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## Ralph Lauren to be profiled in upcoming documentary

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*Designer Ralph Lauren is the subject of a new documentary. Image courtesy of Ralph Lauren*

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U.S. fashion designer Ralph Lauren will be at the center of a new documentary airing on HBO this fall.

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In "Very Ralph," Mr. Lauren will reflect on his career as his eponymous company enters its sixth decade of business. An icon of American luxury, Mr. Lauren has made a significant impact on high-end fashion and retail.

The real Ralph

Award-winning documentarian Susan Lacy directed and produced *Very Ralph*, which will debut on Nov. 12 on HBO. Graydon Carter, the former editor of *Vanity Fair*, serves as an executive producer.

The feature-length film chronicles Mr. Lauren's humble beginnings in the Bronx to the launch of his label. He also discusses his marriage and contributions to the field, including building a complete lifestyle brand and highlighting diversity in fashion campaigns.



*Ralph Lauren was recently honored with an honorary knighthood. Image credit: Ralph Lauren*

Along with extensive interviews with Mr. Lauren and his family, the documentary incorporates archives from Ralph

Lauren.

Very Ralph also includes interviews with other figures from the worlds of fashion, politics and media. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, *Vogue* editor in chief Anna Wintour and supermodel Naomi Campbell appear in the documentary, as well as designers Jason Wu, Diane von Furstenberg, Calvin Klein and the late Karl Lagerfeld.

The documentary will debut a year after the designer and his label achieved an important milestone.

To mark last year's 50th anniversary of the fashion label, Ralph Lauren held a fashion show and dinner at Bethesda Terrace in Central Park during New York Fashion Week. The event benefited the Central Park Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the public space.

A native New Yorker, Ralph Lauren's eponymous founder has been a longtime supporter of Central Park. A decade ago, the designer feted his 40th anniversary in fashion with an event at the Conservatory Garden ([see story](#)).

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