

The Backlot Films is thrilled to announce the exclusive 'one week only' theatrical release of the much-anticipated documentary I AM HEATH LEDGER in Australia. A select number of cinemas have been secured in each state for the release on Thursday May 11.

I AM HEATH LEDGER is a feature length documentary celebrating the life of Heath Ledger: actor, artist and icon. The documentary provides an intimate look at Heath through the lens of his own camera as he films and often performs in his own personal journey. Extravagant in gesture and in action, Heath's artistic nature and expression set him apart from the Hollywood mainstream, and ultimately vaulted him to stardom and endeared him to the world.

Complementing the footage from his own personal recordings, the documentary also features excerpts of his greatest performances, combined with interviews with friends and family (including Ben Mendelsohn, Naomi Watts, Ang Lee, Ben Harper, and his sister Kate).

I AM HEATH LEDGER is co-Directed by Derik Murray (with Adrian Buitenhuis), the man behind the "I Am" slate of documentaries on Bruce Lee, Steve McQueen, Evel Knievel, Chris Farley and JFK Jr. His film work is rounded out by the Academy Award® shortlisted feature documentary Facing Ali, and the feature documentary Johnny Cash – American Rebel.

Set for a World Premiere this weekend at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on the evening of April 23, the documentary will then screen in LA for the Australians In Film Society, ahead of the Australian Premiere on Tuesday 9th May at Luna Cinemas in Perth, which will be attended by Heath's family.

The official trailer for the documentary released online last week and has had more than 5 million worldwide views. Interest has been huge in Australia with media and fans clamouring for more information on a potential release in Heath's home country. Information on locations that have been selected to screen I AM HEATH LEDGER can be found at the official Australian website – www.iamheathledger.com.au. Locations will continue to be added and more information will be released in the lead up to May 11 via the website and Facebook.

I AM HEATH LEDGER is produced by Network Entertainment with theatrical distribution in Australia via The Backlot Films. International media sales are via Fremantle Media. All cinema / exhibitor enquiries should be directed to The Backlot Films – info@thebacklotstudios.com

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