Gentlemen (113'), which

follows a British drug lord

while tries to sell off his highly profitable empire

to a dynasty of Oklaho-

ma billionaires, or Mary

(84'), horror movie

centered on a family

whom, looking to start

a charter-boat busi-

lationship with NHK is excellent and we are already talking with them about our new releases'.



lessly pursued by mysteriously dangerous figures. Lastly, are the animation movies Henchmen (89'), about a teenager and his mentor, who must team up to stop an evil supervillain, and the series Almost Paradise (10x40'), drama about a former DEA agent forced into early retirement runs a gift shop in in the Philippines. Last one is created by Dean Devlin, well known for The Librarians and the action series Leverage, and is starred

through the city, piecing together clues to his past, he is relent-

by Christian Kane and Samantha Richell on the principal roles.



Jimmy van der Heyden, sales director





#### Kids originals launched in 2020:



Mind-Blowing Breakthroughs/ Ideas Rompe-Cráneos. Animation TV Series – 78 x 12' 3<sup>rd</sup> season launched in South Korean

#### **Development stage:**



Brotheroids. Action & Adventure Animation TV Series -26 x 13'



**Mind-Blowing Breakthroughs** 4<sup>th</sup> Season. Animation TV Series – 26 x 12'

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Javi & The Tree House Club. Animation TV Series – 21 x 11' 2<sup>nd</sup> season launched in NatGeo Kids Latinamerica – September 2020







El Banauete. Fiction Miniseries – 4 x 36' In Coproduction with Cuban's RTV Comercial.

### **RMVistar: deals with** majors and projects for digital platforms



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For Rosmarie Vega, CEO of RMVistar, the flow business due the pandemic situation has shifted its offer to more "Covid-19 friendly" productions and actually they are working on several projects mainly for digital platform with shorter running time episodes.

Rosmarie Vega, CEO

VIRAL, web series

'In the meantime, quality produced programs always find the right venue and we are working on a new great biopic to be released shortly', explains.

> The compnay recently closed a deal with HBO for the license of the Chilean comedy I Don't Want to be your Brother from the Padilla brothers. Also signed a deal for a package that includes Leomark Films and Recetazasto which will be available on **CanelaTV** platform in USA.

In addition, closed a production development agreement for a new thriller series for LatAm, and brokered a license deal with Malaysia for Odyssey MP for the distribu-

tion of several high-profile action movies a premiere in this promising territory.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 is pushing #VIRAL, where a teenage girl, sets out to uncover the truth behind the viral video of a fashion influencer and fellow student's tragic death. Also Deadline, that follows a youtuber who discovers that the phone he inherits from his recently deceased dad has a glitch when you use the camera; and *Plan B*, that shows Philippe, and how discovers an incredible small company called PLAN B that offers the possibility of going back in time.

#### **TBS**, a referent in entertainment formats

Having earned widespread acclaim on dramas, variety shows, news and sports broadcasts, **TBS Inc.** have

played a key role in the development of the Japanese broadcast culture, domestically and abroad. Specially in the production and export of entertainment format, a genre in which is a global referent with key properties such is Sasuke (37x'120-'480)/ Ninka Warrior (170x'30; 2x'60), a sports entertainment event already aired in 165 countries, and locally produced in 25 countries, and



global phenomenon Takeshi's Castle

About

Takeshi's Castle (127x'60), an attraction variety physical game shows aired in 159 countries and territories, and locally produced in 10 countries. Both shows, as formats and ready made are being promoted at Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020.

The company is also launching the newest non scripted game show: Gotttttcha!!!. It is based on a simple game known all around the world: "hide and seek". But by adding three original twists, it's reborn into the most hilarious and exciting game show, presented with a cool and futuristic look.

But TBS Inc. catalogue is not only formed by entertainment. Scripted formats are also a key part of the line up for the virtual market with three special launches: the detective thriller SPEC ('75 or 9x'60) directed by Yukihiko Tsutsumi; the mystery and suspense feature film Stolen Identity directed by Hideo Nakata; and the science and medical mystery series Unnatural ('75 or '70 or 8x'60) from scriptwriter Akiko Nogi.

Last but not least, animation. TBS Inc. has been producing top-quality animated content for over 20 years: from long running kids series to the latest hot anime title, it has a catalog of over 150 animation titles and counting. Company is currently producing multiple titles per year of some of the most cutting-edge and popular anime content in the industry.

#### **Armando Bó launches About Entertainment**



Oscar-winning screenwriter and director Armando Bó, launched About Entertainment, company focused on the production of various fiction and nonfiction genres, as well as branded-content.

Bó confirmed also the appointment of Mercedes Reincke (former VP of Content Development at Viacom) to lead the Content Development area, **Natacha Cervi** to lead the Production & Operations department, Mariana Levy to the Script area, and

Armando Bó, founder of About Entertainment

Ezequiel Olemberg, in charge of the Legal and Finance department.

'Our goal is for creative freedom to be the foundation for producing truly unique content. We want to tell stories, that is the true engine of everything we do', said the director of El Presidente (Amazon Prime). 'It is important to accompany the film makers in the search for their own voice, supporting them with the best technical and creative resources, allowing them to obtain premium quality productions'.

'Since its inception, About Entertainment's search is to find the purest form of narrative, from

the simple question: what is this about? On the company name, 'About' is the beginning of any story. We wanted something simple that sums up what we believe in', added the team, and completed: 'We want to tell human stories and we strive to do it in the best possible way to connect with people. The word 'about'; encompasses not only the idea of a story, but the action of telling it, including those behind that story, the narrators'.



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#### Award winning script "Soulmates: A Play about Love and Deceit"

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We get to know deep insights of Elizabeth and Arthur. Is this reality or is it all a dream? The more they get to know each, the greater the intimacy the more conflicts arise between them. Are they really soulmates?

Does Elizabeth really love Arthur? At least she explicitly says so and continually wants to prove her deep love to Arthur. Arthur is confused turns desperate and even considers jumping off a cliff in a state of drunkenness. We meet Arthur and Elizabeth in bars, at home in Arthur's bedroom, outside on a bridge, on the road and in many, many other settings. We listen in to their phone calls.

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The truth is, we are all individuals. We can choose the divine or we can use respect and loyalty? someone as an extension for our own insecurities. However, may one have This is a story about love, romance, spiritual power, trust and distrust. Meet a departed, we all carry the love of the universe within ourselves. With that in couple fighting it out. And lastly, is Elizabeth really the person she pretends or mind it is up to us whether to dive into darkness or to blossom in light.

#### Note: We have already taken the hurdles of publishing the above scripts which are readily available on Amazon.

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shows to be? What do both want of each other? Arthur is an exceptional person. We find Elizabeth in the bar, in Arthur's bedroom. We find both very intimate, we find both can use their intellect to express themselves... What an intense relationship!

This is also a story about poetic, deep routed, sweet and even harsh language, about respect and love, hate and abuse and about conflicts that lead to self-destruction. How will this like two very different universes which collide turn out? What relationship do you find yourself in?

