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# TRIBECA GAMES PRESENTS THREE MARQUEE PROGRAMS AT 17TH ANNUAL TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL® ON APRIL 27 & 28

## Shadow of the Tomb Raider Talk and Exclusive Gameplay Demo, God of War Talk with Cory Barlog and Super League Gaming Battle of the Boroughs Amateur Esports Tournament

## IBM "Acceleration" Game Jam, Creating Three Games to Showcase at Festival

New York, NY [March 15, 2018] – Tribeca Games will present three headline events at the 17th Tribeca Film Festival, presented by AT&T, on April 27-28 in New York City. Celebrating the artistic and technical achievements in video game today, the program includes a special gameplay session of the eagerly anticipated *Shadow of the Tomb Raider*<sup>TM</sup> followed by dialogue with the game's creative team, an in-depth look at the latest *God of War* for Playstation®4 with Creative Director, Cory Barlog, and a first-of-its-kind all-city *League of Legends* amateur esports tournament in conjunction with Super League Gaming. Additionally, the Festival will reveal three new games created by NYC-area developers participating in the *IBM "Acceleration" Game Jam*. The Tribeca Film Festival runs April 18 - 29.

All events are free and open to the public: *A Special Preview of Shadow of the Tomb Raider* and *Re-imagining God of War: The Inside Story*—presented in partnership with Madison Square Garden—will take place at Tribeca's feature venue, BMCC Tribeca PAC; the Super League Gaming *League of Legends Battle of the Boroughs Tournament* will be played at iPic Theaters at Fulton Market; and *IBM "Acceleration" Game Jam* games will be available for play at the Tribeca Festival Hub.

"Tribeca champions every frontier in the art of storytelling, and video games are at the forefront of pushing narrative to ever greater heights. This year's program highlights those creators who continue to redefine iconic characters and the worlds in which they inhabit," commented Jane Rosenthal, Co-Founder and CEO of the Tribeca Film Festival. "And, as a Festival rooted in its community, we also celebrate talent emerging out of New York City representing the next wave of game development and player participation."

More information about Tribeca Games events are below:

#### A Special Preview of Shadow of the Tomb Raider Friday, April 27, 4:00PM, BMCC Tribeca PAC

Join the creative team behind the critically acclaimed and world-famous *Tomb Raider*<sup>®</sup> franchise, which has sold over 63 million copies globally, as they discuss the evolution of Lara Croft and share in the techniques, tools and inspiration behind the series. Daniel Bisson (Senior Game Director), Noah Hughes (Franchise Creative Director), Jill Murray (Writer), Rich Briggs (Senior Brand Director) and special guest Camilla Luddington (performance artist for Lara Croft) will be on hand

for this special event moderated by The Game Awards producer, Geoff Keighley. Panel attendees will be the first to witness an exclusive extended gameplay demo for the upcoming *Shadow of the Tomb Raider* game, which launches on *September 14*.

#### Re-imagining God of War: The Inside Story Friday, April 27, 6:00PM, BMCC Tribeca PAC

Play the game, then hear the story behind it! Kratos, one of Playstation's most recognizable icons, returns in *God of War* from Santa Monica Studio and Creative Director Cory Barlog. Now, only days after the game's release, Cory takes players inside the creative process of reimagining the franchise and its Nordic inspirations. This in-depth discussion will, for the first time, reveal untold stories from development and explore the creative decisions that brought *God of War* to life on PlayStation 4.

## Super League Gaming League of Legends Battle of the Boroughs Tournament Saturday, April 28, iPic Theaters at Fulton Market

Tribeca Games will also partner with Super League Gaming and Super League's New York City Club, the NY Fury, to bring New York City *League of Legends* fans the first Battle of the Boroughs, an amateur esports tournament which will pit New York's finest players from all five boroughs in a fight for the Tribeca New York championship. Players in and around the NYC area who are level 30 and above may enter online qualifiers beginning on April 14.

# *IBM "Acceleration" Game Jam Creations Available for Play April 18 - April 29, The Hub*

In addition to these events, IBM partners with Tribeca Games for a game jam inviting 15 of New York's top independent game developers to build new games using IBM tools and technology all within 48 hours inspired by the theme "Acceleration". These resulting games will be made available for play during the festival. (*The Game Changer: Building Faster, Smarter Games on the Cloud* will be the subject of a Tribeca Talk on Saturday April 21, at Tribeca Festival Hub.)

Tickets for Tribeca Games events are free to all and can be secured starting March 27, 2018 at <u>www.tribecafilm.com/games.</u> Sign-up and registration information for the Battle of the Boroughs tournament can be found at <u>https://www.superleague.com/boroughbattle</u>.

The program and panelists are subject to change. For the most updated schedule, please visit <u>http://www.tribecafilm.com/games</u>.

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## About the Tribeca Film Festival

The Tribeca Film Festival is the leading cultural event that brings visionaries and diverse audiences together to celebrate storytelling in all its forms, including film, TV, VR, gaming, music, and online work. With strong roots in independent film, Tribeca is a platform for creative expression and immersive entertainment. The Festival champions emerging and established voices; discovers award-winning filmmakers and creators; curates innovative experiences; and introduces new technology and ideas through premieres, exhibitions, talks, and live performances.

The Festival was founded by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff in 2001 to spur the economic and cultural revitalization of lower Manhattan following the attacks on the World Trade Center. Now in its 17th year, the Festival has evolved into a destination for creativity that

reimagines the cinematic experience and explores how art can unite communities. <u>www.tribecafilm.com/festival</u>

#### About the 2018 Sponsor

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