

# EMOJI MOVIE: EXPRESS YOURSELF

## James Corden and Ilana Glazer Joining the Cast of Sony Pictures Animation's *EMOJI: EXPRESS YOURSELF*

Comedians lead the cast with T.J. Miller in next year's big screen

Culver City, CA, October 10, 2016 – Sony Pictures Animation today that Emmy and Tony winner James Corden (*the*) and Emmy nominee Ilana Glazer (*Broad*) would join previously T.J. Miller to lead the cast of 2017's animated comedy *EMOJI: EXPRESS YOURSELF*.

*EMOJI: EXPRESS YOURSELF* the never-before secret inside your . Hidden within the app is Textopolis, a bustling where all your emojis live, hoping to be selected by the user. In this , each emoji has only 1 facial expression – except for Gene (T.J. Miller), an emoji who was born without a filter and is bursting with multiple . Determined to become “normal” like the other emojis, Gene enlists the help of his best Hi-5 (James Corden) and the notorious emoji Jailbreak (Ilana Glazer). Together, they embark on an epic “app-venture” through the apps on the , each its own wild and fun , to find the Code that will Gene. But when a greater threat threatens the , the fate of all emojis depends on these 3 unlikely who must save their before it's forever.

Kristine , President of Sony Pictures Animation, commented on the saying, “Over 6 billion emojis are texted every , and emojis have become a language that transcends and culture. The power of emojis is that they allow you to express yourself in a and very way, and that is what our is about: self expression. We are very lucky to have some of the and actors today bringing their unique to this.”

Adds director Tony Leondis, “Hi-5 is a emoji who is a highly motivated, and highly , hand on a mission ( ), and the brilliantly versatile, ebullient and always -able James Corden fits this part like a glove ( again). For the rebel ‘break all the codes’ emoji Jailbreak, Ilana Glazer is the kind of singularly -spirited, fearless and actress to make s really feel the ‘nobody’s gonna keep me in a cage’ attitude this character exudes. And, of course, T.J. Miller has proven himself to be 1 of the most genuinely

inventive comedic actors around, uniquely capable of connecting and who can convey just about any 😊😡🙌👹 – and often does!”

Sony Pictures Animation’s *EMOJI 🎬: EXPRESS YOURSELF*, which will take place through some of the most popular and 🌐 recognized 📱 apps, is produced by Michelle Raimo Kouyate (🐱 in 📖s, *Silver Linings Play* 📖) and will be released in 📽 by Columbia Pictures on August 11, 2017.

## **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ANIMATION**

Sony Pictures Animation produces a variety of animated and family entertainment for audiences around the 🌐. The studio is following its 🌐 comedy hits—the record-breaking 🍷 comedies *HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA* and *HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2*, the hybrid live action/animated 📺 *THE SMURFS* and *THE SMURFS 2*, and the 🗨️💧☁️ *WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS* 🎬s—with the fully animated re-📖 *SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE* in April 2017; a surprising and comic take at the 🙄🌐 inside our phones with *EMOJI 🎬: EXPRESS YOURSELF* in August 2017; the 🙏 story *THE 🌟* (working title) in December 2017; *HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3* in September 2018; and an animated 🕷️-👤 feature from the 💡 of directors Chris Miller and Phil Lord in December 2018. The studio, in conjunction with Aardman Animations, has produced 📺 critically acclaimed feature films: the CG-animated family comedy *ARTHUR* 🌲; and the Academy 🏆® nominated stop-frame animated high-📺 adventure, *THE PIRATES! BAND OF MISFITS*. In 2007, *SURF'S UP* also received an Academy 🏆® nomination for Best Animated Feature 🎬. The division, whose first feature 🎬 *OPEN SEASON* led to a very successful 🎬 franchise including the brand 🆕 *OPEN SEASON: 🙌 SILLY* now available on digital, 📀 and Blu-ray, turned 📺 in 2012. Sony Pictures Animation is a 🏢 of the Sony Pictures Motion Pictures Group.

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