

# Animaniacs still zany to the max on Hulu

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For the Keizertimes

Do you know what I find even more annoying than constant Hollywood reboots of successful properties? Critics constantly complaining about how Hollywood likes to reboot successful properties. If bringing back a famous TV show or film series to wring even more cash out of an eager fanbase is lazy, then trotting out this same old grievance certainly is as well. Reboots have been around a lot longer than objectors to the practice would have you believe, and I'm sure that we'll all be getting yet another recast of Spider-Man long after the moon has fallen and the sun has burnt out. The only thing that you can really ask for is that they are done right, and I'm happy to report that Hulu's recent revival of 90's darling *Animaniacs* is one such reboot.

Last seen on TV in 1998,

Yakko, Wakko, and Dot are back in their water tower and better than ever. Along for the ride are the equally iconic Pinky and the Brain, who, like the Warners, are voiced by their original voice actors under returning executive producer Steven Spielberg (the Warners and the mice are the only returning main cast members, by the way, which I don't mind; I was never a fan of the gangster pigeons or the Bernadette Peters cat).

Irreverent and offering hilarity to both kids and adults alike, it is easy to fall into the groove of this new series as if it were a natural, long-awaited, coda to the original run. After the initial episode gets our cast caught up to the current times, the familiar structure of the old series returns: A Warner siblings segment starts each episode, followed by a Pinky and the Brain segment, followed by another shorter Warner



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Yakko, Wakko and Dot return in the reboot of Animaniacs on Hulu, along with fan favorites Pinky and Brain.

segment. It's all very familiar, and I mean that in the best possible way.

It is not the exact same beast, of course: Thanks to new writers and a showrunner that hails from *Family Guy*, it feels like the balance between kid humor and adult humor that the original had may have shifted a wee bit to the adult side in the new episodes in order to satisfy the now-grown fans of the '95-'98 series. Don't get me wrong... the show is not adult by any stretch of the imagination; you can (and should) still watch it with your kids. It's just a tiny bit less innocent and a little more meta. The satire also doesn't seem quite as subtle as it once was in certain places, and some

might complain about the lampooning of certain political figures and ideas (to them I would like to point out that the original had Bill Clinton in its theme song).

But despite a few quirks, there is no denying that this is a series lovingly cut from the same cloth as the original. There is even an entire album's worth of new songs spread across the episodes to enjoy, although I doubt any of them will be as helpful as the U.S. presidents song was to me in AP U.S. History. This is, simply, a reboot done right.

*Animaniacs* season one, as well as the entirety of the original series, is now available on Hulu.

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to cede the point when no one offered an answer.

The only other issue raised before a vote came from Mayor Cathy Clark who asked that the section regarding the tribal history of the land be withheld until a conversation could be had with leaders in the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde and Con-

federated Tribes of the Siletz.

"I would rather get their input and then amend the language then," said Clark, who set a timeline for such a discussion to take place within the first quarter of 2021.

Councilor Kim Freeman's reply prompted Clark to withdraw her friendly amendment.

"I am not someone with tribal lineage, but I would hate for us to start out by excluding someone," Freeman said.

### KEIZER STATEMENT OF VALUES

#### JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Whereas, All people shall be treated with dignity and respect; and whereas, "All" people includes but is not limited to the Federal and State Definitions of Protected Classes of people:

a. Federal definition – Race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability

b. State of Oregon additions – Source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity; and whereas, equity is both a process and an outcome; and whereas, we recognize that government practices, policies, laws and regulations have historically resulted in discrimination and disparity against people based on any protected class listed above; and

whereas, the belief system of white supremacy is defined as follows: "that the white race is inherently superior to other races and that white people should have control over people of other races; the social, economic, and political systems that collectively enable white people to maintain power over people of other races;" and

whereas, we acknowledge that the land upon which the people of Keizer live has historical and cultural roots in native Tribal Nations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Keizer that the City of Keizer welcomes every person regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Be it further resolved that the City of Keizer repudiates the belief system of white supremacy and condemns racism and is committed to the elimination of all forms of racism everywhere it exists.

Be it further resolved that the City of Keizer affirms its commitment to ensure that all members of the community are free from acts that are rooted in racism, discrimination, intolerance, bigotry, and hostility. We will strive to inspire and continually pursue a culture of safety and wellbeing.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is an aspirational statement and does not create any legal cause of action or modify any existing rights.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is not a legislative action.

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