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Critically acclaimed STARZ Limited series, *The Girlfriend Experience*, returns to Super Channel for second season in November, following its World Premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival®

Exclusive Canadian broadcast premiere
Sunday, November 5 at 10 p.m. ET

EDMONTON (Sep 1, 2017) – Super Channel is pleased to announce that the second season of the groundbreaking and provocative STARZ Limited series, *The Girlfriend Experience*, will premiere on **Sunday, November 5th at 10 p.m. ET (SC1)**, day and date with its U.S. premiere on STARZ, a Lionsgate Company (NYSE: LGF.A, LGF.B). Each episode of the 14-episode scripted original series will be available on **Super Channel On Demand** the day following its linear broadcast. The first season of the critically acclaimed anthology series is also currently available to subscribers on Super Channel On Demand.

The Toronto International Film Festival® recently announced that the second season of *The Girlfriend Experience* will make its World Premiere as part of TIFF's Primetime programme lineup on Saturday, September 9th.

"The World Premiere of the second season of *The Girlfriend Experience* at the Toronto International Film Festival confirms the world-class content available from Starz" said Don McDonald, President & CEO for Super Channel. "We are very excited for festival audiences to be introduced to this powerful and emotionally intense series that offers a glimpse into the high-stakes world of transactional relationships, and are sure it will entice them to watch the full series when it is available on Super Channel in November."

From executive producer Steven Soderbergh, *The Girlfriend Experience* returns for season two with a new variation on storytelling. Breaking with last season's format, the anthology series, also executive produced by Philip Fleishman, will follow two parallel stories, each written, directed and executive produced by Lodge Kerrigan and Amy Seimetz. Season two will focus on entirely new characters, relationships, plotlines and locations while exploring the price of intimacy and its emotional consequences.

Kerrigan's storyline, starring Anna Friel and Louisa Krause, is set in Washington, D.C., against the backdrop of the corrupting influence of dark money in the upcoming 2018 U.S. midterm elections, where everything and everyone has a price. The second season tracks an unexpected and complex relationship between Erica Myles, a commanding and strong-willed finance director of a Republican super PAC, and Anna Garner, a confident and intelligent GFE provider at the top of her game. Under intense pressure to deliver on her super PAC fundraising goals, Erica meets Anna and enlists her help in attempting to blackmail a high-powered dark money fundraiser, in order to gain access to his secret donor network. After their initial exchange, Erica and Anna fall into a complicated sexual relationship, marked by an exploration of vulnerability, dominance and submission. A

relationship that changes the trajectory of Erica's personal and professional lives and takes Anna into new emotional territory.

Anna Friel (*Broken, Marcella, Pushing Daisies*) will portray Erica Myles and Louisa Krause (*Billions, Jane Wants A Boyfriend, The Flick*) will play Anna Garner. Other cast members include Narges Rashidi (*Under the Shadow*) as Darya Esford, Michael Cram (*Shadowhunters, Bent*) as Mark Novak, and Emily Piggford (*Hemlock Grove*) as Sandra Fuchs.

Seimetz's storyline, starring Carmen Ejogo and set in New Mexico, follows Bria Jones, a former high-end escort who enters the Witness Protection Program in order to escape her abusive relationship. After being torn from her upscale lifestyle, Bria and her estranged step-daughter are relocated to New Mexico where they are overseen by a commanding US Marshal, Ian Olsen.

Despite orders to stay low, Bria begins to revive her career as a sex worker, still enraptured by the allure of precarious relationships and lavish gifts. Bria's moonlighting only becomes more complicated when it threatens to ensnare her new identity, her step-daughter, and the government official put in charge of her well-being. Bria quickly realizes she not only has to protect herself from her domineering ex but the very people who are supposed to be protecting her. Bria is forced to take matters into her own hands as she gambles not only her own safety but the people around her in a bid to regain the life she once had.

Carmen Ejogo (*Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Selma, Zero Hours*) will play Bria Jones, Tunde Adebimpe (*Spider-Man: Homecoming, Nasty Baby*) as Ian Olsen, Morgana Davies (*Terra Nova, The Tree*) as Kayla Fairchild, and Harmony Korine (*Spring Breakers, Kids*) as Paul.

About *The Girlfriend Experience*

STARZ Limited series *The Girlfriend Experience* is a reimagining of Steven Soderbergh's 2009 critically acclaimed movie of the same name and explores the relationships between exclusive escorts and their clients, for whom they provide far more than just sex. Known as GFEs, they are women who provide "The Girlfriend Experience"—emotional and sexual relationships at a very high price. Oscar® and Emmy®-winner Steven Soderbergh (*Ocean's Eleven, Magic Mike, The Knick*) and Philip Fleishman serve as executive producers alongside Lodge Kerrigan (*Clean, Shaven; The Killing*) and Amy Seimetz (*Sun Don't Shine, Alien: Covenant*), who are the co-creators, writers and directors on the series. Jeff Cuban, Andrew Fierberg (*Secretary, My Art*) and Academy® and Golden Globe®-winning producer Adele Romanski (*Moonlight*) also executive produce.

About Super Channel

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