

## WARNER BROS. PARTNERS WITH ANIMAL LOGIC ON NEW MUSICAL, TOTO

Vancouver Studio to Bring the Famous Dog's Tale To Life

**Vancouver, Canada 9 February 2021** - Animal Logic confirmed today that the feature musical adaptation of *Toto: The Dog-Gone Amazing Story of the Wizard of Oz* will be the next project produced out of their animation studio in Vancouver.

The family film will connect audiences from all ages and *Toto* will not only appeal to fans of the original film, but it will introduce the story to a whole new generation. Told from the perspective of Dorothy's beloved companion, the screenplay was written by John August, with two-time Tony nominee, Alex Timbers, attached to direct. The film will be produced by Derek Frey, who previously headed-up Tim Burton Productions.

Pre-production has begun on the animated feature, with Timbers currently meeting key creatives and producers in Vancouver and recruitment of artists and practitioners ramping up over the next few months.

*Toto* is the latest addition to an already prolific partnership between Animal Logic and Warner Bros., spanning more than 20 years. The Vancouver studio is currently in production on an animated film based on the DC Super Pets franchise, directed by Jared Stern and set for release in 2022. Known internationally as a digital hub, particularly for animation, Vancouver's strong talent pool has allowed the studio to continue its growth and success alongside their Sydney headquarters.

This announcement compliments an already full slate underway at Animal Logic's Sydney studio, with a number of projects in production and development. To view available roles and expressions of interest visit animallogic.com/careers.

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Animal Logic is recognised as one of the world's leading independent creative digital studios, producing award winning design, visual effects and animation for 30 years. With creative studios in Sydney and Vancouver and offices for the company's development arm, Animal Logic Entertainment, in Sydney and Los Angeles, Animal Logic continues to forge new partnerships and collaborations with leading studios and filmmakers to develop and produce stories that resonate with a global audience.