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LADY GAGA'S ALL-ACCESS DOCUMENTARY, *GAGA: FIVE FOOT TWO*, DEBUTS AT TIFF

Premiere screening to be followed by an intimate onstage performance

TORONTO — The Toronto International Film Festival® proudly announces the World Premiere of the documentary *Gaga: Five Foot Two*, a rare, revealing snapshot of a music icon that delves into duality of the raucously public Lady Gaga and the offstage woman that is, Stefani Joanne Germanotta.

In the documentary, Lady Gaga offers a vulnerable look at her life during one of the most pivotal periods in her career yet. Directed by Emmy®-nominated filmmaker Chris Moukarbel (*Banksy Does New York, Me at the Zoo*), the film is shot in the style of cinema verité, giving viewers unfiltered, behind-the-scenes access as Gaga spends time with close friends and family members, records and releases her 2016 album *Joanne* and, deals with personal struggles.

Moukarbel's compelling portrait captures Lady Gaga's life over an eight-month period. On top of professional triumphs, viewers will see her cope with intense emotional and physical pain. Other moments reflect more ordinary aspects of her life, whether it's attending a family christening, visiting her grandmother or cooking and playing with her dogs at home. The film may help viewers understand how all of these experiences contribute to Gaga's art – and how, in just a few years, the 5-foot-2 performer has become such a relatable and beloved figure worldwide.

"Moukarbel's documentary offers an unprecedented look at Lady Gaga in full creative mode: the ideas, the emotion, the sheer work it takes to do what she does," said TIFF Artistic Director Cameron Bailey. "We're thrilled to be bringing this film to audiences in Toronto, and even more excited that Lady Gaga will follow the screening with a performance. This one is for all her fans, Little Monsters, and movie lovers alike, who want to share in this once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"I had a rare opportunity to create a portrait of an artist with such an open heart and mind. I feel really lucky that Gaga trusted me and my vision," said director Chris Moukarbel.

The Netflix original documentary is directed by Chris Moukarbel and produced by Heather Parry for Live Nation Productions, Bobby Campbell for Mermaid Films, and Moukarbel. *Gaga: Five Foot Two* is Executive Produced by Michael Rapino, Kim Ray, Lisa Nishimura, and Benjamin Cotner.

The 42nd Toronto International Film Festival runs from September 7 to 17, 2017. *Gaga: Five Foot Two* will screen at the Visa Screening Room at the Princess of Wales Theatre on Friday, September 8.

Festival tickets go on sale September 4 at 10am (with TIFF Members' pre-sale on September 2 from 10am to 4pm). Buy tickets online at tiff.net, by phone at 416.599.TIFF or 1.888.599.8433, or in person at a box office. See box office locations and hours at tiff.net/tickets.

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