

# @la_Biennale di Venezia will pay a Special Tribute to U.S. producer Chris Meledandri

## Description

La **Biennale di Venezia** will pay a **Special Tribute** to U.S. producer **Chris Meledandri**, the Academy AwardÂ®-nominated founder and CEO of **Illumination Entertainment**, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of the field of animated films.

**Meledandri** will be presented on Monday, **September 5th** 2016, at **3 pm**, at the **Sala Giardino** in the Lido, during the **73rd Venice International Film Festival**. In addition to receiving this prestigious tribute, Meledandri will participate in an exclusive festival **â??In Conversationâ?•** event, culminating in a presentation of footage from the forthcoming Illumination Entertainment movie ***SING*** (2017).

Hereâ??s a peak at the filmâ??s Official Trailer:

The tribute will begin with the Italian Public Premiere of Illumination Entertainmentâ??s ***THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS*** (2016) at the Sala Giardino **on September 4th at 9:00 pm**.
Hereâ??s a look at the filmâ??s Official Teaser Trailer:
*THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS* opens in theaters in Italy on October 6, 2016.
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â??**Chris Meledandri** has revolutionized our way of

understanding and making animated film with his more than excellent achievements, both in terms of quality and box office, thanks to careful and skilfully-targeted investments. Under

his leadership, Illumination Entertainment has grown into one of the most dynamic and innovative creative hubs in the world of animation in a matter of years. This tribute from the Festival wishes to spotlight the artistâ??s extraordinary contribution, leading to worldwide hits such as *Despicable Me* and *Minions*, both of which changed our relationship with *cartoons* foreverâ?•.

**Chris Meledandri,** the Academy AwardÂ®-nominated founder and CEO of Illumination Entertainment, is responsible for the hugely successful *Despicable Me, Ice Age* and animated Dr. Seuss franchises, which have collectively grossed close to $6 billion worldwide. Meledandri has built Illumination Entertainment into one of the entertainment industryâ??s leading producers of all-audience event films.

**Illumination Entertainment**, which has an exclusive financing and distribution partnership with Universal Pictures, is the creator of the hugely successful *Despicable Me* franchise, which includes *Minions*, the second-highest-grossing animated film of all time, as well as the Academy AwardÂ®-nominated film for Best Animated Feature Film *Despicable Me 2*. In all, Illumination Entertainmentâ??s films, which also include *Hop* (2011) and *Dr. Seussâ?? The Lorax* (2012), have grossed more than $3.5 billion in worldwide box-office revenues and feature some of the worldâ??s most renowned talent.

Upcoming Illumination Entertainment films include *Sing* (2016), *Despicable Me 3* (2017) and *Dr. Seussâ?? How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2018).
Meledandri also oversees Illumination Entertainmentâ??s creation of content for marketing campaigns, mobile platforms, consumer goods, social media and theme parks such as Despicable Me: Minion Mayhem in 3D at Universal Orlando Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood, ensuring the same high level of quality he brings to his feature productions. The companyâ??s first mobile game, â??Despicable Me: Minion Rush,â?• has been downloaded more than 750 million times.

Prior to Illumination Entertainment, Meledandri was a senior executive at 20th Century Fox. He became the founding president of 20th Century Fox Animation, where he created original material with the birth of the *Ice Age* franchise and also shepherded existing brands into the feature space, including *The Simpsons* and the Dr. Seuss library *(Dr. Seussâ?? Horton Hears a Who!)*.

Meledandri has received numerous awards for his work with Illumination Entertainment including the Producers Guild of Americaâ??s 2014 Visionary Award as well as being named to Vanity Fairâ??s â??New Establishmentâ?• list and by The Hollywood Reporter as one of the â??most powerful people in entertainmentâ?• on The THR 100 list.

***THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS*** â?? For their fifth fully-animated feature-film collaboration, Illumination Entertainment and Universal Pictures present *The Secret Life of Pets*, a comedy about the lives our pets lead after we leave for work or school each day. *The Secret Life of Pets* opens in theaters October 6th 2016.

***SING*** â?? Set in a world like ours but entirely inhabited by animals, a dapper Koala who presides over a once-grand theater that has fallen on hard times. Buster is an eternal optimistâ??okay, maybe a bit of a scoundrelâ??who loves his theater above all and will do anything to preserve it. Now facing the crumbling of his lifeâ??s ambition, he has one final chance to restore his fading jewel to its former glory

by producing the worldâ??s greatest singing competition. In theaters January 26th 2017.

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