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Exciting right from the start with an unbelievable twist. This is a brand-new story of a group of young individuals following through not only on their dreams but also on their survival and future. What gives them their strength, their energy given the overdominance of their enemies? Full of twists, a thriller and drama full of violence and surprises, up to the very end.

#### **#Heartsspark: 69 Poems and Love Letters**

Lovers acknowledge and declare their love to one another. Every one of us has experienced or has identified with these feeling at least once in their life time

If we have grown close to someone, especially throughout many years, we sense a feeling of blind trust. We laugh, cry, play and carry each other. Synchronized, there are ecstatic times, instances we act childish, sometimes as serious as tyrants and sometimes even like animals.

We argue and drift into the boundless realms of the universe as if we are the only ones: Flow-stressed, spellbound and most too often naïve. Not a day passes when couples in love don't talk to each other. Not an hour, not a minute passes without lovers intensely thinking about each other. Not too seldomly this initial high feeling of love ceases due to change of mind and attitude. Our faith in intense circumstances leads us towards the next level of awakening. Experiences and memories remain with us.

Traditionally, love stories end with "and they lived happily ever after", usually leaving the real endings - the struggles of life - open. These well-known love story endings normally would mean that most couples would still be together today, which is often not the case.

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### **RTVE** expands its networks and contents

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Past June. **RTVE** announced that has increased the penetration of its international channels in different countries of America. In order to offer their subscribers a greater number of channels, and greater possibilities

Tony Perez, Sales Manager for entertainment during the confinement caused by the pandemic, have decided to take advantage of this growing

demand to acquire the rights to distribute any of the international channels of RTVE or all of them.

Among the distributors that have decided to include RTVE's international channels in their offers, the following stand out Cablecentro (Costa Rica), CJG Cable (Peru), AXS (Bolivia), Alternative Networks (Belize), and in Guatemala, El Salvador and Colombia. Sistecom (south-eastern area of Guatemala). New Telecom (San Salvador), and Adminred (Bogota, Cundinamarca and Huila), respectively.

In addition, RTVE launched its international platform **RTVE Play** past June in

The Americas. With this service, the company offers a free month to the entire population, who can be access to productions such as Isabel, I'm alive, Néboa, Malaka and Promises of sand, among others.

As for content, at Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020, RTVE is promoting some of its recent productions. like H.I.T., that follows Hugo Ibarra Tomás, a mixture of psychologist, schoolmaster and soldier who is asked to

help by the head of a secondary school where things are getting out of hand.

Also A Different View, which second season is focusing on the struggle for women's rights as seen through the lives of the students and teachers, incorporating issues such as racism, classism, love in later life, the role of women in trade unions, sport and cinema, mental illness, women in the public space and the fear of change.

The fourth part of The Department of Time that continues the different journeys back in time undertaken by the well-known special patrol unit; and *To Serve* And Protect, a brand new police drama that portrays the everyday life at a police station in a suburb of Madrid.

#### Ledafilms: focus in coproductions

Ledafilms (Argentina) has gone from being one of the largest independent film distributors to developing new lines of business, such as co-producing projects like Corazón Sicario. a series developed with the production company Infinito and based on the book of the same name.

But as it progresses it continues to add

new films to its vast offering, as is the case with the Spanish thriller Way Down (90'), set in an absolutely impenetrable bank which becomes a thrilling challenge ignites the curiosity of a genius determined to learn the vault's secrets and make it into the depths of the bank.

Starred by Jackie Chan, The Knight of Shadows (110') shows what happens when the barrier that protects humans from the realm of demons falls. The King of Demons

sends demon hunter Songling (Jackie Chan) in the guise of a master detective to track down every last one. Gifted with the king's magical calligraphy brush, he is aided on his mission by a motley group of friendly demons. From Argentina it comesDe acá a la China (92'), a comedy about a man that decides to travel to the other side of the world with the only purpose of taking revenge by opening the first Argentine Supermarket in China.

Last but not least, the company highlights the animation Ooops! The adventure continues, where after more than 147 days without sight of land the sequel sees food supplies on Noah's Ark running low. Young heroes Finny and his best mate Leah find themselves in trouble after disobeying their parents and causing an accidental food avalanche on the ark's provisions deck that sweeps them and the food out to sea.



ORF-Enterprise's Content Sales International is the division of Austrian Public Broadcaster serves as preferred partner for broadcasters and platforms around the world as a one-stop-shop for high quality content offering a wide range of titles from all genres: Blue-Chip Documentaries, TV-Series and Movies, Children's Programs, Music as well as scripted and non-scripted Formats.



Frontier, documentary

The program catalog targets the international television and media industry, comprising TV, VOD, DVD and ancillary rights of ORF's documentaries, TV series and movies, children's shows and music programs.

On top of these 'connect times', the company announced recently the re-launch of its streaming platform that upgraded features like recommendations, wish-list, a section to save your favorite content for later and an improved video player which now includes the feature to change the playback speed to 1.5x or 2x for a more efficient screening experience. At Virtual Screenings Autumn, the division company is promoting a documentary piece about wildlife, and a global success crime fiction series.

Big Bend - America's Wildest Frontier (1x'52) is a wild- Armin Luttenberger Head of Content life documentary production that follows the legen-Sales International dary Rio Grande river that cuts deep canyons between the US and Mexico; the show presents the most talked-

about frontier which is home to some of America's most glorious wildlife. The documentary is a co-production by ORF, PBS, France TV, SVT, RTE and Crossing the Line Films in association with ORF-Enterprise.

And the Tv series that has been a success around the globe and is now also available in Spanish, Fast Forward. The story shows Angelica Fast a successful investigator at Vienna's criminal investigation department. With six seasons and four feature-length specials, the series was produced by MR Film for ORF.



Alejandro Leda, Presiden









.I.T., teenage series





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## **TV Azteca:** tailor-made

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With over 25 years of history. TV Azteca Internacional (Mexico) has become a pillar in the distribution not Patricia Jasin, VP only of content but also within the Pay TV industry, with 6 international channels (Mundo, Corazón, Clicand Ci-

International

nema, Azteca Uno-2hrsand Azteca Uno -1hr), reaching over 113 million households globally.

In addition, through its own production unit, TV Azteca develops content of multiple genres and formats, ranging from original programs for broad-



cast on its four thematic channels and international marketing, to co-productions with strategic national and international partners, as well as innovative audiovisual shows specially designed for its commercial partners.

Among the key titles for this season, the company highlights thriller and suspense series such as Demencia (10x60'), about a reporter that decides to enter a psychiatric hospital to solve her grandmother's murder but once she finds out the truth, leaving won't be easy, and Desaparecida(80x60'), drama series about a missing bride on her wedding day, under suspicious circumstances. As his son investigates, he begins to discover secrets of his mother's

life that he did not suspect.

The televonelaLos Rev (125x60') follows the conflict of two friends confronted by the love of a woman and Inconvivencia (10x60') is a series produced by **Kuarzo Entertainment** (Argentina) centered on a couple that decide to end with their living together to save the relationship.

