HBO Signature schedules marathon of BAND OF BROTHERS and THE PACIFIC to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II

Miami, FL., August 27, 2020 – On September 2, 1945, Japan signed their unconditional surrender and ended World War II, one of the biggest horrors experienced by humanity. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of this event that marked the course of history, **HBO Signature** will broadcast a special marathon of **BAND OF BROTHERS** and **THE PACIFIC**, two epic productions with different views on the pain and harshness of the battlefield, which brought together two great talents from the film industry: Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks.

All episodes of **THE PACIFIC** and **BAND OF BROTHERS** will be able for viewing on September 1 and 2, respectively, starting at 12:00 pm, on **HBO Signature**.

BAND OF BROTHERS is based on the bestseller of the same name by Stephen E. Ambrose, and follows the trajectory of the members of the Easy Company, an elite group of American paratroopers who fought in Europe during World War II. The fiction is complemented by moving testimonies from real-life survivors from the battalion, as well as by memories from journalists of the time and by letters from the soldiers. The characters in **BAND OF BROTHERS** are inspired by these war veterans and by their shocking memories of the war.

This blockbuster focuses on the stories of companionship between these brothers while on the battlefield and the bonds they forged during their traumatic experience, as well as on the brutality depicted in the stories about the war and the devastating fear of the young soldiers in the trenches. Over the course of 10 episodes, ranging from the Normandy landings to Germany's surrender, **BAND OF BROTHERS** commemorates these American heroes whose stories are a testament to survival and brotherhood during the war.

At the same time, the miniseries reveals the talents of young actors Scott Grimes, Ron Livingston, Damian Lewis, Tom Hardy and Michael Fassbender at the beginning of their artistic careers, as they play the main characters of this story.

Released in 2001, **BAND OF BROTHERS** was recognized with over 30 awards including the Golden Globe® and 7 Emmy® Awards, and was hailed as a milestone in television for the unmatched quality of its production in the recreation of the war's events.

For its part, **THE PACIFIC** depicts the war on the other side of the world, in the Pacific Theater of Operations, which encompassed almost the entire Pacific Ocean and its islands, including the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This miniseries follows the intertwined journeys of three men in the 1st Marine Division, from their conscription until the end of the war. The soldiers were part of the division known as The Old Breed, the largest and oldest active duty infantry division in the United States Marine Corps.

Throughout ten, hour-long episodes, **THE PACIFIC** starkly depicts the experiences of these men and their brothers in arms, fighting for their lives in the middle of the ocean in places they had never heard of. Forced to survive under extreme conditions and in harsh weather, while fighting a dehumanized and brutal enemy who prefers death over surrender, these Marines are pushed to the edge of their humanity.

THE PACIFIC shows those battles - physical, mental and emotional - by exploring the true human cost of war.

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It is based on the memoirs of Robert Leckie (Helmet for My Pillow) and Eugene Sledge (With the Old Breed), who narrate their real experiences in the fight against the Japanese during World War II.

The eight Emmys it won at the time of its premiere, in 2010, position this HBO production as one of the best glimpses into this conflict. The performance of Rami Malek, little known at that time, stands out alongside James Badge Dale, Jon Seda and Joe Mazzello.

All episodes of **BAND OF BROTHERS** and **THE PACIFIC** are available on HBO GO.

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