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Young Canadian Super Talent Stars in Emmy Nominated 'Super Why!' on PBS



Children's TV series features the extraordinary talents of 9-year old actor



LOS ANGELES, CA, August 17, 2015 /24-7PressRelease/ -- Samuel Faraci, one of Canada's most outstanding, young and accomplished film and TV actors, is bringing his talents back to the Emmy nominated PBS pre-school children's series, "Super Why!". Season three returns to the air today at 1 p.m. locally on PBS with the premiere of the all-new episode - "The Story of the Super Readers."

Broadcasting since 2007, the half hour animated series exposes children aged 3-6 to language arts lessons as they follow characters from Storybrook Village on interactive adventures. The show was created by Angela Santomero, a 19-time Emmy nominated writer-producer who is also known for her acclaimed work on Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues."

For "Super Why!" the 9-year old Faraci voices the character known as Littlest Pig/Alpha Pig during all 23 episodes of the season. New episodes will premiere August 17-21 and will continue throughout the fall.

"Littlest Pig is the youngest of the group. He's always happy, fun and energetic, just like me!" said Faraci, who was nominated for a 2014 Joey Award and a 2015 Young Artists Award for his portrayal of Franklin on NBC's "Hannibal." "If he was a person, I would love to be his friend!

"He teaches pre-school kids how to spell. I had to change my own voice to get into the character of this little guy. I try to do a high pitched voice because it's how I imagine this little cute guy would talk."

Voice director Dee Shipley said, "Working with Samuel as 'PIG' on season 3 of Super Why! was like a breath of fresh air, a bundle of surprises and a roller coaster ride of spontaneity all tied up in a bright red bow. Samuel brings such enthusiasm and joy to his work as an actor it was impossible not to fall in love with the character of 'PIG' as voiced by him."

Shipley noted voicing this sort of acting job isn't as easy as it sounds, and is one that presents its own unique challenges. But Faraci was up to the task.

"People often think that voicing a cartoon character is a bowl of cherries," she said.

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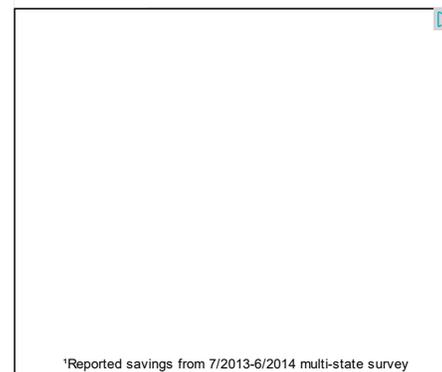
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"Which is true. It is really fun, but it is also often really hard work and at times even monotonous. Samuel rose to these challenges by putting in consistently great performances and keeping up a great attitude over some pretty long days with much older actors. This is a really great quality and something that we look for in a child voice actor."

That type of praise is nothing new for Faraci, who earlier this year acted in the recurring role of Ori in PBS' Emmy-winning family comedy, "Odd Squad."

"Samuel was a joy to work with and brought a lot to the role of Ori," said Tim McKeon, "Odd Squad" co-creator, writer, producer and director. "So much so, that we wrote an additional episode featuring the character. Samuel had great comic timing, was always present in the scene and has a natural likability."

Collectively, it's been a busy year for Faraci. His filmography's only continued to grow and expand with roles in FXX's comedy series, "Man Seeking Woman," starring Jay Baruchel, as Rick's son on the Canadian Screen Award-winning comedy show, "The Rick Mercer Report" and on NBC's hit supernatural medical drama, "Saving Hope."

Faraci has demonstrated rare versatility as a young actor who has been asked to portray characters in ranging genres. He recently acted as Jacob in Cody Calahan's horror feature, "Antisocial 2," and in the award-winning indie comedy feature, "No Stranger Than Love," with Alison Brie ("Community"), Colin Hanks ("King Kong") and Justin Chatwin ("War of the Worlds").

Last year, Faraci starred as Jack in three episodes of Netflix's Emmy nominated horror series, "Hemlock Grove."

Next up for Faraci is the to-be-released musical film, "Country Crush," that's in post-production and stars Jana Kramer ("One Tree Hill") and Munro Chambers ("Turbo Kid").

Faraci's returning to horror again in the role of Hunter in director Tricia Lee's "One Drop" - starring Leo Award nominee Lara Gilchrist ("Hamlet") - that wrapped in May and releases in 2016. He's also voicing the recurring role of Rocky for the award-winning animated Nickelodeon series, "Paw Patrol."

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