On the unscripted side are Kuarzo's game show El perrodelmillón, where each contestant competes on the set with their dog and must guide it to overcome different challenges and win prizes, and Mundo Metro (10x30').a reality show about the stories told by the Mexico City subway.

#### **Trinity: dynamism in** pure essence

With offices in Buenos Aires and Miami. Trinity is one of the most dynamic audiovisual companies in the region, as well as constantly growing based on three axes. The first one is the distribution of au-

diovisual contents; analyzing the needs of each client and elaborating content solutions Mariano Puig, CEO and with more than 6,000 hours of content for linear TV, with the appropriate licenses for its distribution and commercialization, with thematic cycles according to the priorities of the client; and for a better performance it \land TRINITY processes and adapts the contents according to the needs of each television signal. In addition, it handles content for VOD. with more than 2,000 hours of feature films, over 1.500 hours of series and animation. +2.000 hours of telenovelas and +1,500 short life clips.

The second axe, is **Contenta**, the company dedicated to the content production from Trinity and focused in short content, with a wide variety of categories, including Soccer, Sports, Extreme Sports, Cars, Humor, Children, Health and Wellness.

And, last but not least, the company provides solutions for the acquisition and adaptation of content, performing quality control, elaborating metadata according to the characteristics of each platform, whether digital or television channels, such as subtitles and trailers; encoding, ingesting and quality control.

Among the main services offered by the company in this field. it stands more than 20 years working with various industry studies, license management, legal management, experience in cost optimization and financing for content acquisition, permanent process of reviewing contracts and prices and management of technical questionnaires and delivery guarantees

#### SIC: Nazaré conquers new territories

Among the recent news that brings division of international distribution by Portuguese media company SIC, highlights the rebranding of its commercial unit, which added to its core business, distribution of TV linear channels, and it's called now SIC International Distribution.

'There has been a great effort in closely following up with customers. adapting quickly to the changes caused by COVID19 situation. Now, more than ever, we want to be there for our viewers', confirmed a spoken person from the company.

The expansion of the product offer is why the Group has been reinforcing its presence in international markets, most recently at the past edition of Virtual Screenings in May, where it exhibited its large catalog of winning dramas.

Its offer for Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 is formed by two of its major hits of the season. The first one, *Nazare* was a successful drama that still saving recognitions; finalist at the NY Festival TV & Film Awards and a silver medal winner at the World Media Festival, is an audience leader in SIC since its premiere, breaking records every day, which confirmed

past June its sale to MBC, covering territories of the Middle East and North Africa.

Nazaré follows the path of a young and determined woman who's willing to do almost anvthing to save her mother's life, even if it means to betray the man she loves. The series was pro- Carlota Vieira, manager duced by SIC / SP Televisão.

And finally another hit drama, Living Passion. The series set a record to be sold to over 70 countries and received a Bronze Medal Winner at New York Festivals TV & Film Awards. The plot tells the story of Miguel. a convicted for a crime he did not commit who will fight to replace the truth, recover the love of his life and build a father/ daughter relationship with Catarina.



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## A NEW WORLD OF CONTENT

## **RCN: Top and successful stories**



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**RCN** has been experimenting a transformation process in Colombia. The broadcaster is expand its presence as a multiplatform channel.

taking its natural ad-María Lucia Hernández Frieri - International sales Director

vantages such as being one of the great producers of local content

with a profile of international significance. At Virtual Screenings 2020, the company it's



presenting a slate of its latest titles and its IP stories.

As the highlights: Nurses (110x'60) a dramatic series that recreates the universe of Latin American public hospitals through the point of view of female nurses; early this year, RCN Televisión confirmed that the series had been approved for a second season.

Also To Love You (120x'60), where a famous designer, and businessman, get in troubles amid his latest collection launch, when his girlfriend proposes him and he finds out that one of his friends has stolen all the company's money away and has left the country.

Also Heart'S Decree (131x'60), series that presents criminal cases and family law cases which are based in real life stories and move forward simultaneously to the main love story between two lawyers, experts in family law, who chance brings together when he has just signed his divorce papers and she is about to get married; and Lala's Spa (80x'60). a comedy series whose main character is Lala, a stunning transgender woman who inherits from her loving and friendly mother the taste for aesthetics and hairdressing. The series tt stars Venezuelan trans actress Isabella Santiago and Ricardo Mejía. The cast

was also joined by Zulma Rev. Victor Tarazona and Carlos Hurtado, under the direction of German Porras v Olga Lucía Rodriguez.

Amid its recent titles, RCN Television is promoting its successful IP stories. like Betty La Fea, Coffee with the scent of a woman, From Riches to Raas

#### **Cathy Payne leads Banijay Rights**

Banijay confirmed Cathy Payne as head of Banijay Rights. keeping the same position after the acquisition of the Endemol Shine Group. The

Cathy Payne, CEO at Banijay Rights executive reports to Banijay CEO Marco Bassetti and over-

sees the combined distribution arm. executing the integration of the catalogs and guiding the exploitation of content in different clients and territories.



Despite the pandemic and the suspension of the live events, **Sovtelexport**. distribution arm of **Russia Television and Radio**, keeps moving forward:

the entity confirmed its partici-

pation to the Tiff Market (10 to 19 September), VS Autumn (15 to Julia Matvash. director of 24 September) and MIPCOM Sovtelexport online+ (12 to 15 October).

'Virtual events are the most effective form of global distribution process organization in nowadays reality. Companies worldwide are trying to adapt to this new model and Sovtelexport is no exception', says



And she completes: 'VS gives us a chance to present our series to many representatives of the Spanish speaking countries, one of the most strategically important for us. RTR has been cooperating with the largest TV companies and channels of the region including Canal 22 Mexico, Señal Colombia, Arte 1 Brazil, Televisión Nacional de Uruguay, Olympusat and we are looking forward to expanding and strengthening relationships with our longstanding partners and our positions at the market in the context of new reality.



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## **RTR: adapting to new models**

Iulia Matvash. director of Sovtelexport. and remarks: 'Since the format is still developing, there are some deficiencies. Some platforms lack intuitive interface or there are problems with time zones correspondence, the process of match making needs some improvement. But there are definitely some advantages of virtual events - people can attend markets, saving company's budget on business trips. They have a chance to really look into the content in a calm atmosphere as well as to take part in conference sessions, as while working on physical markets it is hard to make time for such activities'.

Among the main titles that Sovtelexport is presenting in VS are the Zuleikha Opens Her

#### **NHK: Wildlife** and educational productions

Early this year, Japan's public broadcaster **NHK** has produced a number of major wildlife documentaries in coproduction with international partners, which are delivering



executive producer of NHK Enterprises

for global distribution and other broadcasters.

Among the most resonant titles, Mysterious Planet highlights for its unique representation of the ecosystems at biodiversity hotspots. 'The series represents a new genre that combines science and wildlife', explains Masa Hayakawa, executive producer of **NHK Enterprises**, who pointed out that it is a co-production with **NHNZ** (New Zealand), which the company has been related during the last 20 years.

Eves, film version of the novel of the same name published in 34 countries, and bonechilling thriller The Blood Widow, both based on real events, and depict unusual and strong female characters.

