

**LIONSGATE UK ACQUIRES UK RIGHTS TO “MY GENERATION”**

London, 31st October 2017. Lionsgate UK announced today that they have acquired the UK rights to the documentary MY GENERATION from prolific independent entertainment studio IM Global.  The engaging and evocative documentary, narrated by and starring the iconic Michael Caine, world premiered at the Venice Film Festival in August, and most recently played to a sell-out audience at the BFI London Film Festival.

Narrated by and starring Caine, MY GENERATION is a perceptive and entertaining journey through the "Swinging Sixties" and the societal upheaval that still resonates today in the UK and around the world. It is told with film clips, archival footage, music of the era, and the participation of Paul McCartney, Roger Daltrey, Mary Quant, Marianne Faithfull, David Bailey, Twiggy and many other pop culture legends.  With his unique viewpoint and gifts as a raconteur, Caine serves as our guide through the cultural revolution that rocked the world in the ‘60s with an insider’s unique, humorous and moving insights.

Said Caine, "I am so pleased to hear that Lionsgate has picked up My Generation. I had a wonderful experience with them on *Harry Brown* and am so happy to be working with them again. My Generation was such a joy to work on and it’s the best news that they picked up the film."

MY GENERATION is directed by David Batty (*Maggie and Me, The Cult of the Suicide Bomber*) and written by Dick Clement & Ian La Frenais (*The Bank Job, Across the Universe, Still Crazy*). Simon Fuller (*American Idol, Pop Idol, So You Think You Can Dance*) of XIX Entertainment produced alongside Caine, Dick Clement, Ian La Frenais & Fodhla Cronin O’Reilly (*Lady Macbeth*). The film is Executive Produced by James Clayton (*Pride*).

Sourced from over 1,600 hours of material amassed from the U.K, America, and across Europe, a breakthrough came when the filmmakers found a treasure trove of hours and hours of rushes belonging to seminal 1960s filmmaker Peter Whitehead, whose work includes unseen films with Caine, Mick Jagger, Julie Christie, The Rolling Stones and many other leading figures seen in MY GENERATION. After five painstaking years of work that included extensive research, filming over 50 interviews with key players, and editing thousands of hours of archive, the compelling film wrapped in 2017.

“Michael Caine is a legend of cinema and London in the 60’s was his playground. MY GENERATION gives an insight into this revolutionary time in the UK through the eyes of its most famous and recognized hero and allows audiences to relive some very special moments. I’m delighted that we’re adding this documentary to our slate, and look forward to bringing back this iconic era **to** UK Cinema screens. We’re also equally proud to revive our working relationship with Michael having released the 2009 hit *Harry Brown,*” comments Zygi Kamasa, CEO, Lionsgate UK.

“This has been an important project for Michael, David Batty and all of us on the production as it reflects not just accomplishments of one of Britain’s best loved actors, but also the role that London played at the start of the pop culture revolution in the 1960s. The choice of partner for this film in the UK is critical and we’re delighted to be working with Lionsgate, with Zygi and his team, because they’re an outstanding company that will provide the care and excellence that every producer wishes for**,”** comments Simon Fuller, owner XIX Entertainment.

IM Global’s President of International Michael Rothstein echoed those sentiments, saying "We could not be happier to have Lionsgate on My Generation, they’re undoubtedly the perfect home for the film in the UK, and we’ve enjoyed tremendous success together with them in the past."  IM Global has worldwide rights to the film.

The film is slated for an early 2018 release.

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**MY GENERATION – Preliminary credits**

Presented By Michael Caine

Featuring: David Bailey, Michael Caine, Joan Collins, Roger Daltrey, Dudley Edwards, Marianne Faithfull, Barbara Hulanicki, Lulu, Paul McCartney, Terry O’Neill, David Puttnam, Mary Quant,

Mim Scala, Sandie Shaw, Penelope Tree, Twiggy

Directed by David Batty

Written by Dick Clement & Ian La Frenais

Produced by Simon Fuller, Michael Caine, Dick Clement, Ian La Frenais & Fodhla Cronin O’Reilly

Executive Produced by James Clayton

Film Editor Ben Hilton

Archive Producer James RM Hunt

Music Supervisor Tarquin Gotch

**About Lionsgate**

The first major new studio in decades, Lionsgate is a global content platform whose films, television series, digital products and linear and over-the-top platforms reach next generation audiences around the world.  In addition to its filmed entertainment leadership, Lionsgate content drives a growing presence in interactive and location-based entertainment, gaming, virtual reality and other new entertainment technologies.  Lionsgate’s content initiatives are backed by a 16,000-title film and television library and delivered through a global licensing infrastructure.  The Lionsgate brand is synonymous with original, daring and ground-breaking content created with special emphasis on the evolving patterns and diverse composition of the Company’s worldwide consumer base.

**About IM Global**

IM GLOBAL was founded in 2007. The prolific independent studio operates one of the world’s leading international film, television and music production, sales and distribution platforms, controlling a library of more than 600 films which have collectively grossed more than $6 billion in worldwide box office. The company has financed or produced over thirty Hollywood feature films deploying more than $500 million in production capital, establishing itself as one of the most prolific film financiers outside of the major studios. IM Global has offices in Los Angeles, New York, London, Munich, Mumbai, Mexico City, Beijing and Shanghai.

**About XIX Entertainment**

XIX Entertainment is a leading player in global entertainment with a track record in hit format innovation, star talent and high-value brand partnerships. The business is owned by American Idol creator Simon Fuller, whose background includes award-winning ventures with The Spice Girls, David Beckham & Victoria Beckham, Abba, Sir Michael Caine, Amy Winehouse and others.