Press information

# Volvo Trucks does reality TV: Artist Mapei tests life on the road

## Volvo Trucks continues with original marketing, this time through reality TV with the artist Mapei. During a nine-day road-trip through Europe, she will record a new music video with director Liza Minou Morberg. To help them, they have a Volvo truck filled with props and one of the world’s best drivers, Jens Karlsson from “The Epic Split”. The result can be seen in the TV series “Reality Road”.

“With ‘Reality Road’ we want to show the strength of our service offerings,” says Per Nilsson, Director Public Relations Volvo Trucks. “For a truck to stay on the road, the services that are linked to it are just as important as the vehicle itself. At the same time, we want to produce TV entertainment that attracts a wider audience. As far as I know, no other company has used reality TV for marketing purposes,” he says.

During the series, Mapei, whose latest release was the hit ‘Don’t Wait’, and the director Liza Minou Morberg, record a music video for Mapei’s new song “Million Ways to Live“. Assisting them is Jens Karlsson, truck driver for 28 years and precision driver in Volvo Trucks’ commercials ‘The Epic Split’ and ‘The Ballerina Stunt’.

“My task in the series is to drive the truck and make sure that the trip is carried out as safely as possible and also, to show what working as a truck driver means. I have been on camera before, but this was really something completely different. Previously, I just drove and didn’t have to talk in front of the camera,” says Jens Karlsson.

In addition to seeing Volvo Trucks’ services being put to the test in various ways, you can follow Mapei as she gets acquainted with and challenges the trucking world. Among other things, we see her when she performs with drag show artists on a truck ferry to Poland, arranges a spontaneous gig in the suburbs of Paris, or accompanies a two wheel stunt in Berlin.

The series comprises a total of eight episodes. The first three are published on Volvo Trucks’ YouTube channel on June 11.

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## Facts: ‘Reality Road’

The trailer for ‘Reality Road’ is released on Volvo Trucks’ YouTube channel on June 9. The series has eight episodes which will be released in batches over a three-week period, with start on June 11.

**Facts: Volvo Trucks Services**The right services are crucial to achieve the highest possible uptime. According to a study from Volvo Trucks, 8 out of 10 unplanned standstills can be avoided with preventive maintenance. Volvo Trucks’ service offers guarantee truck productivity, lower fuel consumption and safer driving. Services include driver training, fuel advice as well as round-the-clock roadside assistance via Volvo Action Service.

## Facts: Jens Karlsson

Jens Karlsson has worked as a truck driver for 28 years. He has previously been involved in advanced precision driving in the Volvo Trucks’ commercials ‘The Epic Split’ and ‘The Ballerina Stunt’. In his day job, Jens Karlsson drives tank transports between Sweden and northern Europe.

## Facts: Mapei

Mapei had her international breakthrough in 2007 with the song ‘Video Vixens’. Her first studio album, ‘Hey Hey’, was released in 2014 and featured the singles ‘Don’t Wait’ and ‘Change’. Mapei was born in 1983 in Rhode Island, USA. She came to Sweden at the age of ten and has since lived between Stockholm and the United States.

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