

# PARAMOUNT+ ANNOUNCES STAR-STUDDED PANEL OF JUDGES FOR NEW GLOBAL SINGING COMPETITION "QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE"

**Decorated Judges Panel Includes** 

Vanessa Williams, Michelle Visage, Trixie Mattel and Leona Lewis,

with Graham Norton Serving as Host



"Queen of the Universe" Premieres Thursday, Dec. 2nd Exclusively on Paramount+,

And Features Contestants from 10 Countries including USA, Mexico, Brazil, Denmark, Australia, Canada, England, France, China and India

Produced by MTV Entertainment Studios and World of Wonder

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**TORONTO, Ont.** – Paramount+, the streaming service from ViacomCBS, announced the star-studded panel of judges for its upcoming, first-of-its-kind global singing competition, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE, hosted by Five-time BAFTA TV Award-winner **Graham Norton**. The panel lineup includes Multi-Emmy and GRAMMY® nominee **Vanessa Williams**; platinum-selling recording artist, three-time Emmy®-winning producer and judge of "RuPaul's Drag Race," **Michelle Visage**; American drag superstar **Trixie Mattel** and three-time GRAMMY-nominated global songstress **Leona Lewis**. QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE premieres **Thursday**, **Dec. 2** exclusively on Paramount+ in the U.S. and will also roll out on the service in the Nordics, Latin America, Australia and Canada.

Produced by MTV Entertainment Studios and World of Wonder, the producers of the Emmy® Award-winning franchise "RuPaul's Drag Race," this new series inspired by international singing competitions will follow the world's most talented drag queens as they battle it out for global domination, and countries go head to head spotlighting their top talent.

Each episode will feature the world's fiercest queens as they debut a new musical performance in front of a live audience and the "Pop Diva Panel" of judges in the hopes of being crowned the "Queen of the Universe."

QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE joins Paramount+'s growing slate of original unscripted programming, including RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE ALL STARS, THE REAL WORLD HOMECOMING: NEW YORK, THE REAL WORLD HOMECOMING: LOS ANGELES, THE CHALLENGE: ALL STARS and RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE ALL STARS: UNTUCKED. In addition to its original series, Paramount+ also provides a vast library of ViacomCBS' unscripted programming including fan favorites such as "The Real World," "Big Brother," "Survivor," "Love & Hip Hop," "Rupaul's Drag Race," "The Amazing Race" and more.

## For more on QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE visit: https://www.viacomcbspressexpress.com/paramount-plus/

### About Paramount+:

Paramount+, a direct-to-consumer digital subscription video on-demand and live streaming service from ViacomCBS, combines live sports, breaking news, and a mountain of entertainment. The premium streaming service features an expansive library of original series, hit shows and popular movies across every genre from world-renowned brands and production studios, including BET, CBS, Comedy Central, MTV, Nickelodeon, Paramount Pictures, and the Smithsonian Channel. The service is also the streaming home to unmatched sports programming, including every CBS Sports event, from golf to football to basketball and more, plus exclusive streaming rights for major sports properties, including some of the world's biggest and most popular soccer leagues. Paramount+ also enables subscribers to stream local CBS stations live across the U.S. in addition to the ability to stream ViacomCBS Streaming's other live channels: CBSN for 24/7 news, CBS Sports HQ for sports news and analysis, and ET Live for entertainment coverage.

For more information about Paramount+, please visitwww.paramountplus.com and follow @ParamountPlus on social platforms.

#### **About MTV Entertainment Group:**

MTV Entertainment Group reaches over 1.4 billion young people around the world across streaming, social and linear platforms in 180 countries and with more than 725 million social followers – making it one of the preeminent youth media companies in the world. Connecting with its audiences through nine iconic brands including MTV, Comedy Central, VH1, CMT, Pop, Logo, Smithsonian, Paramount Net and TV Land, MTV Entertainment Studios produces award-winning series, movies and documentary films.

#### About World of Wonder:

For three decades, award-winning media company World of Wonder has introduced audiences to new worlds, talent and ideas that have shaped culture. A pioneer in both scripted and documentary formats across television, film and digital platforms, WOW's prolific portfolio includes the global phenomenon, Emmy-award winning "RuPaul's Drag Race" franchise (VH1/Logo/WOW Presents Plus), "Million Dollar Listing"LA & NY (Bravo), and "Big Freedia: Queen of Bounce" (Fuse.) WOW's rich documentary filmmaking pedigree includes premiering seven projects at Sundance Film festival and numerous productions for networks including HBO, E!, BBC, and theatrical release through WOW Docs. Notable film projects include "Mapplethorpe: Look at the Pictures," "Party Monster," and "The Eyes of Tammy Faye." World of Wonder has also created a substantial digital footprint with its owned-and-operated streaming service WOWPresents Plus and YouTube channel WOWPresents. The extended World of Wonder-verse includes music label World of Wonder Records, WOW Podcast Network, and the world's largest drag culture convention RuPaul's DragCon. Co-founders Randy Barbato and Fenton Bailey have been named to Variety's Reality TV Impact Report, honored with the IDA Pioneer Award, named to Realscreen's Global 100 list, and selected for the OUT100 list for their trailblazing work. World of Wonder creates out of a historic building/gallery space in the heart of Hollywood.

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