

'I Wanna Marry Harry' Producer Zig Zag Teams With South Africa's Hipster Media On Nelson Mandela Doc - Mipcom

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I Wanna Marry Harry producer [Zig Zag](#) has teamed with South African producer Hipster Media to develop a documentary about [Nelson Mandela](#).

The British production company is working up a series based on the audio recordings for Nelson Mandela's best-selling autobiography [Long Walk to Freedom](#).

The project to record his poignant memories and inner-most thoughts began in 1991, a year after he was released from prison, an era that marked the end of apartheid and the birth of a democratic South Africa. In over 15 hours of audio tape, Mandela provides, in his own words, insight into his remarkable life's journey, from a child born in the rural Transkei to becoming a colossus on the world stage.

The doc, which is being developed as a 90-minute feature film and three-part series uses these unique voice recordings as the editorial frame, together with stunning archival images and footage, to explore Mandela as a man, husband, father, leader, soldier, comrade, political prisoner, and world statesman.

It is intended that the production coincides with the 30th anniversary of Mandela's release from Robben Island. The Mandela Tapes will reveal how a humble individual, a freedom fighter locked away in apartheid's dungeons for 27 years, emerges from prison to lead his country from the brink of a bloody racial conflagration to reconciliation, hope and freedom.

"The Mandela Tapes is a unique opportunity to retell the story of one of the 20th century's most iconic figures in a remarkably intimate way," said Danny Fenton, Chief Executive Officer, [Zig Zag](#) Productions.

"In an increasingly divided world, Mandela's words and deeds are more relevant today than ever before. The production will bring a message of hope for humanity facing an uncertain future. We are proud to produce this documentary with [Zig Zag](#)," added Markus Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Hipster Media.

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