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Tankies Unite! Neil Patrick Harris Shows Kids No Mercy Proving He Is #ThomasObsessed

Neil Patrick Harris displays lifelong passion for Thomas & Friends™ in new Funny Or Die [video](#)

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Today, the Emmy Award-winning comedy site, Funny Or Die and Thomas & Friends, unveiled "Neil Patrick Harris' Thomas & Friends Obsession," a new [video](#) starring award-winning actor Neil Patrick Harris. The short celebrates Thomas' 70th anniversary by highlighting a uniquely Thomas storyline that only parents of #ThomasObsessed children can understand.



Harris stars as an unabashed, self-professed Tankie, a Thomas & Friends super fan, who lets his fandom run wild in a room full of young Tankies. The film brings to life children's lovable obsession with Thomas and what it means to be #ThomasObsessed.

"As a father of two I truly understand the obsession that kids have with Thomas, mine love him," said award-winning actor, Neil Patrick Harris. "There are parents like me everywhere; we know the songs, train names, and fall into the story just like we did when we were kids. This film is a fun way to let parents know they're not alone."

"We're excited to partner with Neil Patrick Harris on this hilarious depiction of how kids

can be #ThomasObsessed - something Neil and today's parent can absolutely relate to," said Geoff Walker, Executive Vice President Fisher-Price Global Brands. "For parents, Thomas transcends generations and now they're seeing that same joy in their kids."

To view "Neil Patrick Harris' Thomas & Friends Obsession" visit [FunnyOrDie.com](#) and to learn more about what Thomas & Friends has in store for 2015 visit [www.ThomasandFriends.com](#) - #ThomasObsessed.

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