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LOCALLY FILMED PRE-SCHOOL SERIES LAH-LAH'S ADVENTURES STARTS SEPTEMBER 1 ON CBEEBIES

Popular Australian children's band Lah-Lah will be bringing music and fun to the small screen with locally filmed pre-school series *Lah-Lah's Adventures*, co-produced by CBeebies and airing on the channel each weekday at 8am from September 1.

Lah-Lah's Adventures (26 x 12') is filmed in Sydney, Australia and features some of Australia's premier music performers. Created by former Opera Australia performer Tina Harris and her husband Mark, a member of triple-ARIA winning five-piece gypsy band, Monsieur Camembert, the series follows the exploits of lead singer Lah-Lah and band members Buzz and Lola, Squeezy Sneezy, Tom Tom and Mister Saxophone. Combining live action with animated backdrops, the band introduces kids to an inspiring world of music and instruments of all shapes and sizes.

Tina Harris plays Lah-Lah - an inquisitive, clever and quirky character that loves to sing. Lah-Lah and her band resolve every day dilemmas that pre-schoolers face. Their comical antics lead them on an exciting journey across Lah-Lah Land gathering clues and information that will help solve their problems.



The series features guest appearances from some of Australia's leading music performers including the country's leading jazz trombonist James Greening, award-winning multi-instrumentalist Richard Maegraith and classical music pianist and toy instrument expert, Sally Whitwell.

Natalie Edgar, Director of Content, BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand said: "I'm thrilled that through our CBeebies global channels we've been able to bring this delightful and entertaining children's series to CBeebies where it will have the whole family singing and dancing along."

***Lah-Lah's Adventures* airs at 8am each weekday from September 1 on CBeebies.
Double episodes air each weekend morning at 7.40am from September 6.**

The show will also be available to view across Foxtel catch-up platforms.

Stella Projects and Bardel Entertainment co-produced *Lah-Lah's Adventures* for the Knowledge Network (Canada), CBeebies global channels and the Seven Network Australia. Created by Tina Harris, Mark Harris and Deb Ryan, the series is filmed in Sydney with the animation produced at Bardel's studio facilities in Vancouver, Canada. Executive producers are Grahame Grassby for Stella Projects and Delna Bhesania, Frank Saperstein and Leonard Terhoch for Bardel Entertainment.

INTERVIEWS: for opportunities to chat with the central character and creators, Tina Harris and Mark Harris, please contact Bryony Willis.

CLIPS: for exclusive sing-along clips please contact Bryony Willis.

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Some of the guest Musicians on the series	Instrument	Expertise
James Greening	Trombone	Australia's leading Trombonist, James Greening has been widely praised for his work with leading ensembles Ten Part Invention and The Catholics. James released the critically acclaimed album <i>No Job Too Small</i> which has been introduced internationally by Cadence as 'one of the best albums of the year...".
Stephan Schafer	Baritone Saxophone	Stephan is currently touring with the Australian production of Jersey Boys. As a freelance musician Stephan has also performed with singer-songwriters James Morrison and Jimmy Barnes.
Claire Edwards	Percussion - Xylophone	Claire is the recipient of many international awards and prizes and was named the MCA/Freedman Fellow in 2005 and in 2007 was awarded the AMC/APRA award for 'outstanding contribution by an individual'.
Carlos Villanueva	Guiro/Pan Flute	Carlos co-founded the group Tigramuna. The album became Australia's first original recording of Latin American music nominated for an ARIA award. Carlos composed, produced and performed on the album.
Sally Whitwell	Toy piano - keyboard	Sally has toured widely with various ensembles in the UK, Europe, the United States, Central America, Japan, New Zealand and throughout Australia. She has appeared on several recordings for ABC classics both as an ensemble musician and as a soloist.
Richard Maegraith	Clarinet	Richard has worked with rock, country and Pop outfits such as The Black Sorrows, Melinda Schneider and Human Nature as well as world music groups such as Badema, Mara, Candela, Cumana and Tigramuna.
Helen Saltos	Voice-opera	Having spent many years in London performing opera she was both associate director and first lady in the Bloomsbury festival production of Mozart's The Magic Flute. Helen's awards include the George and Nerissa Johnson Bequest (awarded by Opera Australia), a number of Australian scholarships and various ARIA and song competitions.



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