#### **ZDF: content with** meaning

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**ZDF Enterprises** is responsible for worldwide program sales, the implementation of international co-productions, license purchasing for quality programs, marketing online rights and the merchandising of strong ZDF program brands.

Robert Franke. Vice President 7DFF.drama

In addition, ZDF Enterprises also can offer a comprehensive, full-service offer that covers every step in the process of creation and marketing of successful TV productions, from material development in all genres to production and then on

to the marketing of television licenses, merchandising, VOD and online rights.

At Virtual Screenings, the company offers a raft of titles from diverse genre, such as science, drama, crime + suspense, animation and live action.

As for science and knowledge, ZDF promotes Anthropocene, where tells the story from the beginnings of human civilization to the present day.

This is an ANTHROPOCENE nthropocene, unscripted series

in-house production, where the ZDF team travelled the globe, to Ethiopia, Australia, Iceland, the USA and China among others. Also Great Inventions, ZDFE.unscripted series, that looks at the successes and the failures, the brilliant ideas, while celebrates the million ways that "Great Inventions" have transformed the world. Is produced by **Off the Fence B.V.**, **doc.** station, World Media Rights and k22 for ZDF Enterprises.

As for animation and live action, presents: *Heirs* of the Night, which plot is set in 1898, where a prophecy warns the five remaining vampire clans in Europe that they need to unite or else they will become extinct. Also Zoom - the White Dolphin, about a diving-mad teenager, and his seven-year-old sister who one day meet Zoom, a mysterious and intelligent white dolphin; and *Hoodie*, which follows a teenage who, during the night, it transforms in a mysterious hero who protects the neighborhood, with the help of three other local youths who have discovered his secret.

### Televisa: "Telenovela" continues to be a king

Confined to their homes, the audience have dedicated their time in front on TV to melodramas, and **Televisa** has seen a resurgence of the 'telenovela' on these screens.

The final chapter of *Rubí*, achieved the best performance of the day in Las Estrellas channel, winning one of the highest numbers on television in Mexico in recent times. The production marked 4.8 million people in total viewers (P4+), 1.7 million in Adults 19-

54 and 1.8 million in housewives, according to Nielsen IBOPE Mexico.

The series is a production from **Carlos Baldasano**, and it's starred by wellknow star-actors from Mexico. It tells the story of a young and ambitious student, from humble origins, who has always denied her poverty, who tired of her situation and sure of deserving another kind of life, she will use, without any qualms, her haunting beauty and capacity for seduction to conquer money, fame and power.

Apart from Rubi, **Televisa** is promoting at Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 several titles that became a huge success in various markets, among them *Giving up my life* (80x'60), from **W Studios** and adapted from the Chilean hit production with the same name, which follows the story of a happy family, until the father is diagnosed with leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant urgently; however, none of the adoptive family members are com-

patible with him, so Ernesto and Elena are forced to find their son's biological parents.

Also The Dragon (80x'60), a super production from **Baldasano**, which took place in Miami, Madrid, Japan, and Mexico City, produced by **W Studios** and **Lemon Studios** for Televisa was a sucess on Netflix, Univision, and recently was released on Las Estrellas channel in Mexico. The story presents Miguel, who after an attack in which his parents died, is sent to Japan where he becomes an expert in finance and martial arts.

The offer of Televisa is completed by I love you, güero (122x'60), The rose of Guadalupe (1439x'60), No one like you (85x'60) and As the saying goes... (1047 x 60')

#### **TVFilm International promotes the Latin stories**

**TV Film International** is a content distribution company based in Miami and has been pioneer through independent distribution in Latin America and the US Hispanic television market and constantly is find-

ing the newest and



Amar a Morir, drama

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best content from around the world to best suit network's needs.

The company programming offer includes drama, comedy and soap operas for adult and youth audiences from the Chilean broadcaster **TVN**. Amar a Morir (126x'30) is one of these titles. which follows to a widower and father of three children who all always was focused on his work in communication business until he found out that he is terminally ill. This situation changes his life and prepares his children to be orphans.

Also El Camionero (140x'30) about a noble and appreciated trucker who does not go unnoticed among women, he is a free-spirited man who lives without major complications, until he knows the only woman who could make him guit his job. And La Colombiana (143x'30), the story of a girl who

comes from Colombia to Chile in search of a better future, but her new neighbor does not like im-

migrants. However, she helps him get his ex-wife back, who is going to marry a successful businessman, in exchange for him taking care of their son. This production was acquired by **Telemundo** (US Hispanic), Eva Channel (Portugal) and Telerama (Ecuador)



Rubi, melodrama

Carpenter, president





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## **Dori Media:** Normal

Dori Media Group is an international group of media companies, located in Israel, Switzerland, Argentina, Spain, the Philippines and Singapore. The group produces and distributes TV and New Media content. broadcasts various

TV channels and operates video-content internet sites. The company stress the best of its dramas, crimes series and realities for the whole family at Virtual Screenings with Normal (8x'60), a drama that tells the story of a young columnist struggling to establish himself as a writer, and not lose his mind in the process. The series was produced by Dori Media Darset for HOT. In Dumb (75x'35 - 3 seasons), a 30 year old frustrated and stoned actress who is stuck with a body and appearance of a teenager and hates it. She sees herself as a dumb leading a mundane life, without friends or dreams. The drama was produced by Dori



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Media Darset for HOT, where reached the TOP3 in views in all its

On the format side, promotes the title produced along to Nippon TV, AHA! Experience, a studio game show where different contestants from diverse occupations, ages and social backgrounds will try to train their brain and enjoy the A-HA experience. The show was aired in Vietnam with a great performance.

And finally, from Argentine production

company **RafterMedia**, it's stressing *The Browser* (120X'60) a TV format centered on face-to-face interviews triggered by web contents that anyone can easily access online, where the life story and anecdotes of each interviewed special guest star may be viewed or searched by anyone in the public.



President & CEO,

Dori Media Group

## **Snap Media: family** oriented content

Producer and distributor specialized in the Latin American market **Snap Media**, has managed to develop a solid alliance with Marvista Entertainment. a worldwide producer and distributor of films and television series

based in Los Angeles, and at the same time is the mar- Ariel Tobi, CEO keting and distribution arm of Hemisphere

#### Media Group.

Ariel Tobi, CEO, highlights: 'We see that the distribution of canned content is concentrating on paid services, both linear channels and On Demand platforms. We were able to close deals with Viacom, Amazon, Disney, and MVS among others. We are accompanying the air channels with the facilities they need to supply their programming needs. In this way we were able to close

deals in Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru among others.'.

Snap Media is leading its offers in Virtual Screenings with Adventures Of A Boy Genius (1x'94), about Emmett is a popular and smart High School student who seeks to help his brother who was involved in a rash of thefts at school. Also *Magic kids*, about three magical little characters: a vampire, a fairy and a werewolf allergic who square up against an infernal opponent and win the greatest of all possible victories.

