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**“MALIKA THE LION QUEEN,”**

**A NEW TWO-HOUR WILDLIFE SPECIAL,**

**NARRATED BY GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER, ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE,**

**STAR AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF FOX’S “9-1-1,”**

**ANGELA BASSETT**

**TO AIR SUNDAY, APRIL 4, ON FOX**

**Documentary To Be Available on**

**FOX Entertainment’s Free-Streaming Platform, Tubi**

MALIKA THE LION QUEEN, a new two-hour wildlife documentary based on the lionesses of a powerful pride in South Africa’s Kruger National Park, will air this Easter, Sunday, April 4 (8:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) on FOX, it was announced today by Rob Wade, President, Alternative Entertainment and Specials, FOX Entertainment. The special is produced by Plimsoll Productions and will be narrated by Golden Globe winner and Academy Award nominee Angela Bassett (9-1-1). Beginning April 18, the special will be available on FOX’s free streaming platform, Tubi.

Watch/Share the all-new promo here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lA4_F3zc_xk>

The special takes viewers through the exhilarating and harrowing life of Malika. This untold story of the lioness’s experience is an educational exploration about the true queens and leaders in the lion kingdom. It is a stunning masterpiece of visual storytelling and offers a uniquely personal insight into one of the most powerful animals to walk the earth today.

“We’ve long been exploring premium wildlife specials that present an entirely new world full of emotional and aspirational stories that appeal to all viewers. In MALIKA THE LION QUEEN, we’ve found everything we were seeking,” said Wade. “With Angela Bassett guiding viewers along with her hallmark grace and gravitas, coupled with mesmerizing footage captured by the Plimsoll team, MALIKA THE LION QUEEN is perfect evening entertainment for the whole family.”

Angela Bassett currently stars in and serves as executive producer on the network’s hit procedural drama, 9-1-1. For her portrayal of “Athena Grant” on the series, she was recently nominated for Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series at the upcoming 2021 NAACP Image Awards. Bassett was awarded the 2020 NAACP Image Award in the same category and also was nominated for Entertainer of the Year. Earlier this year, at the inaugural Critics Choice Super Awards, Bassett was named Best Actress in an Action Series. Since 2019, Bassett has received her fifth, sixth and seventh career Emmy Award nominations, including two in the category of Outstanding Narrator, for her work on the documentaries “The Flood” (2019) and “The Imagineering Story” (2020); and a nomination for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series

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for “A Black Lady Sketch Show” (2020). Bassett garnered critical acclaim, a Golden Globe Award win and an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress for her portrayal of legendary singer Tina Turner in the feature film “What’s Love Got To Do With It.” More recently, Bassett has co-starred in the blockbuster films “Mission: Impossible – Fallout” and “Black Panther.” Bassett will next be seen on the big screen in the action-adventure film “Gunpowder Milkshake.”

Malika The Lion Queen is produced by Plimsoll Productions (“Tiny World”). Tom Hugh-Jones, Martha Holmes and Grant Mansfield serve as executive producers.

**About Plimsoll Productions**

Plimsoll creates and produces premium content for audiences all over the world, from offices in Bristol, Cardiff and Los Angeles. The internationally renowned creative team has produced numerous hits and won BAFTA, Emmy and RTS Awards. Founded in 2013 by CEO Grant Mansfield, the company has secured orders for more than 70 series. Clients include Netflix, Apple, Disney, National Geographic, CNN, FOX, BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5. Completed shows and formats are sold in 75 international territories by distribution division, Magnify Media. Plimsoll is now one of the fastest-growing companies in the U.K. (third in the Sunday Times SME Fast Track 100) and one of the largest independent TV production companies in the country. Plimsoll believes that diversity of talent, thought and experience are key elements of the creative process and aim to promote equality, respect and inclusiveness across the company.

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