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NELVANA AND SESAME WORKSHOP GREENLIGHT SEASON 2 OF AWARD-WINNING ANIMATED SERIES, *ESME & ROY*

New Season of Original Animated Children's Series to Debut on Treehouse in Canada and HBO in the U.S. in 2020

Nelvana Continues to Distribute the Beloved Series Internationally Outside of the U.S.

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TORONTO, May 6, 2019 – *Esme & Roy*, the award-winning original animated series, is returning for a second season. Produced by Corus Entertainment's **Nelvana**, a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated content, and **Sesame Workshop**, the non-profit educational organization behind **Sesame Street**, the new season (26 x 11-minutes) and a special (1 x 22-minutes) will air on **Treehouse** in Canada and **HBO** in the U.S. in early 2020.

"Since its debut, *Esme & Roy* has sparked strong emotional connections with kids and families around the world for its exceptional storytelling, brilliant animation, and loveable characters," said Scott Dyer, President, Nelvana Enterprises. "With a second season greenlit, and a wave of [international distribution deals](#), we're delighted to build on the momentum of *Esme & Roy* and present an all-new season with our incredible partners at Sesame Workshop."

Season 2 of *Esme & Roy* continues to invite children into a colourful world where even the littlest monsters can overcome big challenges. In every episode, monster-sitters Esme and Roy help younger monsters through familiar situations – trying new foods, feeling scared during loud thunderstorms, and more – through play and mindfulness strategies. Infectious humour, imaginative design, and expressive voice talent, including Millie Davis (*Wonder, Odd Squad*) and Patrick McKenna (*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* [series], *Hotel Transylvania: The Series*), bring the world of *Esme & Roy* to vibrant life.

"As Sesame Workshop celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, we continue our legacy of innovation with more content in production than ever before," said Scott Chambers, Senior Vice President/General Manager, Educational Media and Licensing, North America, Sesame Workshop. "We're thrilled to collaborate with Nelvana on a new season of the beautifully-animated *Esme & Roy* and look forward to bringing even more laughter and learning to viewers worldwide."

Distributed internationally by Nelvana outside the U.S., Season 1 of *Esme & Roy* was recently picked up by ARD and ZDF's joint children's channel KiKA in Germany alongside other key networks, including: Disney Junior Southeast Asia, covering 15 territories including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Hong Kong; NRK in Norway; SVT in Sweden; YLE in Finland; Minimini in Poland; HOP in Israel; and DKids in the Middle East and North Africa.

Created by TV veterans Dustin Ferrer and Amy Steinberg, *Esme & Roy* is nominated for three Daytime Emmy Awards this year; and recently won a [2019 Kidscreen Award for Best New Preschool Series](#).



About Nelvana Nelvana is a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated and live-action content. Nelvana produces a stable of award-winning and globally renowned brands that focus on comedies, preschool and boys action series and ancillary consumer products programs. Nelvana's content airs on Corus Entertainment's kids channels in Canada and in over 160 countries around the world. The Nelvana library has well over 4,000 episodes of programming and has received over 70 major international program awards including Emmys® and Geminis. Visit the Nelvana website at nelvana.com.

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About Sesame Workshop

Sesame Workshop is the non-profit media and educational organization behind *Sesame Street*, the pioneering television show that has been reaching and teaching children since 1969. Today, Sesame Workshop is an innovative force for change, with a mission to help kids everywhere grow smarter, stronger, and kinder. We're present in more than 150 countries, serving vulnerable children through a wide range of media, formal education, and philanthropically-funded social impact programs, each grounded in rigorous research and tailored to the needs and cultures of the communities we serve. For more information, please visit www.sesameworkshop.org.

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