Adding to these, Snap Media highlights with Bling which follows a theme park mechanic who dreams about his childhood sweetheart and plans the most perfect night to propose to his one true love, but when a supervillain shows up with his own evil ring, character's plans are thrown into utter disarray. It completes the offer from company the show Four Enchanted Sisters (1x'97), about four little witches sisters who commands different elements; also Back to The Net (1x'90), Next Level (1x'95), all familv oriented films.



Genius, family come



A ride-share driver with a questionable past attempts to pay off a dangerous crime syndicate to save his sister With nowhere else to turn, he is driven to retribution and must settle the debt...or die trying. STARRING: Thomas Nicholas (American Pie). Academy Awards® Nominee Mickey Rourke (The Wrestler). Golden Globe Nominee Penelope Ann Miller (The Artist), Academy Awards® Nominee Sean Astin (The Lord of the Rings Trilogy), Golden Globe Nominee Lou Diamond Phillips (La Bamba).



After a high school senior working on his pilot's license rescues a dog named Oreo, he finds out his mom is a CIA agent who's been captured. He teams up with Oreo and a new friend to find his mother and uncover double agents inside the CIA

STARRING: Dean Cain (Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman), Daniel Knudsen (Christmas Coupon), Vickie Lvnn Smith (Courageous Love)

#### **Vision Films, to the major AVODs**



Lise Romanoff. Managing Director/CEO

grams from most prolific indie film producers across the world The company joins Virtual Screenings for second time pushing its sales forces for manage all available rights from theatrical, home video.

agregator with over 500 feature films, 500

documentaries and 100 different music pro-

TV/AVOD and digitales media in international and domestic marketplaces.

Among its offer at VSA, the company highlights the thriller film S.O.S Survive or Sacrifice, filmed in the stunning country of Cyprus and starring William Baldwin. The story follows a hot air balloon joyride in Cyprus that takes a dangerous turn when it becomes untethered and the passengers ascend without a pilot.

S.O.S Survive or Sacrifice will be released on all major VOD platforms in USA in October 2020. About the film, Lise Romanoff, Managing Director/CEO, states: 'is a thrilling and terrifying hot air balloon ride with

stunning photography and compelling soundtrack. We are very excited to be working with the **Altadium** Group on the upcoming October release'.

Also the crime drama Adverse, where a ride-share driver with a questionable past, attempts to pay off a dangerous crime syndicate to save his sister. The film is starred by Academy Awards Nominee Mickey Rourke, Golden Globe Nominee Penelope Ann Miller.

Finally two films for family segment: Sky Dog, which follow to high school senior working on his pilot's license rescues a stray dog named Oreo, and teams up for rescue his mother who is captured as both undercover CIA agents; and Saving

Santaland, which presents a famous model who returns to her small town just before the holidays, she reconnects with her childhood pal who now has a young daughter and a farm. The film is based on true events and is starred by Jenn Gotzon (Frost/Nixon), Jim E. Chandler (Stranger Things)





After a devastating orbital space battle, the survivor of a crashed star-fighter must navigate the harsh environment of a desolate planet to save herself before her life support expires STARRING: Phoebe Sparrow (Downtown Abbey), Daisy Aitkens (Nightshooters), Simon Dwyer-Thomas (Jurassic Predator), Marcus Shakesheff (Wonder Woma

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A hot air balloon joyride in Cyprus takes a dangerous turn when it becomes untethered and the passengers are without a pilot. It's a desperate fight for their lives with only one hope for rescue and every wrong move could be their last

STARRING: William Baldwin (Backdraft), Jeannine Kaspar (Iron Man), Marianna Rosset (Portrait of God), Zach Rose (Better Call Saul



Sparks fly between a famous model and a farmer with a young daughter, when she visits her childhood home. The town is in danger of losing their beloved Santaland festival, but miracles can happen with a little love family and faith

STARRING: Jenn Gotzon (Frost/Nixon), Jim E. Chandler (Stranger Things), Corbin Bernsen (Major League), Inhn Schneider (The Dukes of Hazzard)

It's 1970, Muhammad Ali had been exiled from boxing for his stance against the Vietnam War, stripped of his title, and convicted of draft evasion. But in Atlanta, a diverse group came together to ensure he received his rightful comeback. STARRING: Robert Kasse (Boxing promoter); Leroy Johnson (Senator), Khalilah Ali (Wife of Muhammad Ali), Evander Holyfield (Boxing Champion), Sam Massel (Mayor); Juan Carlos (Olympic Bronze Medalist), Jim Brown, Edwin Moses and more!

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## VIRTUALSCREENINGS2020 **Deutsche Welle:**

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Latin America

Global Ideas, Environment,

magazine show

Deutsche Welle (DW) is synonymous of quality and cultural content in all ages thanks to a solid commitment to content that transcends the screen and borders. The company analyzes the latest trends and insights on what is happening in the world, in more than 30 different languages. With news, articles and documentaries ranging from business, Andrea Hugemann. science and politics to art, culture and sports, Sales representative the signal brings these topics to the people

> who matter most The company presents in Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 two of its best recent documentaries and shows with topics that go from the historical, to a production that pretends to be a perfect travel guide.

Beethoven Symphony for the World – Beethoven's Ninth (1x'90) that follows one of the Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony most popular pieces of classical music in the world. composed it during a time of personal and political crisis. He was struggling

financially and as his deafness worsened. his social isolation became yet more acute. He also suffered from worsening ill-health, partly caused by his consumption of wine apparently contaminated with lead. Beethoven completed the 9th Symphony in 1824. The documentary shows what is it about this work that fascinates people all over the world.

Also Global Ideas where audience can sees from how melting polar caps, devastating hurricanes, and rising sea levels as the changes that ascribed to climate change are disheartening to say the least. It features people across the world who are pursuing innovative projects to counter global warming like, to reduce greenhouse gases, maintain biodiversity, provide food for thought, and promote effective action – these are the goals of the projects we profile. We present initiatives that are exemplary in character and creative in approach. Each show has four reports. All the projects are "best practice" models, featuring ideas worthy of Emulation.

### Worldwide, premium dramas at GoQuest

Prominent independent global distribution enterprise **GoQuest Media** (India) expands in business and contents by launching a brand new line up of global dramas for Virtual Screenings Autum 2020. Heading the slate is Mothers Choice (16x'45), the latest adaptation of Nippon TV (Japan) drama *Mother* from Ukrainian **Star Light Media**. about a teacher that finds out that her 7-years old brilliant student is suffering at the hands of her parents, she decides



Jimmy George, VP Co-Founder & Vice President - Sales & Acquisitions

Mothers Choice, Ukrainian ver

of Japan's Mother (Nippon T

From Indian OTT MX Player and inspired by true events, Queen (11x'50) is a historical drama that chronicles the life of Shakthi Sheshadri from her days as a diligent student to her rise as a reluctant film star, all the way through to her ascent to political prominence. It received 100+ million views on the platform, starring Baahubali fame actress, Ramya Krishnan. From the same producer, Ek Thi Begum (14x'30), a crime thriller series based on real-life events. unraveling the untold story of a resolute woman

to protect the girl.

who turns into a femme fatale and goes after the most dangerous underworld gangsters to avenge her husband's murder.

