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## **Producer Jeff Katz and Titmouse Animation Team Up in Four Picture Deal (*Special Dead* to be first feature)**

Los Angeles, CA-- July 29, 2009— Studio Executive, Producer and comic book author Jeff Katz (X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE, FREDDY VS. JASON, SNAKES ON A PLANE, BOOSTER GOLD) will collaborate with Hollywood based Titmouse Animation Inc. (producers of Adult Swim's *Metalocalypse*) to produce four original animated feature films. Features will be produced by Katz's American Original and Executive Produced by Titmouse's president and co-founder Chris Prynosi.

Katz's American Original was launched in the spring of 2009 as a new entertainment company that will provide content across multiple platforms geared at the growing genre consumer base as well as provide services to genre creators themselves. American Original consists of multiple divisions, including publishing, film & television production and branding all operating under the American Original banner.

The first feature up will be *Special Dead* which plays to Katz's skills in the horror arena. Based on the 2006 horror comedy short written by Jared Tweedie and Thomas Phillips, *Special Dead* –Sometimes Heroes Ride the Short Bus, tells the story of when a zombie plague infects Camp Special, a dude ranch for the mentally and physically handicapped, a ragtag band of campers and counselors take the fight to the zombies in an effort to survive the night. Described as 'the world's most twisted empowerment story,' Katz found the short while an executive at New Line, and flirted with doing it as a live action feature. American Original and Titmouse will get it done as an animated feature film.

Jeff Katz stated "'I'm a longtime fan of alternative animation and am honored to be working with Titmouse, who are really in a class by themselves in this field. I greatly look forward to working with Chris Prynosi, Keith Fay and company to make some eclectic, commercial and - most of all - original material. We share the same creative wavelength and desire to try new things, so I'm beyond thrilled to get into some trouble with these guys."

Chris Prynosi, president and co-founder of Titmouse Inc. stated "we are super psyched to join forces with Jeff Katz on these upcoming four features. Knowing his track record at New Line and Fox and making some of the biggest bad ass films the past few years, we know we are in good hands working with Jeff and everyone at American Original."

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## **ABOUT AMERICAN ORIGINAL**

American Original stands as a credible and authentic voice for the comic industry and its fans within the Hollywood community while at the same time establishing the genre production business model of the future. Based in Los Angeles and under the leadership of CEO Jeff Katz, the American Original banner includes three distinct divisions – American Original Press, a publishing arm in partnership with Top Cow; American Original Entertainment, dedicated to film and television content production; and American Original Branding, representing talent and corporate entities in the genre space.

## **ABOUT TITMOUSE ANIMATION**

Titmouse is a full service animation studio located in Hollywood, California. The Company specializes in traditional animation using the latest in state-of-the-art digital techniques. In existence for just over five years, the studio has already produced a string of high profile, highly successful projects ranging from broadcast and cable television, to feature film, national commercial advertising campaigns and well known TV and film main title sequences. In addition to production, Titmouse has harnessed a cutting-edge creative team with many collective years of success to create and develop an aggressive slate of original projects that span all media platforms. For more information visit [www.titmouse.net](http://www.titmouse.net).

## **ABOUT TITMOUSE GAMES**

Titmouse Games is an independent video game developer that provides fierce indie content for consoles, mobiles, and more. Making hard-hitting games from their own original IPs, and hand-picked licenses, the Company strives to “keep it real” through the digital distribution of original content that feeds the needs of today’s hardcore gamers. Titmouse Games was introduced to the industry at the Game Developers Conference last month, with its first console Action RPG game, *Seven Haunted Seas*. For more information, please visit [www.titmousegames.com](http://www.titmousegames.com).