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'All or Nothing' goes beyond Ol' Blue Eyes

'Retirement' concert footage adds a coda for a timeless talent

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HBO's Sinatra: All or Nothing at All came to life as an archaeological find of sorts.

Frank Marshall, producer of the Indiana Jones, Back to the Future and Bourne Identity film franchises, discovered a trove of Frank Sinatra recordings and material, some of it not previously shown in public, at his daughter Tina's house.

mentary on the performer. "There were all these film boxes stacked in a bedroom. It was sort of like finding the Ark of the Covenant. We opened the door and this glow came out of the room," Marshall says.

The big discovery was film from a 1971 Los Angeles performance billed as Sinatra's "retirement" concert - ultimately it wasn't - that becomes the backbone of the film, timed to the 100th anniversary of the sing-

SINATRA: ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL HBO, SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 8 ET/PT



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er's birth, in 1915. He died in 1998. "It was this magnificent footage, not shot in a traditional, glitzy way that you would normally do for a TV special," says director and Oscar winner Alex Gibney, who also directed last week's HBO documentary Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief.

The 11 songs picked by the singer, then 55, "serve an important narrative function," Gibney says.

"Sinatra never wrote an autobiography, so it was my interpretation that this retirement concert was ... his way of telling his own story."

The film traces Sinatra's life, from his boyhood in Hoboken, N.J., to meteoric pop-star fame; a health-related rejection from service in World War II; home life with a growing family; a slump in his singing career; a movie ca-

reer that includes an Oscar (From Here to Eternity); and a love life that included marriages to Ava Gardner and Mia Farrow.

Having the cooperation of Sinatra's family, including first wife Nancy - "still a pistol" at 97, Gibney says - and the couple's children, Nancy, Frank Jr. and Tina, was "super-important. They provided materials we wouldn't have been able to get otherwise."

Gibney, who had final cut of the film, says the family never constrained him in any important way from telling Sinatra's story. "There were times we had disagreements as they saw cuts, (but) I think we've come out of it in a pretty good place," he says. "It's a birthday celebration. It's not an investigative film. I feel it's a good portrait of the man."

Marshall, whose father Jack, a jazz guitarist, worked with Sinatra on two albums and two movies, says he hopes the film will appeal to everyone.

"The music is timeless. There's nobody else out there who tells stories in the way he phrases and sings them," he says.

"He also was a guy who had his ups and downs and always came back. He epitomized what it was like to be an American."

Family focus: Sinatra with wife Nancy, son Frank Jr. and daughters Tina and Nancy.



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