I'm On Your Side (S01: 24x'45, S02: 24x'45) is a romantic drama that has improved Media Group Ukraine (MGU) rating by nearly 30% and it is very popular among age group 18-40, based on one of the most popular Turkish dramas. From the same producers, Ruby Ring (95x'45) is the Ukrainian adaptation of Korean drama, and it is one of the most successful melodramas from GoQuest sold to more than 50 territories worldwide.

Three Days Before Love (16x'45) is an Ukrainean melodrama from 1+1 Media Group, which adapted from award-winning Korean drama, Tempted. Last but not least, two crime/thriller dramas: Markuss (8x'45), a coproduction between MGU (Ukraine) and Helio Media (Latvia), about a child disappearing, and Paper Pusher (16x'48), from NTV (Russia), where it has reached 2.6 million views per episode on TV plus 42+ million online. Popular among a difficult segment (highincome male audience), it shows a police archivist that is deceivingly placed in the highest position of Chief of Police by the Head of States to wipe out crime from the notorious city.

#### **Cisneros Media pushes Mobius.LAB Kids**

Mobius.LAB Kids, the development unit from Cisneros Media, that creates content for kid and family content, has been a 'very active moment during the Pandemic. We have not stopped creating and forging strategic partnerships', assures Ailing Zubizarreta, VP.Content & Creative Services at company.

Among the novelties, Cisneros Media inked a production deal with Viacom for a project called *Zumbar*, which currently it is in production. Also, Mobius. LAB Kids' creative team, in partnership with very talented Broadway artists for develop Mona & the Kridders. On the sales side, recently the team has inked 'essential' global distribution partnerships for AnimalFanPedia. While in partnership with the team of **Mundo Lanugo**, the company created My Birthday Bash

'This celebratory IP displays birthday celebrations under the new normal. Whether it is via drive-by or smaller outside gatherings, now is a great time to help kids and parents navigate the new normal of birthdays and prep them for the big parties coming ahead!' says **Zubizarreta**. Additionally, the exec comments that they are working with the UnReal engine as an animation technique. 'This real-time 3D creation tool gives us the freedom to create high-end visual quality content in less time; therefore, we have reduced drastically the costs associated with our projects' adds.

As for Virtual Screenings Autumn, the company is promoting two recent products. The first one, DinoPops, which in every episode showcases a different dinosaur such as the T-Rex or a different category of dinosaurs, such

as the biggest ever to live. Also No Idea, that follows three friends who want to become famous on the internet. They try everything from trying out to be YouTubers, music producers, video game creators, even ice cream photography, and each day they try something new, failing, and then overcoming by coming up with another great idea while having fun in the process.

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### **Insight TV expands** its footprint



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Insight Studios

Epic Exploring: Going Local, factual series

Insight TV Media Production pushes this season a content offer formed by factual and docu-series based on millennial lifestyle.

At Virtual Screenings Autumn, the company based in Netherlands presents Epic Exploring: Going Local (11x'20) where famous YouTubers and, Josh and Cody, hook up with a local from a major city that Marco Frazier, SVP they pass by on their travels around exotic places in the globe, including Vietnam and Greece. The local

> shows them their favourite places, sometimes away from the tourist sights, and activities while trying to find the best urban locations in town

Also, developed and produced by Vice Studios in Benelux, and broadcasted and distributed globally on Insight TV, Modern Day Gla*diators* (4x'44), a docu-series that portrays from hyper-rich teenagers and colorful cosplayers, to gamers who upset the odds and challenge social prejudices. The production delves into the lives of the players and fans

who're capturing the attention of eSports' worldwide audiences. Among the latest distribution deals for Insight TV, in what is proving to be a particularly busy year, highlights in late June, where signed a 12-month content licensing deal with Chinese streaming giant **iQiyi**. The deal sees 125 episodes of Insight's library of original content available to the streamer's 560 million monthly active users.

Also a distribution deal with DTH operator **Tricolor** in Russia, which will see Insight TV's UHD and HD channels fully localized and available to all TV platforms in the region, with Tricolor being Russia's largest DTH platform. Insight's feed is now available on the main Tricolor DTH platform along with the **Tricolor Kino** and TV OTT app.

The broadcaster has also recently agreed deals in Romania, Turkey, Poland and Switzerland

### **Cineflix: Property Brothers conquers** the world

Among the hot picks that **Cineflix** is promoting at Virtual Screenings, this autumn is its coproduction with IDW Entertainment and SEVEN24 Films. Wynonna Earp, a scripted fantasy horror series based on the comic book series that follows Wyatt Earp's greatgranddaughter as she battles demons and other supernatural beings. The

series was broadcasted on Svfv (USA), CTV Sci-Fi (Canada), and become an international cult sensation, which a fourth season is currently on filming.

Also, on the factual side, the company is launching the latest season of global hit brand Property Brothers which follows Drew and Jonathan Scott as they combine brawn with brains in their quest to find and fix up incredible dream homes. Working together, the Property Brothers track down hidden SVP. Sales, France, gems of houses that have untapped potential and Italy, Iberia, and overhaul their drab interiors with ambitious reno-Latin America vations, all the while using plenty of charm and humour as they help families find, buy, and transform extreme fixer-uppers into the ultimate budget-friendly dream home.

These titles seeks to find its place on global screens like the recent sells made it by Cineflix to AMC Networks International Central and Northern Europe (AMCNI CNE) which sees the broadcaster acquiring a raft of property shows fronted by global stars Drew and Jonathan Scott for their **Spektrum Home** channels across Hungary, Czech Republic, and Slovakia. Adding to this, **Czech TV** has also acquired Rise of the Machines as well as Mayday: Air Disaster; and other broadcaster deals, like CBS Poland that bought Border Security: America's Frontline for its **CBS Action** channel.

#### **DCD Rights: approaching English stories**

DCD Rights continuing approaching its content to more territories. Recently the leading UK-based distributor sold more than 120 hours of factual and factual entertainment series. The deal includes brand new series *The Bone Detectives* from **Tern TV**, part of **Zinc Media**, and a number of other titles from leading production companies to markets like Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Central & Eastern Europe, Russia & CIS, and Scandinavia, among others.

As for this fall, the company is promoting a raft of its innovate and recent titles, like Disasters Engineered Series 2, a series that travels across the world from the USA, to the UK, Russia, Haiti and beyond, revealing modern engineering's greatest failures through carefully researched archive film, expert analysis, harrowing witness interviews and upscale graphics.

Produced by Go Button Media and DCD Rights for UKTV & Documentary Channel, presents Secret Nazi Bases Series 2, the second part of the series that explores the even deeper mysteries, secrets of decaying structures, and nefarious plans the Third Reich put into motion to further Hitler's plan to dominate the world.

Also The Secrets She Keeps, adaptation of bestselling author Michael Robotham's acclaimed novel. which tells the story of two women who have a chance encounter in an affluent Sydney suburb. The series

was premiered in UK on **BBC ONE** primetime past july,

Network 10 in Australia, where audience ratings increased week on week, and is currently airing in Ireland on **RTÉ One**, as well as in Latin America on DIRECTV Satellite Services and DIRECTV GO. In addition, Sundance Now, AMC Networks' streaming service, started the transmission of the series in North America.

