

# THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA PRESENTS FASHION & FANTASY: THE ART OF THE MASKED SINGER

## **Exclusive Exhibit Will Feature Stunning Costumes from the Smash-Hit FOX Show**

### Exclusive Engagement Opens to the Public on July 31, 2019, at the Paley Center's Beverly Hills Location

**BEVERLY HILLS, CA, July 31, 2019** – The Paley Center for Media today announced that it will celebrate the artistry behind the *The Masked Singer*, when it presents: *Fashion & Fantasy: The Art of The Masked Singer*. The exclusive engagement will run at the Paley Center's Beverly Hills location July 31 through September 29. Admission to this exciting new exhibit is free.

"We're thrilled to give fans a special behind-the-scenes look at the wildly creative costumes behind television's latest hit," said Maureen J. Reidy, the Paley Center's President & CEO. "Each year the Paley Center presents exhibits that center around television's hottest shows, and *Fashion & Fantasy: The Art of The Masked Singer* is just the latest example."

FOX's dynamic music competition series, *The Masked Singer*, was an instant hit following its debut earlier this year. The series' major twist, shrouding its celebrity contestants from head to toe in elaborate costume creations that shielded their identities, caused a nationwide sensation and propelled it to ratings heights and a 2019 Primetime Emmy nomination for Outstanding Costume Design. The Masked Singer's costumes, including The Peacock, The Rabbit, and The Poodle, are a dazzling synthesis of fashion, fantasy, and expert costume design. Inspired feature including Donnie Darko and Edward Scissorhands, four-time Emmy winner Marina Toybina's fantastical creations are extraordinary in their intricacy, originality, and scale. The exhibit will feature a selection of the series' most talked-about costume creations, illuminated by photographs, costume sketches and behind-the-scenes video.

"The Masked Singer is a costume designer's dream, with ultimate creative freedom to make imaginative and incredibly original pieces," says costume designer Marina Toybina. "Each costume is both a moving piece of spectacular art and a complete engineering feat – the ability to walk and sing in each one is a must!"

Every year, the Paley Center presents exhibits that offer a unique combination of artistry and entertainment and give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process that brings their favorite television programs to life.

This exclusive engagement will run at the Paley Center until September 29. For more information please visit paley.me/maskedsinger.

Season Two of *The Masked Singer* debuts Wednesday, Sept. 25, with a special two-hour season premiere (8:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) on FOX. The series makes its time period premiere on Wednesday, Oct. 2 (8:00-9:00 PM ET/PT).

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#### **About The Paley Center for Media**

The Paley Center for Media, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with locations in New York and Los Angeles, leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms. Drawing upon its curatorial expertise, an international collection, and close relationships with the leaders of the media community, the Paley Center examines the intersections between media and society. The general public can access the Paley Center's permanent media collection, which contains over 160,000 television and radio programs and advertisements, and participate in programs that explore and celebrate the creativity, the innovations, the personalities, and the leaders who are shaping media. Through the global programs of its Media Council and International Council, the Paley Center also serves as a neutral setting where media professionals can engage in discussion and debate about the evolving media landscape. Previously



known as The Museum of Television & Radio, the Paley Center was founded in 1975 by William S. Paley, a pioneering innovator in the industry. For more information, please visit <u>paleycenter.org</u>

#### About The Masked Singer

Hit singing competition series *The Masked Singer*, television's #1 new show, is hosted by Nick Cannon and features panelists Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Scherzinger, Ken Jeong and Robin Thicke. The show features celebrities facing off against one another with one major twist: each singer is shrouded from head to toe in an elaborate costume, complete with full face mask to conceal his or her identity. Season Two boasts 16 celebrity singers in all-new costumes and masks. *The Masked Singer* was developed for the U.S. and is executive-produced by Craig Plestis (*Minute to Win It, The Winner Is*). Izzie Pick Ibarra (*Dancing with the Stars, Breaking Pointe*) serves as showrunner and executive producer. Nick Cannon, Rosie Seitchik, Nikki Gillingham and Deena Katz also serve as executive producers.