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1 Angry Black Man Opens June 5

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Soulidifly Productions, a film company with a mission to produce meaningful, uplifting stories that are entertaining and beautifully told, has partnered with Freestyle Digital Media to release *1 Angry Black Man*, available to audiences everywhere on DVD and on-demand starting June 5, 2020.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to amplify our film distribution in video-on-demand formats,” said BK Fulton, founding CEO of Soulidifly Productions. “We look forward to one day soon returning our films to theaters as well. However, during this new normal, we are delighted to announce that Freestyle Digital Media has acquired this thought-provoking film for worldwide digital and DVD release. *1 Angry Black Man* explores racial, gender and political equality in a fresh way that makes viewers rethink culture and self-identity. The film had a great run in over 10 film festivals worldwide, often taking the top prize for a dramatic narrative.”

Written and directed by Menelek Lumumba and co-produced by Soulidifly Productions and Align Pictures, *1 Angry Black Man* tells the story of Mike Anderson, a senior at a New England liberal arts college. The film begins with Mike’s erroneous arrest for a crime he did not commit. Released with his case dismissed, Mike’s story transitions to an existential conversation about gender dynamics, racism, and class, as well as an empirical study of the works of four iconic Black intellectuals. One day, as he heads to his African-American literature class with his favorite professor, Mike continues to grapple with his unconscionable arrest. Mike’s emotions threaten to boil over during a class discussion that scrutinizes several prolific authors and activists, from James Baldwin to Zora Neale Hurston.

1 Angry Black Man is not shy about revealing boundary-pushing conversations college students are having today. These conversations force the students and vicariously the audience to reckon with truths they normally keep hidden. The film features Miguel A. Núñez, Jr. (“Life”), Amanda Jane Stern (“Amish Witches: The True Story of Holmes County”), Tim Moriarty (“Manifest”), Ramon Nuñez (“New Amsterdam,” “Bull”), Daphne Danielle (upcoming “God The Worm”) and introduces Keith Stone as Mike.

“*1 Angry Black Man* aligns with Soulidifly’s mission to tell meaningful stories across generations,” added Fulton. “This award-winning film is an honest conversation about cultural acceptance, religion, race, gender and political equality in contemporary society.”

1 Angry Black Man premiered at the 2018 BlackStar Film Festival; later that year, the film was awarded Honorable Mention for Best Narrative Feature (U.S.) at the 2018 Urbanworld Film Festival and won the Oscar Micheaux Award for directing and the Best Narrative Feature award at

the Baltimore International Film Festival. The film also was featured at the 2018 BronzeLens Film Festival, the 2018 Afrikana Film Festival, the 2019 Pan African Film Festival, and the 2019 Da Bounce Urban Film Festival in Amsterdam.

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