Finally The Palace & The Press, that portrays the inside story of the British tabloid's obsession with the Royals. The series was produced by STV Productions for Channel 5.



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tions from all continents in the categories of Best Drama Series and Best Director at the 2020 Seoul Drama Awards, also Ana's Revenge arrived to Netflix after lead prime time during its broadcast in Colombia, registering more than 7 million daily viewers.

In addition. Caracol Television launched a new corporate message to the international market under the slogan "Let's go Virtual" as



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a brand strategy. The message entitled "SOMOS MÁS" (English: "WE ARE MORE") seeks to communicate the positive results that have been achieved in recent months.

'Our 50 years in the industry have taught us that hard times are opportunities to grow together and keep telling stories. That's why we continue to work to meet the needs of our customers, offering fast and flexible negotiation processes, and delivering materials on time to any country in the Middle East and Europe',

explains **Lisette Osorio**, International Director.

At Virtual Screenings the company is promoting Road To Love, that presents the story of the youngest daughter of a family of truckers where she have to fight against the "machismo". Also Living to Love. where the destiny of a singer and a mechanic intersect get connects as they fight for their dreams.

Adding to this, Bolivar, the historical drama series created by Juana Uribe, based on the life of Venezuelan liberator Simón Bolívar. The show is made up of 60 episodes that document the events of Bolívar's life from the age of seven until his death, primarily focusing on his formation as the liberator of several South American countries and his romantic engagements.

The **Caracol Television** offer is completed with The Queen and the *Conqueroris*, another historical drama series created by Johnny Ortiz, and directed by Camilo Villamizar, and Juan Carlos Vásquez, which revolves around the history that led to the birth of the city of Cartagena de Indias, the flagship of Las Américas.

### Mediterráneo: **Mothers**

Mediterráneo Mediaset España Group is a company created to promote the distribution and content production area. Led by Ana Bustamante, general manager, Mediterráneo integrates several Spanish leading production companies of the group specialized in audiovisual, theatrical as well as digital content, and conceived to reinforce the development of projects with an Sales & Business international appeal.

Mothers is one of the top titles. The plot is a medical drama that relates the day-a-day livings in a hospital where children and teens are interned during long periods. About the story, Aitor Gabilondo recently commented that 'the starting point of the series lies in my personal experiences in the hospital as a child'.

It also presents *Disappeared*: filmed in on 4K, the series premiered at Amazon Prime España and was picked on the "MIP Drama Buyers Summit 2020", while it was sold to different Pay TV channels in Latin America and MENA. The police drama tells the story of Sonia Ledesma, a police inspector who joins Group 2 of the Central Brigade, who has been affected by the drama of the disappearance of a close person.

Also the winner of the Coup le cour 2019 in Cannes, Dangerous Moms.

The series is a dark comedy that formed part of the selection for la Rochelle festival, which was already sold to more than 40 territories, and is actually on air in Telecino in Spain. The series follows the story of four women who will accidentally be part of a murder and will see themselves trapped in a delirious spiral of crimes to protect their secret.

The company slate is completed by Unauthorized Living which follows a Galician drug-dea-

ling leader that has managed to launder his path through a marriage of convenience, becoming then in the most important and influent man of the region; the procedural drama Caronte starred by Samuel Caronte, a criminal lawyer who has quite a dark past which will follow him through his story; and factual series Muzunghu in which, through six episodes, an authentic and close character takes audience by the hand to immerse them in this remote territory in The Congo.

#### **Healworld Production presents scripts** for formats by Philipp J. Caesar

Healworld Productions (Germany) is presenting at Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 a selection of scripts authored by award winning actor, song writer, social media influencer, musician, trainer and film produce, **Philipp** I. Caesar.

One of the highlights is "Soulmates", a story about love, romance, spiritual power, trust and distrust which follow Arthur and Elizabeth who get to know each other at a party of a very rich film producer. Both single, they have big plans for the future and dream about Hollywood careers.

'This is also a story about poetic, deep routed, sweet and even harsh language, about respect and love, hate and abuse and about conflicts that lead to self-destruction. How will this like two very different universes which collide turn out? What relationship do you find yourself in?', states

#### Caesar.

Also "Perfect Life", a story of a group of young individuals following through not only on their dreams but also on their survival and future. Is described by its author as a 'thriller and drama full of violence and surprises, up to the very end'.

And "#Heartsspark: 69 Poems and Love Letters", that presents how lovers acknowledge and declare their love to one another through short declaration letters. 'Traditionally, love stories end with "and they lived happily ever after", usually leaving the real endings - the struggles of life - open. These well-known love story endings normally would mean that most couples would still be together today, which is often not the case', adds the author.



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## **Nippon TV:** Mr. Hiiragi's Homeroom



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TV, in addition to well-established businesses that span VOD/live-streaming engineering, animation/film production, fitness clubs, eSports, and android creation/digital mixed reality technology. Nippon TV is leveraging its coveted platform to revolutionize digital media in an ever-changing industry to solidify its presence and brand as a global media powerhouse.



Mr. Hiiragi's Homeroom, drama

The company is leading its presence at Virtual Screenings Autumn 2020 with Mr. Hiiragi's Homeroom (10x'60), which follows an unassuming art teacher who came to the school two years ago. It is ten days before graduation and the students' high school days are about to come to an end uneventfully. A blast rips through the campus and the kids are flustered. In an instant, the teacher-student relationship turns into a criminal-hostage relationship. This is the beginning of their "final class", which is about

the truth behind the suicide of their classmate a few

months ago.

As commercial highlights *Mr. Hiiraqi's Homeroom* won as Best Drama and Best Actor at 2019 Tokyo Drama Festival and was adapted in Turkey as The Teacher in March 2020, and recording the highest ratings of the first episode in the past decade on prime time there.

Also the format Mute it!, that becomes even harder when the contestants need to keep moving facing obstacles and hazards in a deadly silent environment as they clear the missions. The game show is set in one location, named the Hall of Silence, with multiple levels that have demanding courses or challenges, once the game takes place, contestants must not make any sounds above 50dB or the Sound Watchman will suddenly snatch you from the game.

## **Universal Cinergia** adapts to a new reality

Universal Cinergía Dubbing has been providing language dubbing, subtitling, closed captioning, and translation services to all major international and worldwide markets since 2012. Located in Miami, the company has a 10.000 square foot highly secure and state of the art facility, with the ability to handle any type of project.



Silvia Cotinc Deputy Director Sales & Business Development

According to Liliam Hernandez, CEO, regar-

ding the Covid-crisis: 'all business have had to make adjustments and adapt to a new reality. It was not different with us. But we have been able to continue working, delivering projects and have even acquired new clients in the past few months. We are working non-stop, in coordination with all the studios we have in different countries'

About the values-add that UC manage in terms of services, actually is providing "the complete package", not only the dubbing, but all the post-production features as well (M&E creation and re-creation, cross conversion, closed caption & subtitling, etc). 'We can deliver content in any format. The content is delivered ready to air, comments, Hernandez.

