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## **A FATHER WISHES ON A STAR** **P-STAR RISING to debut at the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival**

March 19, 2009 (New York, NY) – IndiePix Studios is pleased to announce that Gabriel Noble's documentary P-STAR RISING will have its world premiere at the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival in the Discovery section of the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the world-renowned event on April 23. *See below for complete screening schedule.*

A talented and charismatic nine-year-old hip-hop performer becomes the vehicle for her father's unfulfilled ambitions in the feature documentary P-STAR RISING. At the dawn of hip-hop's breakthrough into the mainstream in the early 1980s, Jesse Diaz was poised for fame, success, and wealth, but a prison sentence soon quashed his dreams. Though Jesse manages to reclaim his life and regain custody of his two young daughters, lost to the foster care system while he was incarcerated and after their mother succumbed to drug addiction, he struggles to support his family as a single dad. Broke, unemployed, and living in temporary housing, he pins his hopes for the family's fortunes on his youngest daughter, Priscilla AKA P-Star. Recognizing Priscilla's natural musical talent and precocious personality, Jesse sets out to realize his deferred dreams of hip-hop stardom by making her the next rap phenomenon - "the youngest girl on the scene."

Filmed over four years, P-STAR RISING follows Jesse and his daughters as they navigate the peaks and pitfalls of both the music business and family relationships. As P-Star starts to break through professionally, Jesse struggles to balance his responsibilities as a father to Priscilla and her older sister Solsky with his music industry aspirations. Solsky, increasingly sidelined in the family by Priscilla's career, does poorly in school and turns to the church for support. As Priscilla matures, she comes increasingly into conflict with Jesse, and risks losing her childhood to satisfy his demands. From performances on the street corner to appearances on national television, from signing record deals to dealing with feelings of abandonment by Priscilla's crack-addicted mother, Gabriel Noble's chronicle of the Diaz family offers a personal, intimate look at ambition, talent, and the sacrifices family members make for one another.

P-STAR RISING is directed, filmed, and produced by Gabriel Noble for Noble Arts, produced by Marjan Tehrani for Tru Films, and executive produced by Bob Alexander and Ryan Harrington for Indiepix Studios, the production arm of the New York based distribution company IndiePix Films, which specializes in DVD and New Media distribution.

Director/Producer/Cinematographer Gabriel Noble has previously directed two feature documentaries, *Autumn's Eyes* (SXSW Film Festival/IndiePix Films) and *I Won't Love You to Death* (MTV). Producer Marjan Tehrani's previous films include *Her Israel* (Sundance Channel) and *Arusi Persian Wedding* (Independent Lens).

### **TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL PUBLIC SCREENING TIMES:**

WORLD PREMIERE      Friday, April 24, 6:45pm, AMC Village VII, 66 Third Avenue (at 11th Street)  
Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> – **Drive-In Screening Details TK**  
Wednesday, April 29, 4:00pm, AMC Village VII, 66 Third Avenue (at 11th Street)  
Saturday, May 2, 12:45pm, AMC Village VII, 66 Third Avenue (at 11th Street)

**For more information about P-STAR RISING or to arrange an interview with the director and/or subjects please contact: Wellington Love, 15minutes, tel: 212.366.4992 or [wellingtonlove@15minutespr.com](mailto:wellingtonlove@15minutespr.com).**