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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES MARIA CALLAS DOC

NEW YORK (September 12, 2017) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all rights in North America, Australia and New Zealand to the Maria Callas documentary **MARIA BY CALLAS: IN HER OWN WORDS**.

From first time director Tom Volf, **MARIA BY CALLAS: IN HER OWN WORDS** is the definitive doc on the life and work of the Greek-American opera singer. Volf has spent nearly five years working on the film, which features never before seen or heard footage and performances of Callas.

The film is co-produced by Emma Lepers of Petit Dragon and Gaël Leibrang and Emmanuel Chain of ELEPHANT Doc.

“Maria Callas, her voice and story are illustrious. We're thrilled to be able to help expand this icon's prodigious following with **MARIA BY CALLAS: IN HER OWN WORDS**,” said Sony Pictures Classics.

Said Volf, “I'm thrilled and honored to present my film with Sony Pictures Classics. I couldn't dream of a better partner to bring **MARIA BY CALLAS** to audiences. I'm sure that thanks to Sony Pictures Classics many people will get to discover, or rediscover, the great artist, and the woman behind the legend, as she has never been seen or heard before.”

The deal was negotiated between MK2 Films and SPC.



ABOUT SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Michael Barker and Tom Bernard serve as co-presidents of Sony Pictures Classics—an autonomous division of Sony Pictures Entertainment they founded with Marcie Bloom in January 1992, which distributes, produces, and acquires independent films from around the world. Barker and Bernard have released prestigious films that have won 37 Academy Awards® (33 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 163 Academy Award® nominations (137 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for WHIPLASH, AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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