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United Kingdom, 14 May 2021: ITV has commissioned a new documentary, *Manchester Bombing: Fifth Anniversary (w/t)*, which will mark the anniversary of the appalling Manchester Arena attack, five years on.

The two-part series is produced by award-winning independent production company Label1 (*Hospital; School*) and directed by BAFTA nominee Marcus Plowright (*Football, Prince William and Mental Health; The Murder of Jill Dando; In Cold Blood; Generation Gifted*).

Currently in production, it is expected to air on ITV next spring.

Sourcing new information and insights from the Public Inquiry into the bombing, as well as bringing together first-hand testimonies of those who were there, the series will explore the events leading up to, and the aftermath of, the moment when the contrasting worlds of innocent bystanders and domestic terrorism came together in an act of extreme violence at the Manchester Arena on 22nd May 2017.

Tom Giles, Controller, Current Affairs at ITV, said: “As we approach the fifth anniversary of the devastating attack at the Manchester Arena, we’re pleased to be working with Label 1 on this series, which aims to provide fresh insight into what happened and ask what lessons can be learned.”

Creative Director, Label1, Simon Dickson, said: “The programmes will sensitively piece together the timeline leading up to the bombing and its aftermath, as well as exploring the evidence that has been presented to the Public Inquiry”.

*Manchester Bombing: Fifth Anniversary* is a 2x60” series produced by Label1 for ITV. It was commissioned by Tom Giles for ITV. Executive Producers are Lorraine Charker-Phillips and Simon Dickson for Label1. The series is directed by Marcus Plowright, whose credits include *Football, Prince William and Mental Health, The Murder of Jill Dando, In Cold Blood and Generation Gifted*. The series is produced by Sophie Binyon (*Reported Missing, 999: What’s Your Emergency and 24 Hours in Police Custody*)

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