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**Brown Bag Films’ animated holiday special ANGELA’S CHRISTMAS**

**to premiere in Ireland this Christmas**

**on RTÉ One**

**Based on the popular children’s story from Pulitzer Prize winning author FRANK McCOURT.**

**Oscar Nominated RUTH NEGGA and Lucy O’Connell star.**

Dublin, Ireland – December 13, 2017 –Oscar nominated **Brown Bag Films**, a subsidiary of **9 Story Media Group**,is pleased to announce that its animated holiday special, ANGELA’S CHRISTMAS will premiere in Ireland on **RTÉ One** on Christmas Eve at 6:20 pm, as part of the broadcaster’s festive lineup. It will also receive a second broadcast on Christmas Day at 1:50 pm.

The film received an exclusive screening earlier this month at the Light House Cinema in Dublin. Sponsored by the Audi Dublin International Film Festival (ADIFF), the screening of ANGELA’S CHRISTMAS kicked off ADIFF’s upcoming Fantastic Flix Programme for Children and Families, set to run from 1st – 4th March 2018.

The half-hour CG film is based on Frank McCourt’s only children’s book inspired by a story his mother Angela told him as a child. In 1997 McCourt won the Pulitzer Prize for his best-selling memoir, *Angela’s Ashes*.

The film stars Oscar nominated Ruth Negga (*Loving*, *Preacher*) in the role of Angela’s mother, and Lucy O’Connell (Oscar nominated *Song of the Sea*) as Angela. The film is written by Will Collins (*Song of the Sea*, *Wolfwalkers*) and Damien O’Connor (*Anya, Doc McStuffins*), and directed by Damien O’Connor. Ellen McCourt, Frank’s widow, serves as an Executive Producer on the project and Malachy McCourt (*Brewster’s Millions, The January Man, One Life to Live*), Frank McCourt’s brother, and Irish-American actor, writer and politician, provides the narration. The film also features an original song from Irish singer-songwriter Dolores O’Riordan.

Set in Ireland in the early 1900s, ANGELA’S CHRISTMAS is a funny, heart-warming and poignant story about the power of family and the innocent desire of a child to ensure everyone is safe, warm and loved at Christmas time.

ANGELA’S CHRISTMAS was developed with the support of the Irish Film Board and produced by Brown Bag Films with the support of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and RTÉ. 9 Story Distribution International holds worldwide distribution rights.

**About Brown Bag Films**

Brown Bag Films is one of the world’s most exciting, original and successful creative-led animation studios. With studio locations in Dublin, Toronto and Manchester, Brown Bag Films creates cutting-edge animation for the international market. Founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1994 by Managing Director Cathal Gaffney and Creative Director Darragh O’Connell, and acquired by 9 Story Media Group in 2015, we remain 100% creatively-driven with a focus on producing the highest quality, cross-platform animation with strong stories and engaging characters.The studio’s much loved TV shows are viewed by millions of children worldwide and include *Doc McStuffins, Daniel Tiger’s Neighbourhood, Henry Hugglemonster, Bing, Peg + Cat, Peter Rabbit, Wild Kratts, Olivia, Noddy in Toyland, The Magic School Bus: Rides Again*, and *Octonauts*. Brown Bag Films has earned numerous awards and nominations including fourteen Emmy® Awards and two Oscar nominations. [www.brownbagfilms.com](http://www.brownbagfilms.com)

**About 9 Story Media Group**

9 Story Media Group is a leading creator, producer and distributor of kids and family focused intellectual property. Its award-winning animation studio, Brown Bag Films, is recognized around the world for best-in-class brands such as *Doc McStuffins*, *Daniel Tiger’s Neighbourhood*, *Octonauts*, *Wild Kratts*, *Peter Rabbit* and *The Magic School Bus: Rides Again*.  The company’s international distribution arm, 9 Story Distribution International, represents 2,700 half-hours of animated and live-action programming, seen on some of the most respected international channels and platforms. With facilities in Toronto, Dublin and Manchester, the 9 Story Media group of companies employ almost 600 creative and corporate staff.

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