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The URBANWORLD FILM FESTIVAL & Founding Sponsor HBO Reveals 2017 FESTIVAL SLATE

Festival Runs September 20-24, in NY

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Reginald Hudlin will also serve as the Ambassador for the 2017 Urbanworld Film Festival. The acclaimed Director and Producer is a Pioneer of the Modern Black Film Movement, helming some of the most Influential Films and TV Series of his Generation including House Party, Boomerang and "Black Panther." Most notably, he was nominated for a Best Picture Oscar as one of the Producers of Quentin Tarantino's Academy Award and Golden Globe -winning film Django Unchained, one of the top-grossing Westerns of all time.

Other Talent confirmed to appear during the Festival includes Jeffrey Wright, Melvin Van Peebles, Gabourey Sidibe, Jamie Hector, Susan Kelechi Watson, Ledisi, La La Anthony, Mustafa Shakir, Saycon Sengbloh and LaTanya Richardson-Jackson.

Urbanworld Digital will return to deliver a Series of Thought-provoking Conversations, covering a range of Topics including Global Opportunity, the Convergence of Content and Technology and Diversity in the Industry on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the HBO Theater on 1100 6th Avenue. The Event has been presented by HBO since 2010 with Festival Filmmakers, Digital Influencers, Executives, Entrepreneurs and Content Creators attending annually.

Along with founding Partner HBO, Key Supporters include prestige Partner BET Networks as well as Premiere Partners Comcast NBCUniversal and OWN : Oprah Winfrey Network. Industry Partner Supporters include Time Warner, Warner Bros., Stage 13, Urban Movie Channel, AMC Independent, Directors Guild of America and Writers Guild of America East. New York Amsterdam News serves as a Media Partner.

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