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Nicole Kidman Signs On as Connect 2019 Keynote Speaker

ATLANTA, July 10, 2019— Connect is excited to announce that Academy Award-winning actress Nicole Kidman will be a keynote speaker at Connect 2019 on Aug. 28 at Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Kidman first came to the attention of American audiences with her critically acclaimed performance in the psychological thriller “Dead Calm.” Kidman has since become an internationally recognized, award-winning actress known for her range and versatility. She received the Academy Award in 2003 for her portrayal of Virginia Woolf in “The Hours.”

Kidman’s most recent project includes the HBO series, “Big Little Lies,” for which she received an Emmy Award, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award. She will next be seen in the movie adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “The Goldfinch.”

Kidman serves as Goodwill Ambassador for UN Women, focusing on raising awareness of ending violence against women and girls. She also continues to work with the Women's Cancer Program at Stanford, headed by Dr. Jonathan Berek, which is a world-renowned center for research into women's cancer.

Kidman joins the Connect 2019 keynote lineup alongside Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps. John Cena will no longer be speaking at Connect 2019 due to a scheduling conflict. Cena will be filming a blockbuster movie during the time of the Connect event.

Connect 2019 will include the hallmark one-on-one appointments, valuable networking opportunities and fun receptions, all of which allow attendees to form more meaningful business connections during their time at the event. High-level education helps attendees stay on top of relevant industry trends, and celebrity keynotes inspire and motivate attendees before they return to the office.

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