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LOOK NO FURTHER! FAMILY CHANNEL, DISNEY JUNIOR AND DISNEY XD HAVE GOT IT ALL FOR FALL

Toronto, August 20, 2013 – The summer may be coming to an end, but the vacation is far from over! This fall, **Family Channel**, **Disney Junior** and **Disney XD** offer the hottest programming lineup to date with highly anticipated new series, exciting new seasons and can't-miss specials for the entire family. Family delivers a double dose of fun with the new live-action "twin" comedy *Liv and Maddie*, while zombies run wild on Disney XD, in the first-ever Disney XD Canadian Original Movie, *Bunks*. Disney Junior ignites the imagination of young viewers with the season two premiere of the Emmynominated Canadian original series *Justin Time* and goes on a magical journey to Never Land with the full-length special *Jake and the Never Land Pirates: Jake's Never Land Rescue*.



Liv and Maddie, Bunks and Justin Time.

Complete series descriptions, premiere dates, high-resolution images and contact information for programming on Family Channel, Disney Junior and Disney XD are available at: http://press.bellmedia.ca

"This year's fall programming lineup is complete with new seasons, series and specials offering that compelling mix of entertainment and storytelling our viewers have come to expect from Family Channel, Disney Junior and Disney XD," said **Donna Dos Reis, Director, Programming, Family Channel**. "New Disney series such as *Liv and Maddie* and *Mighty Med*, along with returning Canadian favourites like *The Next Step* and *Justin Time*, strengthen our robust schedules as we further establish ourselves as the number one programming destinations for kids and their families."

Family Channel

It's double the laughs and twice the fun with the debut of the new Disney Channel series *Liv and Maddie*. Premiering Friday, September 20 at 5 p.m. ET/PT, the live-action comedy stars Dove Cameron as identical twin sisters who couldn't be more different. The two girls team up to navigate high school and deal with their trouble-making, prank-pulling brothers, as well as their parents, who are both teachers at their school.

Also new from Disney this fall is the animated series **Wander Over Yonder**, created and executive produced by two-time Emmy Award-winner Craig McCracken (*Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends, The Powerpuff Girls*). Debuting Sunday, October 13 at 2:15 p.m. ET/PT, the wacky comedy follows eternally-optimistic intergalactic traveler Wander (voiced by *30 Rock's* Jack McBrayer) and his loyal steed Sylvia, as they embark on adventures through outer space, making new friends – and foes – along the way.

Family's break-out dance drama *The Next Step* leaps back on to the screen with brand new episodes returning Friday, September 20 at 7 p.m. ET/PT. After an exhilarating mid-season finale that left The Next Step Studio's dance captaincy in question, the dancers must find common ground if they want to compete and win at regionals. Fans won't want to miss a special recap episode on Friday, September 13 at 7 p.m. ET/PT, hosted by series star Brittany Raymond ("Riley").

Returning for a third season on Friday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. ET/PT is Disney's hit comedy series *Jessie*. Season three continues to follow the busy nanny as she balances pursuing her dreams of becoming an actress while helping the Ross siblings navigate young adulthood.

Every dog has its say, when **Dog With A Blog's** sophomore season debuts on Friday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. ET/PT. In the second season, step-siblings Avery, Tyler and Chloe continue to bond over the shared secret that their pet dog Stan can talk.

Disney Junior

New to Disney Junior this fall is the Canadian original short series **Yup Yups**. Beginning Monday, September 16 and continuing through Friday, September 20, young viewers will be treated to an entire week with the lovable creatures as new episodes air every day at 7:25 p.m. ET. The series stars three curious and playful characters whose feelings are expressed when they change into other physical forms. These fun and heartwarming shorts explore sibling dynamics and focus on the communication of feelings.

In the family night special event *Jake and the Never Land Pirates: Jake's Never Land Rescue*, Jake must go on a quest to save Never Land after the Forever Tree, the source of magic for everything throughout Never Land, begins to wither and die. The special debuts Saturday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. ET.

Doc McStuffins is back to care for more ailing stuffed animals and toys this fall as the second season premieres Sunday, September 15 at 11 a.m. ET. The series models good health and compassion through stories of a young girl who can communicate with stuffed animals and toys and runs a clinic for them out of her backyard playhouse.

Every day is an adventure in the Canadian original series *Justin Time*. Disney Junior takes off with Justin and his pals, Olive and Squidgy, as they head to Ancient Greece, a Guatemalan ballgame and go back 65 million years to the time of the dinosaurs! Season two premieres Sunday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. ET.

Disney XD

Disney XD gets spook-tacular just in time for Halloween, with the premiere of its first ever Disney XD Canadian Original Movie, *Bunks*. Debuting Sunday, October 27 at 8 p.m. ET, the zany zombie comedy about brotherhood, leadership and the great outdoors follows two trouble-making brothers who sneak their way into an idyllic summer overnight camp. While there, they accidentally unleash an curse that brings a campfire story to life.

On Sunday, November 3 at 7 p.m. ET, Disney XD delves into the action-packed world of super heroes, with the two-part one-hour premiere of *Mighty Med*. The new live-action comedy follows best friends Kaz (Bradley Steven Perry, *Good Luck Charlie*) and Oliver (Jake Short, *A.N.T. Farm*) who discover a secret hospital wing that caters to super heroes and fantasy characters. Their knowledge of superheroes, science fiction and fantasy lands them the coolest after school job working at Mighty Med. Family Channel fans will be able to get an exclusive first look at *Mighty Med* when part one of the premiere debuts Friday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. ET/PT.

Crashing back onto Disney XD for its second season is the live-action series **Crash & Bernstein**, the bro-comedy about an everyday kid and his surrogate brother, a funny and spontaneous purple puppet who has come to life – loudly! Premiering Monday, October 14 at 8 p.m. ET, the hilarious antics of Crash and Wyatt continue, as the dynamic duo take on new and exciting adventures together.

All of the programs debuting as part of Family, Disney Junior and Disney XD's fall schedule will be available for viewing on the channels' respective OnDemand services following the on-air premieres. Additionally, viewers can visit <u>Family.ca</u>, <u>DisneyJunior.ca</u> and <u>DisneyXD.ca</u> for more information on new series, new specials and new games throughout the fall.

Family Channel is a premium, commercial-free network offering the best in family television entertainment in approximately 6 million homes across Canada. Dedicated to celebrating family life and providing a fun experience for all, Family airs a unique mix of series, movies and specials, with a large portion of programming supplied by Disney. Family Channel also offers **Family OnDemand**, a television-based Subscription Video on Demand (SVOD) service and **Family OnLine**, an internetbased, streaming service, these services, available at no additional cost, present hit Disney movies and series, plus top-rated Canadian series to subscribers when they want it, where they want it. Visit us at <u>Family.ca</u>.

Disney Junior is a commercial-free channel available in English and French to subscribers across Canada. Committed to offering the best in entertaining, engaging and development-based programming for younger children, Disney Junior showcases series with a focus on magical, musical and heartfelt stories that feature beloved classic and contemporary characters. Presenting exclusive, first-run programs from Disney together with celebrated Canadian series, Disney Junior is also available through **Disney Junior OnDemand** and **Disney Junior OnLine**.

Disney XD is an advertising-supported digital specialty network and multiplatform brand offering a compelling mix of high definition live-action and animated programming to homes across Canada. Disney XD features series, movies and short form content that focus on comedy, discovery, accomplishment and adventure. Disney XD programming is also available through dedicated on demand and broadband services. Visit us at DisneyXD.ca.

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