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## NICKELODEON UK COMMISSIONS STAR-STUDED COMEDY SERIES FOR DIGITAL PLATFORMS

**Time-travelling series is network's first UK original digital series commission**

**London, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – Nickelodeon UK and Ireland has commissioned an interactive digital series from London-based creative agency, **Ralph**. Entitled ***Tinkershrimp & Dutch***, the five minute, five-episode series will premiere across [nick.co.uk](http://nick.co.uk), [nicktoons.co.uk](http://nicktoons.co.uk) and Nick Play from **15<sup>th</sup> January** with behind the scenes videos of the series launching **today** at [nick.co.uk/tinkdutch](http://nick.co.uk/tinkdutch). Starring the voice talent of **John Boyega** (Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Attack the Block) **Sam Riley** (Control, Maleficent) **Darren Evans** (Submarine, The Fifth Estate) and **Alex Lowe** (House of Fools, My Week with Marilyn) *Tinkershrimp & Dutch* is the first Nickelodeon UK original series commissioned specifically for digital platforms.

"Tinkershrimp & Dutch is hilarious with brilliant characters and ingenious storytelling" said **Suzie Adams, Digital Director Nickelodeon UK and Ireland**. "We want to delight and surprise our audience and are committed to providing great content across all platforms. Tinkershrimp & Dutch is an example of our investment in high-quality entertainment for the digital space."

The series follows Tinkershrimp (Evans) & Dutch (Boyega) a langoustine and slow loris who are best friends and time-travelling bodyguards for the eccentric monarch of New Great Great Britain, King Hunnybun III (Lowe). The team lives and travels around the country in the Royal Double Decker - a castle on wheels. The nemesis of the series is Michael The Fowl (Riley) a fun-hating headless chicken. Each episode will see Tinkershrimp and Dutch run back in time in order to stop Michael's dastardly plots. The main theme and score of the series is written and performed by **Nick McCarthy** (Franz Ferdinand, FFS). The primary character animation was executed at Mummu.

**Gregor Stevenson**, co-creator of the series said, "We wanted to create characters and a world where anything could happen, so spent a lot of time coming up with the most insane, hyper-British situations we could think of. At the core of it though, is basically a story about a group of friends who are trying to have a good time. Oh, and they can travel back in time to foil the schemes of Michael The Fowl, our evil headless chicken."

Those who access the series on the network's websites will be able to take part in interactive activities within the series such as helping Tinkershrimp and Dutch spot Michael the Fowl in order to thwart his latest devious plan and creating Michael The Fowl's disguise. On Nick Play, the episodes will play as a linear narrative without the interactive elements. Created by Gregor Stevenson and Chris Stack, *Tinkershrimp & Dutch* was pitched as a response to brief from Nickelodeon UK & Ireland digital team. Nickelodeon UK & Ireland holds all broadcast rights for the series.

### **Nickelodeon**

Available in over 13 million homes, Nickelodeon is the place where kids rule and features top shows such as Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards, Bella and the Bulldogs, Game Shakers, SpongeBob SquarePants and Sam & Cat. Launched in 1993, Nickelodeon brings hit international and locally-produced entertainment content to audiences in the UK and Ireland. Viewers can also watch Nickelodeon in high definition through Nickelodeon HD and have the opportunity to catch up with the schedule through Nickelodeon +1. Exclusive games, behind the

scenes clips, show information and more are available on [nick.co.uk](http://nick.co.uk) and Nick Play, where viewers can find exclusive content updated daily. Viewers can watch Nickelodeon on Sky, Virgin, TalkTalk, BT Vision, YouView, VUTV on Freeview and on UPC in the Republic of Ireland.

The Nickelodeon Network brings the best in kids' content to the UK and Ireland with Nickelodeon channels available in over 13 million cable and satellite homes. Having launched in 1993 Nickelodeon UK comprises seven dedicated entertainment channels for kids aged 4-15 and their families, and is a joint venture between Viacom International Media Networks and BSkyB.

### **Ralph**

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