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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY FILMS PRESENTS *DIANA: IN HER OWN WORDS*

FULLY NARRATED IN HER VOICE USING RARELY HEARD RECORDINGS, THIS
INTIMATE PORTRAYAL OF THE PEOPLE'S PRINCESS PREMIERES
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST at 7.30pm AEST

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Wednesday 26 July: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA: In 1991, inside London's Kensington Palace, Diana, Princess of Wales, participated in a series of secret interviews, recorded with her permission by a close friend on behalf of journalist Andrew Morton. Morton was writing a book about Diana's life to reveal what life was really like for the most photographed woman in world. The public was unaware that Diana, Princess of Wales', marriage to HRH Prince of Wales was at crisis point. National Geographic Documentary Films reveals Diana's thoughts and feelings at a very specific point in her life, presenting one side of a very complicated story... her side. Told entirely in the Princess' voice, with no interviews, most of these unique recordings have never been broadcast before.

DIANA: IN HER OWN WORDS weaves archival footage and photography with these rarely heard recordings and is the latest presentation under the National Geographic Documentary Films banner. **DIANA: IN HER OWN WORDS** premieres **Tuesday 15 August at 7.30pm AEST** on National Geographic.

Executive produced by acclaimed Peabody Award-winning filmmaker **Tom Jennings** of 1895 Films (*Challenger Disaster: Lost Tapes*; *MLK: The Assassination Tapes*), the new documentary shines fresh perspective on the Princess' emotional journey from childhood to her relationship with HRH Prince of Wales and her pervasive public life under the microscope.

"National Geographic Documentary Films is committed to bringing the world premium feature documentaries that cover timely, provocative and globally relevant stories from the very best documentary filmmakers in the world," said **Tim Pastore**, President, Original Programming and Production for National Geographic. *"This film is no exception as it provides fresh perspective and insight into Diana, Princess of Wales', side of the story and continues our long tradition of providing our audiences unprecedented access to significant events."*

She came to be known as the People's Princess, and few public figures remain as beloved and enigmatic as Diana, Princess of Wales. From the moment the shy kindergarten teacher whose innate charm caught the attention of the heir to the royal throne, a modern icon was born.

In vivid detail, Princess Diana reflects upon the full story of her life, depicting her circumstances in 1991. She candidly takes viewers from her unhappy childhood to her awkward introduction to HRH Prince of Wales when she was just 16 years old, and the dramatic tale of a young girl thrust upon

the world's stage. Hounded by the press and embraced by a nation captivated by the 'fairy-tale' romance, she was completely unprepared for the fame that engulfed her.

DIANA: IN HER OWN WORDS captures a split in the Princess' public and private personas, underscoring intense often convoluted descriptions of her thoughts and feelings in 1991. Unflinchingly, she recounts her emotional wedding day and her experiences with postpartum depression, bulimia and her eventual triumph over her crippling anxiety to emerge as global humanitarian -- the iconic, beloved People's Princess.

"We broke down the major moments of her life and arranged them chronologically, then illustrated them with media reports and archival images from that time," added Tom Jennings, executive producer of DIANA: IN HER OWN WORDS. "So throughout the entire film, you're hearing the internal workings of Princess Diana's mind at a time when everyone believed she was living a fairy tale. But her marriage and her life actually were falling apart."

***** Online screener is now available for review purposes on request.**

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Tom Jennings available for interviews

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About 1895 Films

1895 Films is a Peabody Award-winning, Emmy nominated documentary production company based in Los Angeles, California. Headed by journalist-turned-filmmaker Tom Jennings, 1895 Films specialises in creating and producing high quality documentary programming for most of the major television cable networks. The company's films feature dynamic storytelling on topics ranging from politics and religion to history, crime, sports, mystery and travel. 1895 has produced documentary films around the globe, from major world capitals to some of the most remote places on earth – always looking for new ways to tell stories that are both informative and entertaining.

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