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**FOX ENTERTAINMENT MAKES DIRECT ANIMATION DEAL WITH DAN HARMON**

**TO CREATE ANIMATED COMEDY**

**Agreement Marks FOX Entertainment’s First Direct Animation Deal to**

**Receive Series Commitment**

FOX Entertainment and Emmy Award-winning creator Dan Harmon (“Rick and Morty,” “Community”) have entered a broadcast network-only exclusive direct animation deal, it was announced today by Michael Thorn, President of Entertainment, FOX Entertainment.

Marking FOX Entertainment’s first direct animation deal to receive a series commitment, as part of the agreement, Harmon will create and develop a comedy series targeted to premiere in the spring of 2022.  FOX Entertainment will produce the series, with Bento Box Entertainment serving as the program’s animation studio.

“Before joining the network ranks, I was an independent producer who had the opportunity to work with Dan on one of my very first projects. His singular voice, tenor and conviction to always deliver the unexpected in the stories he tells, let me know right away that he was a special talent,” said Thorn. “As one of the most prolific creators working in the business today – and as FOX’s animation brand continues to grow and evolve, with the support and guidance of Charlie Collier – there’s no better creative partner to have than Dan Harmon.”

Harmon’s hit series, “Rick & Morty,” is currently airing Season Four on cable’s Adult Swim, as part of a 70-episode order. Season Three broke ratings records as 2017’s #1 comedy in key demos and earned the series an Emmy® for Outstanding Animated Program. Harmon created and executive-produced the hit comedy series “Community," which ran for six seasons, garnering multiple Emmy nominations, Critics Choice Awards and other accolades. In 2015, he executive-produced the Academy Award-nominated animated feature film “Anomalisa."

Other creators who have recently signed direct deals with FOX Entertainment include Jeff Davis, Kyle Killen, Mara Brock Akil and Sarah Watson, who wrote and is executive-producing FOX’s UNTITLED FILM RE-ENACTMENT PROJECT pilot from Warner Bros. Television, Amblin TV and FOX Entertainment.

**About FOX Entertainment**

A division of Fox Corporation, FOX Entertainment’s 30-year legacy of innovative, hit programming includes 9-1-1, 9-1-1: LONE STAR, THE MASKED SINGER, LEGO MASTERS, PRODIGAL SON, LAST MAN STANDING, “24,” “The X-Files” and “American Idol.” Delivering high-quality scripted, non-scripted and live content, FOX Entertainment’s broadcast network airs 15 hours of primetime programming a week, as well as major sports. FOX won the 2019-2020 broadcast season for the first time in eight years and is the only major network to post year-over-year growth in the demo and among Total Viewers.

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