Early this year, the company confirmed being working on a raft of several titles from major producer from the globe, among them: Caracol. CIEM. ATV. Telemundo. Canal 4. Gaumont. DARO.

'At Universal Cinergia, with the entire staff working remotely, there is the constant reminder of how important it is to be part of a team. Ironically, times of crisis can also bring opportunities. Our clients know that they can count on us, no matter what the circumstances are. We are working right now dubbing content to Portuguese, Spanish, and English', adds.

#### **Starlings and Mediabiz teams** uo for AR drama Veil

Starlings Television and Canada's Mediabiz International announced a teaming with Europe's Nordic Entertainment (NENT) Group, and Germany's Herbert Kloiber-led Night Train Media (NTM) for the futuristic, female-driven augmented reality drama, Veil. Craig Van Sickle is set as Showrunner.

The project originated by Mediabiz International was created by Shawn Whitney. While Karine Martin, CEO of both Mediabiz International and Starlings Entertainment, and executive producer Chris Philip, President of Starlings Television, packaged the series for the USA and international markets. Martin, Philip, Whitney, Van Sickle, Mediabiz International's Anne-Catherine Lafaille, Kloiber and NENT's Josephine Zapata Genetay and Fredrik Ljungberg will executive produce.

Veil takes place in the near future, when everyone has an implant in their brain that makes them see the world through a veil of augmented reality. When a computer virus makes them invisible to others, a woman is recruited to stop its spread. She discovers layers

of falsehood, betraval and conspiracy that need to be lifted to find the truth: rebels are massing to bring down the world as we know it.

Philip, comments: 'The outstanding collection of partners we've assembled for Veil clearly indicate its global ap-

peal. We intend to bring them a series set in the near future filled with escapism and technological progress, yet deeply grounded in vulnerability that reflects current global events'.

The series is the latest high-profile, fully financed TV project to emerge from Starlings TV, which in less than two years has secured a pair of renewals in USA (on series originally commissioned in 2018) for the upcoming fall season.



Chris Philip, President Starlings: Karine Martin, CEO Mediabiz Intl.; and Herbert Kloiber, CEO Night Train Media



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#### **Macias: customer** centric approach



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The Macias Group has been a leader of the dubbing industry for the past 52 years, with mix of high quality and fair pricing as the best value for the final product. ëThe vast experience gathered by our group throughout the years is an assurance that our dubbing into LAS, BPO and ENG is a powerful weapon in the arsenal of any international distribution teamí, said Mar Enriquez, Gina and Valeria Macias, VP of International Acquisitions and Sales, EVP,

and COO, respectively, who remarked its recent Sales, EVP, and COO from Macias Group alliances with companies such as ViacomCBS, Warner, Globo, Fremantle, HBO LA, Fox, Gaumont, NBCUniversal, and Mattel, and many more. Regarding the year, the full team highlighted that ëit has been particularly challenging for our industryí:ëMany of

our clients had to stop productions to promote healthy distance among actors and staff in order to reduce the risk of COVID. This ultimately caused a decrease in sales and demand for dubbing services. The pandemic changed

how weive been able to operate as company for so many years. It made us rethink and innovate new methods of working which we have been carefully implementing with great successí.

ëOur business model needed to be flexible to deal with the pandemic. We all learned about resilience even more so in a nonstop working environment. Our company had to adapt to this difficult moment and face all the uncertainty around us. We prioritized the health and safety of our collaborators above everything elseí, they added.

Recently, the company has focused on finishing all their TV and feature projects that were put on hold during the quarantine that was established in the US, Mexico and Brazil, and included feature projects for companies such as Antola, Beyond Entertainment, and Gaumont. ëEach of our clients along with their particular needs, are treated with a customer centric approach, giving them exactly what they are looking for. We strive to be the best partners in each of their projectsí, completed the Macias's executives.

**Raya: new 4K Turkish** drama The Yard

Globally distributed by **Rava Group**, Avlu (The Yard) is a pretty different Turkish drama for two main reasons: first because it was shot in 4K, being the most successful series on **Star TV** with 27% of average share in prime time, and second because Netflix has chosen the series as an exclusive finished product and its S1 is already available in the platform.

**Rava Group's new family drama is coming to** the global market: Avlu (The yard) has been shot

in 4K and is the most successful project on **Star TV** prime time with an average share of 27%. It has two seasons: first one with 11 episodes and second with 33 episodes, and its available for worldwide distribution. Apart from being the #1 drama in all key demographics, it has been

trending topic on Twitter and has 161 million users on YouTube. The Yard is about an unjustly imprisoned mother who will go above and beyond to survive and reunite with her daughter is different

than traditional Turkish series. Strong young female characters appeal not only to the traditional female audience but also to the young demographic.

Ramazan Yirmibesoglu, founder and CEO, Raya Group, explained: 'Turkish drama has evolved a lot in the last decade gaining new global markets, and The Yard gives a new step in quality production and storytelling. It is different from any other ordinary Turkish title targeted to

young and female within its strong characters. It brings back together those who have moved away from watching TV and our traditional audience target'.

Lastly, even **Netflix** has bought different Turkish dramas for global broadcast, it has treated The Yard as an exclusive finished product for the platform, making available only the first season available worldwide



Yirmibesoalu, founder and CEO, Raya Group



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The leading Turkish distributor **MISTCO** is participating at Virtual Screenings Autumn for the first time offering an robust, modern and historical drama line up, headed by Melek, A Mother's Sruggle (S1: 108x'45/ S02: on production), one of the top serials of the 2020 season about a powerful woman leaving the house because of conflicts with his father. Golden Cage (60x'45) is one of its newest titles from

**MISTCO: modern + historical dramas** 



Melek A Mother's Sruggle

Pastel Film with a great cast, Mehmet Ali Nuroglu (Lifeline) and Almila Ada (Cennet). It offers a passionate love story born out of revenge. From **BSK Yapim**, My Champion (100x'45) shows an emotional father and son story that grab audiences' attention from all target groups as it tells extraordinary story of a champion who gets back to the rings in order to save his son's life.

From the same producers of *Melek*, **US Yapim**,

Hold my Hand (206x'45) is one of the most successful titles of MISTCO in 2019, sold to more than 30 countries. The series offers modern a *cindrella* story with a great cast: Alina Boz (Broken Pieces) and Alp Navruz (Mrs. Fazilet and Her Daughters), and tells a love story between a well-educated beautiful girl and a reckless boy.



Managing Director of MISTCO

Last but not least, the historical drama from Tekden Film Resurrection Ertugrul (448x'45), which has been the most watched TV series for 5 years in a row and sold to more than 50 countries from MENA to Latin America. It is available in Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Urdu.

Some of these titles have been recently sold to Chai Group for Israle and MENA: Beloved, Hold My Hand and Melek, A Mother's Struggle. Aysegul Tuzun, Managing Director of MISTCO, underlines: 'We are happy and proud and we are negotiating more deals in the following months'.

The Yard is a Netflix exclusive Turkish drama worldwide

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