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Hip-Hop. Money. Fame. Deception. Murder. All Collide in New Original Scripted Series, "TALES", Premiering Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Creator and Executive Producer Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo Delivers, "TALES", a Scripted Anthology Series of "Song Stories" Weaving Classic and Current Hip-Hop Songs into Visually Stunning Narratives

Woody McClain (New Edition Story), Keith Powers (New Edition Story), Jennifer Freeman, Elise Neal, MC Lyte, Boris Kodjoe (Real Husbands of Hollywood), Lance Gross, Matthew Noszka, Chet Hanks, Clifton Powell, Christian Robinson, Michelle Hayden, Michelle Mitchenor, Lil Duval, DC Young Fly, Rico Ball and More to Star in This Highly Anticipated New Series

## #TALESonBET

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Legendary Music Executive and Murder Inc. founder Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo has *A Story to Tell* and it's heading to BET Networks on June 27, 2017. **"TALES"** is a scripted anthology series of "song stories" weaving classic and current hip-hop songs into captivating visual narratives from the lyrics of some of hip-hop's greatest hits. Far beyond the music video or the live event, **"TALES"** brings hip-hop alive in a completely new way for television. Through songs like NWA's "**F\*ck the Police**", Notorious B.I.G.'s "**I Got A Story to Tell**", Meek Mill's "**Cold Hearted**", Fetty Wap's "**Trap Queen**", to name a few, each song's lyrics are imagined as cinematic adventures with different directors, including Irv Gotti's directorial debut. Each episode is written by a different screenwriter, introducing "**TALES**" as an innovative twist to the hip-hop culture by reimagining our favorite hip-hop songs as we know them into "mini-movies".

Each episode of "TALES" embodies and redefines hip-hop music in an exciting way that is completely original to television. The premiere episode, recreates NWA's "F\*ck the Police", which focuses on a controversial police shooting of a young boy that flips the biases and stereotypes of today's society. The lyrics of other rap classics like Notorious B.I.G.'s "I Got A Story to Tell", Meek Mill's "Cold Hearted" and Fetty Wap's "Trap Queen" serve as the thematic backdrop for each cautionary tale and crafted into visually stunning mini movies. Each week, the suspenseful stories reimagine the meaning of each original song and take viewers on an exciting adventure into some of the stories that play inspiration to the most iconic hip-hop hits. The rotating star-studded cast includes Woody McClain (New Edition Story), Keith Powers (New Edition Story), Boris Kodjoe (Real Husbands of Hollywood), Jennifer Freeman, Elise Neal, MC Lyte, Lance Gross, Christian Robinson, Matthew Noszka, Chet Hanks, Clifton Powell, Michelle Hayden, Michelle Mitchenor, Lil Duval, DC Young Fly, Rico Ball and more help bring the music to life in the highly anticipated BET original series.

Created and executive produced by pioneering hip-hop hit maker, Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo and his Visionary Ideas production company alongside producer Ron Robinson, writer/producer Joy Kecken and co-producers Darcell Lawrence, John Bryant and Sonny Lorenzo.

For more information on "TALES" log on to <u>BET.com</u>. Join the conversation on social media by logging on to BET's multiple social media platforms by using the hashtag #TALESonBET, <u>Facebook.com/BET</u>, <u>Twitter.com/BET</u>, <u>Instagram.com/TalesOnBET</u>, and <u>Instagram.com/BET</u>.

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