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SCHUMACHER

Netflix to show ultimate documentary on Formula 1 icon Michael Schumacher



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- The portrait of the motorsport legend will launch worldwide exclusively on Netflix on September 15
- SCHUMACHER is the only film supported by his family
- The documentary unveils the complex picture of Michael Schumacher as a person through exclusive interviews with Michael Schumacher's wife, Corinna Schumacher and their two children Gina and Mick Schumacher, talks with his past peers and opponents, as well as previously unreleased archive material

July 30, 2021 -- His name stands for perfection, fighting spirit and passion - Michael Schumacher is still widely considered to be the best racing driver of all time. He went from humble beginnings to the top of Formula 1 and dominated it for many years - with seven world championship titles and a total of 91 victories. The documentary SCHUMACHER traces his path from the Kerpen gravel pit to global superstar.

The long-awaited documentary, which can be seen exclusively on Netflix from September 15, does not only portray his incomparable career, though. Thanks to rare interviews, never-before-seen archive material and the support of his family, the many facets of his multi-layered personality are shown unfold.

In addition to his father and his brother Ralf, Schumacher's wife Corinna and his two children Gina and Mick, by now a Formula 1 driver himself, speak openly for the first time, as do his closest peers and competitors. Among them are Jean Todt, Bernie Ecclestone, Sebastian Vettel, Mika Häkkinen, Damon Hill, Flavio Briatore, David Coulthard, Willi Weber, Luca di Montezemolo, Piero Ferrari, his manager Sabine Kehm, and many more. They tell the story of a passionate fighter who pushed the boundaries of his sport further and further, and of the absolute team player who always treated people with high regard and respect.

The timing of the release commemorates Schumacher's entry into Formula 1 which he accomplished, almost to the day, 30 years ago.

Sabine Kehm: *"Michael Schumacher has redefined the professional image of a racing driver and has set new standards. In his quest for perfection, he spared neither himself nor his team, driving them to the greatest successes. He is admired all over the world for his leadership qualities. He found the strength for this task and the balance to recharge at home, with his family, whom he loves idolatrously. In order to preserve his private sphere as a source of strength, he has always rigorously and consistently separated his private from his public life. This film tells of both worlds. It is his family's gift to their beloved husband and father."*

Benjamin Seikel and Vanessa Nöcker from B|14 FILM GmbH were responsible for the production of SCHUMACHER. Hanns-Bruno Kammertöns, Vanessa Nöcker and Michael Wech directed the film.

Benjamin Seikel, Producer: *"The documentary was a big challenge and needed a lot of time and sensitivity, considering the pressure that was put on the production from the outside. But thanks to a great team and a really great collaboration with the family, we didn't let ourselves get rattled. We're grateful that it's finally getting underway and excited about its global release on Netflix. The film was always intended to be an international documentary and we're confident it will be embraced as such."*

Vanessa Nöcker, producer and director: *"The greatest challenge for the directors was certainly to find the balance between independent reporting and consideration for the family. Corinna Schumacher herself was our greatest support in this. She herself wanted to make an authentic film, to show Michael as he is, with all his ups and downs, without any sugarcoating."*

She was great and brave enough to let us do what we wanted, and so we respected and kept her boundaries. A very inspiring, warm woman who made a lasting impression on all of us."

London based Rocket Science is representing sales and distribution of the film worldwide and facilitated the partnership with Netflix.

Kai Finke, Director, EMEA TV Licensing Netflix: *"This deeply personal portrait of Michael Schumacher will inspire and touch his fans that followed his career, and introduce this iconic personality to our members worldwide who may not be familiar with the star's huge Formula 1 accolades. We would especially like to thank Rocket Science, the producers, and Michael Schumacher's family for their great trust."*

Credits

Directors: Hanns-Bruno Kammertöns, Vanessa Nöcker und Michael Wech

Producers: Vanessa Nöcker und Benjamin Seikel

Camera: Reiner Bauer, Ilhan Coskun, Michael Dreyer, Robert Engelke, Johannes Imdahl

Editors: Michael Scheffold, Olaf Voigtländer, Susanne Ocklitz

Music: Peter Hinderthür, Christian Wilckens

About SCHUMACHER

Fully supported by Michael Schumacher's family, SCHUMACHER features rare interviews and previously undisclosed archival footage and draws a very sensitive yet critical portrait of the seven-time World Champion. The documentary explores the many facets that made and define this complex athlete and accompanies him on his meteoric rise in this challenging and dangerous sport, which is followed by millions worldwide. His strong will and triumphant fight to win against all odds put Michael Schumacher at the centre of global attention. Michael Schumacher's journey has captured the imagination of millions, but there is a lot more than motor racing to the success of this very private man. However, it is not only his fighting spirit and striving for perfection that define Michael Schumacher as a person; his self-doubt and insecurities complete the picture of a sensitive and reflected man.

At the heart of Michael's story are his parents, his children and Corinna Schumacher, his biggest support and the love of his life. They are now ready to tell his story...

About B|14 FILM

After many years in the film business, the two decided to join forces in 2017 following a number of joint productions (including "Boris Becker - The Player", ARD/Netflix, "Der Reichstag - Die Geschichte eines deutschen Hauses", ARTE/NDR). With a large team of authors and directors, cameramen and editors with many years of experience in journalistic, fictional and creative formats, they now jointly develop their own film and format ideas, offer directing, conception and production at the highest technical standard - mainly for the international market, public television and also for the big screen. Currently, a major

docu-drama about the German painter "Albrecht Dürer" is in production, as well as a long-term observation of the artist "Daniel Richter" by Oscar-winning director Pepe Danquart.

About Rocket Science

Established in London, 2016, ROCKET SCIENCE is one of the most globally recognized, international film entertainment companies, working with top tier talent and producers to create compelling content for modern film and television audiences. Since its inception, it has financed, produced, packaged and sold over two dozen critically acclaimed and commercially successful films including: Julian Schnabel's *At Eternity's Gate*, starring Willem Dafoe who was nominated for an Academy Award® for his turn as Vincent van Gogh; David Lowery's *The Old Man and the Gun*, starring Robert Redford; and Karyn Kusama's *Destroyer*, starring Nicole Kidman. With proven taste and an objective-driven approach, ROCKET SCIENCE'S recent and upcoming slate includes: Eva Husson's *Mothering Sunday* starring Josh O'Connor, Odessa Young, Olivia Colman and Colin Firth; Aml Ameen's *Boxing Day* starring Ameen, Aja-Naomi King and Leigh-Anne Pinnock; Todd Haynes' *May December* starring Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore; Charlotte Colbert's *She Will* starring Alice Krige; David Cronenberg's *Crimes of the Future* starring Viggo Mortensen, Lea Seydoux and Kristen Stewart and Ana Lily Amirpour's *Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon*. For further information, visit: www.rocket-science.net

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