

FREESTYLE DIGITAL MEDIA RELEASES SPORTS BIOPIC "VINDICATION SWIM"

True Story of the First British Woman to Swim the English Channel Launches Digital/VOD Release on November 18, 2025

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Media, the digital film distribution division of Byron Allen’s Allen Media Group, has just released the dramatic sports biopic VINDICATION SWIM -- the true story of Mercedes Gleitze, first British woman to swim the English Channel, and her fight for equality and recognition. VINDICATION SWIM is now available to rent/own on all North American digital HD internet, cable, and satellite platforms, as well as on DVD starting November 18, 2025.

VINDICATION SWIM tells the inspiring true story of Mercedes Gleitze, who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. Battling unforgiving

seas, societal expectations, and relentless challenges, Mercedes becomes a symbol of resilience. However, her achievement is soon questioned by skeptics, forcing her into a fight for recognition. As Mercedes embarks on a grueling vindication swim, she faces both physical and psychological trials that test her determination. VINDICATION SWIM vividly brings to life her pioneering spirit, the beauty and peril of open-water swimming and the obstacles women continue to face in the pursuit of equality.

Written and directed by Elliott Hasler, VINDICATION SWIM was produced by Simon Hasler, Sally Humphreys-Wood, and Douglas McJannet. Nicola Pearcey, Matt Pearcey, Kirsten Callaghan, and Mike Green served as executive producers. The featured cast includes Kirsten Callaghan (‘Mercedes Gleitze’), John Locke (‘Harold Best’), Victoria Summer (‘Edith Gade’), James Wilby (‘Mr. Havers’), and Douglas Hodge (‘The Newsreader’).

“Making VINDICATION SWIM was an incredibly demanding but deeply rewarding experience,” said filmmaker Elliott Hasler. “Over the course of three years, we shot all of the swimming sequences in the English Channel itself. No water tanks, no green screens, no body doubles. Just raw, honest filmmaking. That authenticity was essential to us. It was our way of honouring

Mercedes Gleitze's extraordinary courage and determination, ensuring her story was told with the grit and truth it deserves."

Freestyle Digital Media negotiated the deal to acquire VINDICATION SWIM directly with the filmmakers and Marc Bikindou of Brilliant Pictures.

VINDICATION SWIM website:
www.vindicationswimfilm.com

ABOUT FREESTYLE DIGITAL MEDIA

The digital distribution unit of Byron Allen's Allen Media Group, Freestyle Digital Media, is a premiere multi-platform distributor with direct partnerships across all major cable, satellite, digital, and streaming platforms. Capitalizing on a robust infrastructure, proven track record, and a veteran sales team, Freestyle Digital Media is a true home for independent films. Recent releases include ALLSWELL IN NEW YORK starring Emmy award-winning actress Liza Colón-Zayas from the hit FX series THE BEAR, ALL HAPPY FAMILIES starring Josh Radnor and Rob Huebel, the drama based on a novel THE GHOST TRAP starring Zak Steiner from EUPHORIA and Greer Grammer of AWKWARD, and the Weekly World News horror-comedy THE ZOMBIE WEDDING. Other Freestyle Digital Media titles include THE ROAD DOG starring comedian Doug Stanhope, SURVIVE starring HBO's GAME OF THRONES star Sophie Turner and Corey Hawkins, the music documentary profiling blues guitar legends Jimmie Vaughan and Stevie Ray Vaughan, BROTHERS IN BLUES, DEAR ZOE starring Sadie Sink from the hit Netflix series STRANGER THINGS, Jessica Capshaw and Theo Rossi, the teen musical BEST SUMMER EVER featuring a fully integrated cast and crew of people with and without disabilities, produced by Jamie Lee Curtis, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Mary Steenburgen, and Ted Danson, and THE WEDDING YEAR starring Sarah Hyland and Anna Camp.

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