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ABC TV appoints Michael Carrington to new role of Head of Children's and Education

ABC Director of Television, Richard Finlayson, today announces the appointment of Michael Carrington to the role of Head of Children's and Education.

Michael is a multi award-winning media executive with more than 20 years' experience in the children's television industry, from production and program acquisition roles to channel management and content commissioning.

Michael, who grew up in Parkes, NSW, is currently Chief Executive Officer of Zodiak Kids Studios, working in London and Paris, where he is responsible for the company's international program portfolio of live-action and animation productions.

Prior to this, Michael's roles included Vice President, Global Content & Executive Producer - HIT Entertainment Ltd; Chief Content Officer, Cartoon Network; Channel Controller, CBeebies – BBC; as well as various roles at LEGO Media, Discovery Communications, Amazon Films and Network Ten.

Finlayson said: "Michael brings to the ABC a wealth of knowledge and international experience in children's television. We look forward to working with Michael in the important new role of Head of Children's and Education, as we continue to lead the way in sharing trustworthy, entertaining and educational content with our youngest audiences."

Carrington said: "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Zodiak Kids. It's a company full of great people with huge ambitions and an inspirational leader in Jean-Philippe Randisi. However, when the call came with the offer to return to the place of my birth, Australia, to take up this exciting and challenging new role for the ABC, I couldn't say 'no'.

"The ABC has several fantastic children's channels, the renowned ABC KIDS iView app, and first class talent both in front of and behind the camera. I'm really looking forward to joining them and playing my role in building upon their success in engaging and inspiring generations of Australian children."

Michael commences his role in a few months.

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