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## **MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK NAMES HEAD OF PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTION AHEAD OF 2020 LAUNCH**

***MICHAEL SANTINI JOINS MARQUEE SPORTS NETWORK AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTION***

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**CHICAGO** – Marquee Sports Network, the future exclusive television home of the Chicago Cubs, today announced the hiring of Michael Santini as senior vice president of programming and production. The new regional sports network, set to launch in 2020, is jointly owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI) and the Chicago Cubs.

Santini joins Marquee Sports Network from MLB Network where he most recently served as vice president of production. At MLB Network, which he helped launch in 2009, Santini was responsible for managing the award-winning production department and overseeing hit shows such as "MLB Tonight" and "MLB Central," among others. Prior to working at MLB Network, Santini spent 20 years in various production roles at MSG Networks.

"We're thrilled to have Mike Santini join Marquee Sports Network," said Michael McCarthy, general manager, Marquee Sports Network. "Mike has operated the best baseball production in the business for years. We have no doubt he'll give Cubs fans what they want and deserve as head of programming and production at Marquee."

In his role at Marquee Sports Network, Santini will be responsible for managing the network's live programming, pregame and postgame shows, and all original content. Santini also will oversee all on-air talent, production staff and network crew members.

"To be selected to lead programming and production for Marquee Sports Network is beyond exciting," said Santini. "MLB Network was a challenging, fluid and fast-paced environment. I am honored and grateful to have that same opportunity this time in Chicago for one of the most iconic sports franchises with the best fan base in the game."

For more information, visit [www.getmarqueesportsnetwork.com](http://www.getmarqueesportsnetwork.com).

### **About Marquee Sports Network:**

Marquee Sports Network, a new regional sports network, will be the exclusive television home of the Chicago Cubs starting in February 2020. Marquee Sports Network will feature live game broadcasts from Chicago Cubs broadcasters, extensive pregame and postgame coverage, in-depth unique Cubs content and other local sports programming. The network is jointly owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI) and the Chicago Cubs. For more information, visit [www.getmarqueesportsnetwork.com](http://www.getmarqueesportsnetwork.com).

### **About Sinclair:**

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