

# 'The Story of The Royals,' A Two-Night Television Event From PEOPLE And Four M Studios, Debuts On ABC, Wednesday, Aug. 22, And Thursday, Aug. 23

**Featuring Gloria Allred, Jess Cagle, Chris Connelly, Rebecca Jarvis, Aaron Korsh, Andrew Morton and More**

NEW YORK, July 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- ABC, PEOPLE and Four M Studios will present "The Story of The Royals," a two-night, four-hour prime-time television event documenting the fascinating lives of the British royal family. Featuring an extraordinary panel of experts and voices, "The Story of The Royals: Part One" airs **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22** (9:00-11:00 p.m. EDT), and "The Story of The Royals: Part Two" airs **THURSDAY, AUG. 23** (9:00-11:00 p.m. EDT), on The ABC Television Network.

"The Story of The Royals" will explore pivotal moments in the crown's history beginning with a simple question: How exactly did we get here? The multipart series captures the mystique of the monarchy through its many loves, losses, extravagances, challenges and charms. With Prince William and Kate's new royal baby and Prince Harry's recent marriage to Meghan Markle, the Windsors have truly begun to modernize and resemble a 21<sup>st</sup>-century family. "The Story of the Royals" will illustrate that evolution as well as examine the American obsession behind all things royal.

## **First look at "The Story of The Royals" revealed [HERE](#)**

"The Story of The Royals" brings together an impressive company of friends, former staff members and royal experts to help illustrate this fascinating story (listed alphabetically by first name):

- Aaron Korsh, creator of "Suits"
- Alastair Bruce, Sky News correspondent
- Andrew Morton, author of "Diana: Her True Story"
- Anna Whitelock, author of "The Queen's Bed: An Intimate History of Elizabeth's Court"
- Arianne Chernock, author of "Men and the Making of Modern British Feminism"
- Bob Woodruff, ABC News anchor
- Cele Otnes, author of "Royal Fever"
- Charles Anson, former press secretary to The Queen
- Chris Connelly, ABC News contributor
- Christine Knudsen, theology department chair at Immaculate Heart High School
- Colleen Harris, former press secretary to Prince Charles
- Cornelia Guest, goddaughter of Edward VIII & Wallis Simpson
- Daniel Martin, Meghan Markle's makeup artist
- David Wiseman, The Royal Foundation
- Dr. Harvey Young, Meghan Markle's former theater professor
- Dr. Sue Varma, professor of psychiatry at NYU Angola
- Elizabeth Anson, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II
- Emma Bridgewater, royal ceramics manufacturer
- Gloria Allred, women's rights attorney
- Harry Benson, celebrity photographer
- Hugo Vickers, royal biographer
- James Deutsch, folklorist, curator
- Jane Stevens, lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret

- Jess Cagle, editor-in-chief, PEOPLE
- Lady Jane Rayne, maid of honor at The Queen's coronation
- Laura Mayhall, author of "Women's Suffrage in the British Empire"
- Maria Pollia, theology teacher at Immaculate Heart High School
- Mark Stewart, royal photographer
- Myka Meier, etiquette instructor
- Patrick Jephson, former private secretary to Princess Diana
- Penny Junor, royal biographer
- Phillip Norman, author of "Shout! The Beatles in Their Generation"
- Rebecca Jarvis, ABC News correspondent
- Robert Lacey, author of "Monarch: The Life and Reign of Elizabeth II"
- Sarah Bradford, royal biographer
- Sarah Gristwood, author of "Game of Queens"
- Wynne Frankum, chair of the Bucklebury Parish Council
- Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, journalist

This marks the second time that ABC, PEOPLE and Four M Studios (formerly Time Inc. Productions) will partner on a two-night documentary event about the royal family. In August 2017, they teamed up for "The Story of Diana," which marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Princess Diana's tragic passing at 36 years old. "The Story of Diana" Parts One and Two debuted to impressive ratings, winning the two-hour timeslot over two consecutive nights.

"The Story of The Royals" is produced for ABC by Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award-winning Four M Studios and Maggievision Productions. Emmy Award-winning producer and director Maura Mandt is the executive producer, along with director Rebecca Gitlitz. Executive producers from Four M Studios and PEOPLE are Bruce Gersh, Ian Orefice, Jess Cagle and Dan Wakeford. Four M Studios will distribute the documentary in international territories.

#### **About ABC Entertainment**

ABC Entertainment airs compelling programming across all day parts, including the No. 1 new drama on television, "The Good Doctor," and the return of "American Idol"; in addition to upcoming new dramas "A Million Little Things" and "The Rookie," starring Nathan Fillion; new comedies "The Kids Are Alright" and "Single Parents"; and the new prime-time talk show, "The Alec Baldwin Show." The ABC Television Network is also home to the groundbreaking dramas "How to Get Away with Murder" and "Grey's Anatomy"; the Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award-winning "Modern Family" and trailblazing comedy favorites "black-ish," "American Housewife," "Fresh Off the Boat," "The Goldbergs," "Speechless" and midseason breakout, "Splitting Up Together"; hit game shows "The \$100,000 Pyramid," "Celebrity Family Feud," "Match Game" and "To Tell the Truth"; reality phenomenon "Shark Tank," iconic "The Bachelor" franchise, long-running hits "Dancing with the Stars" and "America's Funniest Home Videos"; "General Hospital," which has aired for over 50 years on the network; and late-night talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" The network also boasts some of television's most prestigious awards shows, including "The Oscars<sup>®</sup>," "The CMA Awards" and "The American Music Awards."

#### **About PEOPLE**

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Four M Studios (formerly Time Inc. Productions), the television production division of Meredith, is a full-service production company creating premium long-form content distributed on all platforms globally. Formed in 2016, the division touts an in-house award-winning creative team, state-of-the-art studios and post-production facilities in New York and Los Angeles. The content and spirit of Meredith's powerful and trusted iconic brands provide unlimited inspiration for Four M Studio shows.

The Studio also develops shows independent of Meredith brands. The group won an Emmy in 2017 for "A Year in Space" on PBS, and its shows have aired on or are in development with ABC, Apple, Netflix, Paramount Network, FOX, A&E, Investigation Discovery and other major networks.

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