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U.S. Theatrical Release of Gypsy Caravan Musical Documentary

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Gypsy Caravan, a.k.a.: When the Road Bends...tales of a Gypsy Caravan, opens June 15 in New York City. Released by Shadow Distribution, Gypsy Caravan is an uplifting and moving documentary which explores the real lives of the Roma as we travel to their homes in Macedonia, Romania, India and Spain, meet their

families and see what music brings to their lives a link to an ancient culture, a common language, a traditional career all of which is a stark and often painful contrast to life on the road. The CD soundtrack, Gypsy Caravan, released by World Village/Harmonia Mundi USA, is also available.

The personal drama and stories of these characters are interwoven with their performances, reflecting the imagery and emotion of their music. We see love and death and tales of lives that are raw and rich. They make us laugh and cry and laugh again, allowing us to understand and expand on the riches of Romani music and history, and letting us enjoy knowing the people intimately.

Gypsy Caravan is a feature documentary by Jasmine Dellal (American Gypsy), shot by Albert Maysles. "It would be great if by experiencing the Romani people and their music, people can learn more about them and understand that - what you've believed about these people has been a lie your entire lives," said movie star Johnny Depp who is interviewed in the film.

This musical journey takes place in the U.S. during the World Music Institute's Gypsy Caravan concert tour and on location in Spain, Macedonia, Romania and India. Starring Macedonian diva and 'Queen of the Gypsies' Esma Redzepova; traditional Indian folk troupe Maharaja; Romanian brass band Fanfare Ciocarlia; Romanian superstars of violin wizardry Taraf de Haidouks, and Spain's Antonio "El Pipa" Flamenco Company.

Gypsy Caravan is currently screening at festivals in Seattle, London and Transylvania. It launched at Tribeca and garnered festival awards from San Francisco to Nashville and Vancouver, and from Korea to the Czech Republic.

This film is dedicated to Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 - 2015, an initiative of 8 governments, the UN, George Soros & the World Bank joining Roma communities to fight poverty and discrimination, prioritizing education, employment, health & housing.

US Screening Schedule:

June 15 New York, NY <u>Lincoln Plaza Cinemas</u>
<u>Angelika Film Center</u>
June 29 Los Angeles, CA NuArt Theater
June 29 Washington, DC E Street Cinema

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July 6 Pasadena, CA Laemmle One Colorado Theater

July 6 Irvine, CA Regal Westlake Cinemas

July 6 Rhinebeck, NY Upstate Films

July 6 New Haven, CT Criterion Theater

July 6 Cambridge (Boston), MA Kendall Square Cinema

July 6 San Francisco, CA Embarcadero Center Lumiere or Opera Plaza Theater

July 6 Berkeley, CA Shattuck Cinema

July 6 Santa Cruz, CA Nickelodeon Theaters

July 6 Monterey, CA Osio Cinemas

July 6 San Luis Obispo, CA Palm Theatre

July 13 Santa Rosa, CA Rialto Lakeside Theater

July 20 Seattle, WA Varsity Theater

July 20 Santa Fe, NM The Screen

July 20 Rochester, NY Little Theater

July 20 San Diego, CA Ken Theater

Aug 2 Ithaca, NY Cornell Cinema

Aug 10 Austin, TX Regal Arbor Theater

Aug 10 Yellow Springs, OH Little Art Theater

Aug 10 Athens, GA Athens Cine

Aug 15 Portland, ME The Movies on Exchange Street

Aug 24 Chicago, IL Music Box Theater

Sep 14 Atlanta, GA Midtown Art Theater

Sep 14 St. Louis, MO Tivoli Theater

Buy the CD, Gypsy Caravan.

Links of interest:

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- Roma Inclusion
- **Shadow Distribution**

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