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ABC NEWS STUDIOS AND '20/20' ANNOUNCE 'ROBERT REDFORD: THE LIFE & LEGACY OF AN AMERICAN ICON – SPECIAL EDITION OF 20/20'

The One-Hour Special Examines the Life of the Film Icon, Oscar-Winning Director and Visionary Robert Redford, Airs Thursday, Sept. 18, on ABC, Streams Next Day on Disney+ And Hulu



ABC News Studios*

ABC News Studios and “20/20” announce **“Robert Redford: The Life & Legacy of an American Icon – Special Edition of 20/20”** airing **Thursday, Sept. 18** (10:02-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, streaming next day on [Disney+](#) and [Hulu](#). The one-hour special celebrates the life and legacy of the actor and Oscar®-winning filmmaker who passed away on Sept. 16, 2025. During a legendary career in Hollywood that spanned six decades, Redford was also known for his political and environmental activism, co-founding the Sundance Film Festival and continuing to work with the Sundance Lab in support of independent filmmakers.

The special details Redford’s extraordinary life and legendary career, from his beginnings on Broadway to his rise into superstardom, and chronicles how Redford used his platform to make positive change. The special includes never-before-seen footage of Redford from the ABC News archive, exclusive never-before-seen photos of Redford, and interviews with Bob Woodward, renowned journalist; Larry Aidem, former president and CEO of The Sundance Channel; Larry Hackett, former People Magazine managing editor and ABC News contributor; Chris Eyre, Sundance Lab alum and film director and producer; Michael Feeney Callan, official biographer; Jill Tidman, The Redford Center executive director; and more. The special also features Deborah Roberts, co-anchor of “20/20,” Chris Connelly, ABC News entertainment correspondent and Kelley Carter, ABC News contributor.

“Robert Redford: The Life & Legacy of an American Icon – Special Edition of 20/20” is produced by “20/20” and ABC News Studios. Janice Johnston is the executive producer of “20/20.” David Sloan is senior executive producer for ABC News Studios.

About ABC News Studios

Winner of four 2024 News and Documentary Emmy® Awards, ABC News Studios is inspired by ABC News' trusted reporting and is an award-winning, premium news and documentary original production house and commissioning partner of series and specials. ABC News Studios champions untold and authentic stories driving the cultural zeitgeist, spanning true-crime, investigations, pop culture and news-adjacent stories. ABC News Studios' original titles include critically acclaimed documentaries "Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields," "BRATS," "Sound of the Police," "The Lady Bird Diaries," "Aftershock," "Patrice: The Movie" and "Barbara Walters Tell Me Everything." Other popular docuseries and documentaries include "Scamanda," "The Fox Hollow Murders: Playground of a Serial Killer," "Betrayal: A Father's Secret," "Sins of the Parents: The Crumley Trials," "Wild Crime," "Mormon No More," "The Randall Scandal: Love, Loathing, and Vanderpump" and "Jelly Roll: Save Me."

About "20/20"

ABC News' "20/20" is an award-winning primetime program anchored by David Muir and Deborah Roberts. A proven leader as a long-form newsmagazine for over 45 years, "20/20" features unforgettable, character-driven true-crime mysteries, exclusive newsmaker interviews, hard-hitting investigative reports and in-depth coverage of high-profile stories. Janice Johnston is the executive producer. The two-hour "20/20" events air Fridays from 9:01-11:00 p.m. ET on ABC and are available to stream on ABC News digital platforms and Hulu.

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