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## **FESTIVAL PREMIERE OF KARAN JOHAR'S NEVER SAY GOODBYE A GALA PRESENTATION**

**Toronto – NEVER SAY GOODBYE**, the highly-anticipated third feature from director Karan Johar, will receive its Festival premiere as a **Gala Presentation** at the 31st **Toronto International Film Festival**. Starring Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Abhishek Bachchan, Rani Mukherji, and Preity Zinta, **NEVER SAY GOODBYE** is a passionate, sweeping love story that captures India's biggest stars and foremost talent with charm and sophistication. With New York as its backdrop, the film tackles the bonds of marriage with delightful touches of humor and grand leaps into romance.

True to the essence of Bollywood films, **NEVER SAY GOODBYE** is replete with exuberant song and dance, lush melodrama, and intense young love. The film marries a Hollywood sensibility to the traditional blockbuster Bollywood appeal, and ultimately renders a story that examines the full scope of what love has to offer.

Dev (Shah Rukh Khan) and Maya (Rani Mukherji) are completely convinced that they are happy with their lives. Dev, a professional football player, is married to his best friend Rhea (Preity Zinta), whose career at a top women's magazine is on an upswing. Maya, a nursery school teacher, is married to Rishi, a highly successful PR consultant. Both Dev and Maya find it relatively easy to ignore the strains on both of their relationships – until they meet each other.

The undeniable connection between Dev and Maya blossoms into deep friendship. As the pair grows closer, the time they spend together soon causes complications. Rishi yearns for a more intimate relationship with Maya. His widowed father Samarjit (Amitabh Bachchan) has devoted the rest of his days to pleasure and hedonism, only worsening Rishi's frustrations at home. Meanwhile Rhea's continued success and dedication to her career distances her even further from Dev.

With this new-found friendship between Dev and Maya, the two couples are forced to take a close look at their marriages and face up to issues that they hadn't before.

Directed by Karan Johar, **NEVER SAY GOODBYE** is also written by Karan Johar and Shibani Bathija. The film is produced by Hiroo Yash Johar. A presentation of Dharma Productions, **NEVER SAY GOODBYE** is distributed in North America by Yash Raj Films.

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