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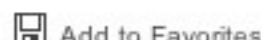


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John K., TELETOON Align with *Zodiacs*

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By: Ryan Ball



Toronto-based Portfolio Entertainment Inc. has inked a development deal with Canadian broadcaster TELETOON for its recently optioned rights to the Zodiac Girls web property. *Ren & Stimpy* creator John Kricfalusi has come on board to serve as animation designer for *The Zodiacs*, an animated comedy action series based on the popular web destination for girls.



The Zodiacs will chronicle the cosmic adventures of a dozen Solar Superheroes who represent the signs of the Zodiac. Posing as average teenagers, the galactic gal pals defend earth from the malicious 13th Zodiac sign, a 13 year-old boy who is seeking revenge for a thousand years of neglect. The show is being written by veteran Canadian scriptwriter and story editor Erika Strobel, who is also currently working on Portfolio's animated tween series *Carl*.

Created by Rosina Rothman and Jill Akahoshi of Los Angeles-based 3 Muses LLC, the Zodiac Girls characters have attracted more than 500,000 visitors to [www.zodiacgirlz.com](#) each month. The site has logged more than seven million page views, making the Yahoo!igans directory of most popular girl sites.

Kricfalusi launched his loveably disgusting dog-and-cat team with the 1990 short *Big House Blues*, which Nickeloden turned into *The Ren & Stimpy Show*. Creative differences led to his departure from the show in 1993, but he would later return to the characters with the 2003 series *Ren & Stimpy Adult Party Cartoon*, which enjoyed a brief run on cable outlet Spike TV.

Portfolio Ent. co-founders and presidents Lisa Olfman and Joy Rosen received the 2003 Rotman Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Export Excellence and were featured in *Animation Magazine's* list of 25 Rising Women in Animation.

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