



## Media Release

**Reliance Entertainment and Phantom Films in association with Vibri Media and Kabir Khan Films to release '83, on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**This inspiring true story of an underdog team triumphing against all odds, will chronicle India's incredible 1983 World Cup victory that transformed the game of Cricket for ever**

**Kabir Khan directed '83 will star Ranveer Singh as Kapil Dev**

**Mumbai, November 4, 2017:** Anil D. Ambani led Reliance Entertainment and Phantom Films in association with Vibri Media and Kabir Khan Films will release '83 on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The film is directed by Kabir Khan and stars Ranveer Singh.

The film follows how, under the captaincy of then newbie Kapil Dev, an 'insignificant' team became more than the sum of its parts and brought down the greatest cricketing giants, the 'undefeatable' West Indies. It is about that day, and all the events that lead to that moment of victory, tracking the coming of age of not just a cricketing team, but of a young nation in the eyes of the world.

Kapil Dev, led India to the emphatic World Cup victory in 1983, and in Kabir Khan's film, Ranveer Singh will be seen stepping into the shoes of Kapil Dev. Kapil has been a phenomenon who has inspired generations of people and Ranveer has delivered landmark performances with each movie.

Director Kabir Khan said, "As a young schoolboy when I watched India win the 1983 Cricket World Cup I had no idea that from that day onwards Cricket in India will change forever. As a filmmaker, for me, the journey to that win, filled with raw energy and sheer passion of that young Indian team, is probably one of the most exciting stories I have worked on. And it's great to have Ranveer come on board to play Kapil Dev, as honestly, I could see no one else for the role, ever since I started finalizing the script."

Shibasish Sarkar, COO Reliance Entertainment said, "Winning the '83 cricket World Cup was a very proud moment for us as Indians and we at Reliance Entertainment aim to bring back those glorious moments for the current & future generations through this film. "

Madhu Mantena of Phantom Films said, "We are extremely proud to be a part of '83. It is a story waiting to be told. I am sure the audience across the globe will love the film when it releases on April 5, 2019."

Vishnu Vardhan Induri of Vibri Media said, "The country needs to know the story of the first world champions. We are happy to collaborate with Phantom Films and Reliance Entertainment on '83. Kabir Khan and Ranveer Singh coming on board only make this film much larger."

**About Reliance Entertainment:**

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Reliance Group, led by Anil D. Ambani, is among India's major business houses, with a leadership position in telecommunications, power, infrastructure, financial services, and media and entertainment. The Group has over 250 million customers, serving 1 in every 5 Indians and has over 8 million shareholders, amongst the largest in the world.

Reliance Entertainment is the media and entertainment arm of Reliance Group and is engaged in the creation and distribution of content across film, television, digital and gaming platforms.

Internationally, Reliance Entertainment has partnered since 2009 with iconic film producer and director, Steven Spielberg, in the formation of DreamWorks Studios, and thereafter, Amblin Partners.

This relationship has produced several highly successful films such as The Help, War Horse, Lincoln, The Hundred Foot Journey, The Girl on the Train, Office Christmas Party and A Dog's Purpose. Reliance Entertainment is releasing "Thank You For Your Service" on November, 24 2017 and also Steven Spielberg directed "The Post" starring Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep on January 12th, 2018.

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**About Phantom Films:**

Phantom Films is India's first 'Directors' Company'. It was formed by four young creative minds of the country, viz. Anurag Kashyap, Vikramaditya Motwane, Vikas Bahl and Madhu Mantena in 2011. Phantom has a distinct focus on fostering creative energies to create enduring and entertaining content. In the last 5 plus years of the company's existence they have had 14 releases till now including films like Lootera, Hasee toh Phasee, Queen, Ugly, NH10, Masaan, Uda Punjab, Raman Raghav 2.0, Trapped etc.

Apart from various box office successes, 3 of their films have premiered at Cannes Film Festival and won various awards. Phantom is also producing the first Netflix Original series to be made from India. They have also partnered with Blumhouse Productions and Ivanhoe Pictures, to produce multiple horror films for the global market.

**About Vibri Media:**

Vibri Media is South India's truly integrated content company, which has produced over 3000 Hours of Original Content for various TV Channels. Vibri is the promoter of media assets like Celebrity Cricket League (CCL) and South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA). Interestingly Vibri has a distinct repertoire ranging from Events, Sports, Awards, Broadcast, Digital and Films all making it a very unique content house with strong IP's in its bag.

**About Kabir Khan Films:**

Kabir Khan Films Pvt. Ltd. was born, in 2014, out of the desire of a filmmaker to have greater control over the process of film making. In the short span of 3 years KKFPL has shot all over the world and produced ambitious projects like Phantom, Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Tubelight. Kabir Khan films will continue to bring to screen a new Indian sensibility that truly represents the changing face of the audiences.

KKFPL has partnered with Amazon Prime to produce 'The Forgotten Army' - their most ambitious series in India.

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