

SHOWTIME® TO PREMIERE *XY CHELSEA* ON JUNE 7

***Unique and Intimate Portrait of Chelsea Manning
Is Directed by Tim Travers Hawkins and
Executive Produced by Oscar® Winner Laura Poitras***



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LOS ANGELES – January 31, 2019 – SHOWTIME will premiere the feature documentary *XY CHELSEA* on Friday, June 7 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. Directed by Tim Travers Hawkins, and produced by Pulse Films, *XY CHELSEA* tells the historic story of whistle-blower Chelsea Manning, whose 35-year sentence in a maximum security prison was commuted by President Obama in 2017. Shot over two years and featuring exclusive interviews and behind-the-scenes verité with Manning, the film begins on the momentous day in May of that year when she leaves prison and follows her through her journey of discovery, while also examining her place in the conversation on national security and the fight of the transgender community for rights and visibility. The announcement was made today by Gary Levine, President of Entertainment, Showtime Networks Inc., at the Television Critics Association’s Winter Press Tour.

Filmmaker Tim Travers Hawkins followed Manning and her legal team as they fought to get her out of prison, and for her to receive the necessary medical treatment for her gender dysphoria. Following two suicide attempts in 2016, Chelsea and her team tried

to save her life with a long-shot request to President Obama for a commutation of her sentence before he left office. Cameras follow Manning's fight for release and witness as she reveals herself to the world for the first time. *XY CHELSEA* is the journey of her fight for survival and dignity, and her transition from prisoner to a free woman.

XY CHELSEA was directed by Tim Travers Hawkins and produced by Pulse Films and co-financed by the British Film Institute (BFI) and First Look Media's Topic Studios and Field of Vision. Thomas Benski, Julia Nottingham, Lucas Ochoa and Isabel Davis of Pulse Films are producers. Academy Award® winner Laura Poitras (*RISK*, *Citizenfour*), Mary Burke, Michael Bloom, Lisa Leingang, Charlotte Cook, Sharon Chang, Blaine Vess, Christos V. Konstantakopoulos, Marisa Clifford and Ryan Harrington serve as executive producers.

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