

Oscar-Nominated, Emmy and Grammy-Winning Composer Walter Murphy Joins Fly Squad - First Strike! as Momentum Builds Behind Ambitious Animated Feature

Acclaimed Seth MacFarlane collaborator to compose the original score for Australian-produced animated feature

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA - Oscar-nominated, Emmy and Grammy-winning musician and internationally acclaimed composer Walter Murphy, whose celebrated career spans more than five decades, has joined the creative team behind the Australian animated feature Fly Squad - First Strike!, bringing another major Hollywood name to the ambitious production.

Widely regarded as one of the industry's most versatile composers and arrangers, Murphy has become synonymous with Seth MacFarlane's productions, creating memorable scores for the Emmy Award-winning television phenomenon Family Guy and the blockbuster films Ted and Ted 2. His distinguished career also includes work across film, television and orchestral music, earning him international recognition for his ability to seamlessly blend cinematic grandeur with comedy and emotion.

Murphy will compose the original orchestral score for Fly Squad - First Strike! and contribute to the musical direction of key sequences, including the film's large-scale 'Insect Aid' concert.



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COMPOSER

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Created and produced by Australian filmmaker Anthony Maley of Pepper, No! Productions, Fly Squad - First Strike! is a large-scale animated action-comedy adventure that follows Bini, a fearless young bumblebee who recruits an anxious firefly and an outrageously flamboyant vegan spider for an impossible mission to infiltrate a human chemical fortress and steal the antidote that could save the insect world from extinction.

The four-quadrant film combines high-energy adventure, heart, humor and music with an environmental message designed to resonate with audiences of all ages.

Murphy's attachment follows recent international attention surrounding the project after it was reported that global music icons Cher and Sir Bob Geldof are currently in discussions to voice key characters.

The growing calibre of talent attracted to the production highlights the project's increasing international profile and ambition.

'Walter Murphy is one of those rare composers who can make audiences laugh, cry and feel completely immersed in a story, sometimes all within the same scene,' said producer and creator Anthony Maley. 'Fly Squad demands a score that's cinematic, emotionally authentic and full of personality. Walter's extraordinary body of work speaks for itself, and we're incredibly honoured to have someone of his calibre helping bring this world to life.'

Murphy said he was immediately drawn to the project's scale and originality.

'Fly Squad is imaginative, funny and emotionally rich, with enormous musical possibilities,' Murphy said. 'It offers the opportunity to create a sweeping orchestral score while embracing the comedy and spectacle. I'm delighted to be joining Anthony and the team on what promises to be an amazing project.'

With internationally recognised talent now assembling both on and off screen, Fly Squad - First Strike! continues to build momentum as one of Australia's most exciting international animated feature films currently in packaging.

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