



## **Nelvana and Dark Horse Comics Partner on New Action Series *Mysticons***

*Dark Horse to Produce Graphic Novel Series Based on Original Animated Show*

**TORONTO, CANADA, May 18, 2017** – Corus Entertainment’s [Nelvana](#), a world-leading international producer and distributor of children’s animated content, announced today its licensing agreement with **Dark Horse Comics**. Dark Horse will produce a series of graphic novels based on Nelvana’s original animated action series, ***Mysticons***. Set to be released late summer 2018, the graphic novels follow the epic tale of four unexpected heroes who transform into legendary warriors and undertake a mythic quest to save the world.

Dark Horse’s Shantel LaRocque will act as editor on the *Mysticons* graphic novel series. Having previously worked on titles such as *Hellboy*, *B.P.R.D.*, *Fight Club 2*, *Rexodus*, and David Mack’s *Kabuki*, LaRocque brings a great knowledge of comics and genre fiction to the project.

“We are incredibly excited to bring on Dark Horse as our graphic novel partner for *Mysticons*,” said Pam Westman, Head, **Nelvana Enterprises**. “*Mysticons* is a contemporary, genre-defining series that shows girls the strength, power, and courage they already have from within. Comics and graphic novels have continually showcased dynamic and confident female characters, and we look forward to continuing the *Mysticons*’ adventures in this rich and powerful way of storytelling.”

“I am delighted to be working on the *Mysticons* project with Nelvana as they lead into this new genre,” said Shantel LaRoque, Associate Editor, **Dark Horse Comics**. “We look forward to bringing these breakthrough characters to life with new stories for *Mysticons* fans.”

*Mysticons* is slated to premiere on Nickelodeon in the U.S. this Summer and on Corus’ TELETOON network in Canada this Fall. The series is produced by Nelvana Limited, with Steven A. Cohen and Noel Bright executive producing for The Topps Company and Scott Dyer and Irene Weibel executive producing for Nelvana. Sean Jara is Creator, Writer and Executive Story Editor for the series (previous writing credits include *Ben 10*, *RedaKai*, *Hot Wheels: Battle Force 5*, *Johnny Test*, *League of Super Evil*).

Meet the team and learn more about Nelvana at Licensing Expo, May 23 – 25, in booth H214.

### **About Nelvana**

Nelvana is Canada’s premier animation company and a world-leading producer and distributor of children’s content. Nelvana has delighted audiences around the globe for more than 40 years with a vast library of more than 4,000 episodes from original, award-winning series like *Babar* and *Franklin*. Nelvana’s content is distributed in more than 160 countries worldwide and broadcast across Corus Entertainment’s suite of leading kids networks. Nelvana Enterprises, the global licensing and merchandising arm of Nelvana, manages the

organization's portfolio of in-house and third party brands with offices in Toronto and Paris. Nelvana Studio, with offices in Toronto and Montreal, employs more than 300 Canadian artists working with local and international producers to create premium children's content for a global stage. For more information, visit [www.nelvana.com](http://www.nelvana.com).

## **About Dark Horse Comics**

For more than thirty years, Dark Horse Comics has proven to be a solid example of how integrity and innovation can help broaden a unique storytelling medium and establish a small, homegrown company as an industry giant. Founded in 1986 by Mike Richardson, the company is known for the progressive and creator-friendly atmosphere it provides for writers and artists. In addition to publishing comics from top talent, such as Mike Mignola, Eric Powell, Geof Darrow, Brian Wood, Gail Simone, Stan Sakai, Chuck Palahniuk, Margaret Atwood and Guillermo del Toro, and comics legends, such as Will Eisner, Milo Manara, Kazuo Koike, Neil Gaiman, and Frank Miller, Dark Horse has developed its own successful properties, such as The Mask, Ghost, X, and Barb Wire. Its successful line of comics, manga, and products based on popular properties includes Dragon Age, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Aliens, Conan, Tomb Raider, Halo, The Witcher, Serenity, Game of Thrones, and Avatar: The Last Airbender. Today Dark Horse Comics is the largest independent comic book publisher in the US and is recognized as one of the world's leading entertainment publishers.

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