

BLACK MARKET WITH MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS PREMIERES SEASON 2 TRAILER

The revered actor's final documentary project returns to VICE TV on January 10th @ 10 PM ET/PT



Credit: Alexis Franklin

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BROOKLYN, NY (November 29, 2021)-- Today, VICE TV announced that *Black Market* with Michael K. Williams will premiere its second season on **January 10th @ 10 PM ET/PT.** *Black Market* explores the complex underworld of illicit trades and unravels how these criminal networks are reshaping our way of life. Offering an unflinching look into the lives of people operating in these illegal markets, host Michael K. Williams examines how these shadow economies have evolved since his journeys in the first season of the show.

The new season is an intimate portrait of the conditions from which black markets arise and the cultural reasons behind why they persist. Williams will give audiences unprecedented access into the new era of credit card scamming, how NYC's secret world of boosting and flipping has reshaped mainstream fashion, black market body modifications and more. Through Williams' uniquely raw and sincere approach to those he encounters, he ultimately seeks redemption for the individuals looking to thrive in a system that has failed them.

"Black Market is a testament to Michael K. Williams' dedication to criminal justice reform and social justice" said Jesse Angelo, President, Global News and Entertainment, VICE Media Group. "Michael was a longtime friend of our VICE family and shared our belief in having all voices be heard- especially those in marginalized communities. Michael's mission was to lift those voices up and we are honored to share this collection of new episodes."

"While completing Black Market has been very difficult given the loss of Michael, it's also been extremely rewarding to bring his vision for this season to the finish line" said Ben Freedman, Dion Sapp, Matthew Horowitz, David Laven and Matt Goldman, Executive Producers for Freedome Productions and Picture Farm. "Michael was a gifted storyteller, who poured his heart and soul into his work both on and off screen. Black Market serves as a bridge between them. Black Market was more than a TV show for Michael. It was a mirror to a life he lived. An everyday struggle to transcend life's obstacles. That fight isn't always pretty but his documentary storytelling is a testament to the brilliance of everyday people making their way in a complicated world. We're incredibly proud to be able to share this work with you."

A formal series announcement revealing further details about this upcoming season will be released in January.

VICE TV is available via all major satellite and cable providers and the VICE TV app via iOS, Android, Apple TV, Roku, and Chromecast. For more information about VICE TV, go to VICETV.com

Black Market season two is produced by FREEDOME PRODUCTIONS & PICTURE FARM, and co-produced by VICE World News. Executive producers for Freedome Productions & Picture Farm are Michael K. Williams, Ben Freedman, Dion Sapp, Matthew Horowitz, David Laven, and Matt Goldman. Executive producers for VICE World News are Jesse Angelo, Kristen Burns, Subrata De, and Marsha Cooke. Executive producer for VICE TV is Falguni Lakhani Adams. The series is distributed worldwide by VICE Distribution.

ABOUT VICE TV

VICE TV is the Emmy®-winning international television network from VICE Media Group. Since its inception in 2016, the channel has ushered new audiences to cable with its compelling and provocative programming. Boldly redefining news and current affairs, VICE TV produces hundreds of hours of original content for over 150 million homes worldwide. Built around a mission to tell courageous stories you won't see anywhere else, told by the people you won't hear from anywhere else, VICE TV showcases the best in informative and entertaining original series, documentaries and movies, and is the destination for content that challenges popular knowledge and opinion.

ABOUT VICE WORLD NEWS

Building off the success of VICE News in the U.S, VICE World News is VICE Media Group international news network, producing hundreds of hours of television, digital and audio news programming for a global audience. The premium documentaries, docu-series and original podcasts will focus on the core issues that so define VICE's content: extremism, climate, drugs, privacy, politics, inequality and race.

ABOUT VICE MEDIA GROUP

VICE Media Group is the world's largest independent youth media company. Launched in 1994, VICE has offices in 35 cities across the globe with a focus on five key businesses: VICE.com, an award-winning international network of digital content; VICE STUDIOS, a feature film and television production studio; VICE TV, an Emmy-winning international television network; a Peabody award-winning NEWS division with the most Emmy-awarded nightly news broadcast; and VIRTUE, a global, full-service creative agency with 25 offices around the world. VICE Media Group's portfolio includes Refinery29, the leading global media and entertainment company focused on women; PULSE Films, a London-based next-generation production studio with outposts in Los Angeles, New York, Paris and Berlin; and i-D, a global digital and quarterly magazine defining fashion and contemporary culture.

ABOUT FREEDOME PRODUCTIONS

Founded by Michael Kenneth Williams. Freedom Productions mission is to create and produce compelling and bold works of art that truthfully and compassionately reveal the complex layers of the human condition. Our diverse storytelling explores a variety of themes and we invite audiences to experience powerful journeys of inner strength and struggles.

ABOUT PICTURE FARM

For over 20 years, Picture Farm has explored storytelling in all its forms. Alongside filmmakers, photographers, creative directors and artists, PF has developed and produced award-winning feature films, branded content, and commercial campaigns on six continents. We have been proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with Michael K Williams and his Freedome Productions, supporting his mandate for the creation of meaningful, important and entertaining content, and we look forward to continuing to support the MKW legacy in the work yet to be done.