**Media Alert**

**Disney’s “The One and Only Ivan” premieres in the region**

**exclusively on OSN Movies First and the OSN streaming app**

*The star-studded cast includes big screen legends such as Danny DeVito, Helen Mirren, Bryan Cranston and Angelina Jolie who is also one of the producers of the movie*

**Dubai, UAE – 25 August 2020:** [OSN](https://www.osn.com/en-ae/home), the leading entertainment network in the region, excitingly brings “The One and Only Ivan” to homes across the Middle East from the 22nd August 2020. The film is making its regional debut exclusively on OSN Movies First and the OSN streaming app. Families can enjoy this feel-good family movie adaptation of the award-winning book about one very special gorilla. Disney’s “The One and Only Ivan” is an unforgettable tale about the beauty of friendship, the power of visualization and the significance of the place one calls home.

Based on the true story of a uniquely-talented gorilla and the other animals who share a communal habitat at a suburban shopping mall, “The One and Only Ivan” is an unforgettable tale about the beauty of friendship, the power of visualization and the significance of the place we call home. Applegate’s famed book has won numerous awards including the Newberry Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children in 2013.

Produced at Pinewood Studios outside London, the movie is directed by Thea Sharrock (“Me before You”). The screenplay is by two-time Independent Spirit Award winner Mike White (“Pitch Perfect 3,” “The School of Rock”) based on Applegate’s award-winning book and the producers are Oscar® and three-time Golden Globe® winner Angelina Jolie (“First They Killed My Father,” “Maleficent”), the late Allison Shearmur (“Solo: A Star Wars Story,” “Cinderella”) and Brigham Taylor (“Christopher Robin,” “The Jungle Book”).

“The One and Only Ivan” stars Academy Award® and Golden Globe® nominee and four-time Emmy® winner Bryan Cranston (“Trumbo,” “Breaking Bad”); Ramon Rodriquez (“Iron Fist,” “The Defenders”); Ariana Greenblatt (“A Bad Moms Christmas”); Indira Varma (“Patrick Melrose,” “Exodus: Gods and Kings”); and Eleanor Matsuura (“Wonder Woman,” “Sherlock”).

The film features the vocal talents of Angelina Jolie, Academy Award® winner Sam Rockwell (“Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri,” “Moon”) and Critics’ Choice Award winner Brooklynn Prince (“The Florida Project”). Oscar® and three-time Golden Globe® winner Helen Mirren (“Winchester,” “The Queen”) and Emmy® and Golden Globe winner Danny DeVito (“Dumbo,” “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia”) have also signed on to voice characters in the film.

*“We are thrilled to be the exclusive home of ‘The One and Only Ivan’ in the region and are confident that OSN subscribers will be overjoyed with this beautiful story,”* said Rolla Karam, Interim Chief Content Officer at OSN*. “OSN is committed to bringing world-class entertainment to the region through its strategic partnership with Disney, and the new addition of ‘The One and Only Ivan’ to our catalogue, is evidence of that promise,” Rolla concluded.*

Disney+ Originals is available to OSN TV subscribers, as well as on OSN’s streaming app. The OSN streaming app costs 9.50 USD per month and is available on osn.com, IOS and Android mobile apps, Apple TV, Android TV and Samsung and LG TVs. Viewers can also avail a 7-day free trial of the app by logging on to the site.

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**About The One and Only Ivan**

An adaptation of the award-winning book about one very special gorilla, Disney’s “The One and Only Ivan” is an unforgettable tale about the beauty of friendship, the power of visualization and the significance of the place one calls home. Ivan is a 400-pound silverback gorilla who shares a communal habitat in a suburban shopping mall with Stella the elephant, Bob the dog, and various other animals. He has few memories of the jungle where he was captured, but when a baby elephant named Ruby arrives, it touches something deep within him. Ivan begins to question his life, where he comes from and where he ultimately wants to be. The heartwarming adventure, which comes to the screen in an impressive hybrid of live-action and CGI, is based on Katherine Applegate’s bestselling book, which won numerous awards upon its publication in 2013, including the Newbery Medal.

The movie stars: Sam Rockwell as the voice of Ivan; Angelina Jolie as the voice of Stella; Danny DeVito as the voice of Bob the dog; Helen Mirren as the voice of Snickers the poodle; Brooklynn Prince as the voice of Ruby; Ramon Rodriguez as the mall employee George; Ariana Greenblatt as George’s daughter Julia; Chaka Khan as the voice of Henrietta the chicken; Mike White as the voice of Frankie the seal; Ron Funches as the voice of Murphy the rabbit; Phillipa Soo as the voice of Thelma the parrot; and Bryan Cranston as Mack, the circus attraction’s owner. “The One and Only Ivan” is directed by Thea Sharrock from a screenplay by Mike White based on Applegate’s book and is produced by the late Allison Shearmur, Angelina Jolie and Brigham Taylor. Sue Baden-Powell and Thea Sharrock serve as executive producers.