PRESS RELEASE

BBC Worldwide announces First Official Australian Doctor Who Festival

Royal Hall of Industries & Hordern Pavilion Sydney
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November
Pre-sale tickets available from 11am on 1st July
Tickets on general sale from 11am on 6th July

Sydney, 26th June 2015: BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand is delighted to announce the first ever official **Doctor Who Festival** in Australia, which will take place in Sydney at the Royal Hall of Industries & the Hordern Pavilion on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November 2015. **The Doctor Who Festival** will be attended by the Twelfth Doctor, **Peter Capaldi** and lead writer and executive producer **Steven Moffat** with more talent announced in due course. Fans of all ages will be able to celebrate the heritage and magic of the show with exclusive access to props, costumes and talent from both in-front-of and behind the camera.

A week after the **Doctor Who Festival** in London**,** Australian fans will have the chance to hear from key cast members in a series of onstage talent Q&A's, with limited photo and autograph opportunities available. A series of interactive workshops with Doctor Who's resident creative team will give visitors the chance to learn about the television production process and what it takes to be a *Doctor Who* monster. Fans can also test their knowledge for the chance to win some great prizes in the ultimate *Doctor Who* Quiz, and get some exclusive *Doctor Who* merchandise.

This festival is a must-attend for *Doctor Who* fans, with more exciting announcements to come.

And in a first for New Zealand fans, Peter Capaldi will then head to Auckland, New Zealand on the 24th November for an intimate evening with fans. Venue and ticket details for this will be announced in due course.

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Peter Capaldi says, *"Being unveiled as Doctor Who in Sydney at last year's world tour, and meeting the fantastic Australian fans was such a cosmic , life changing experience that I'm thrilled to be coming back for a full weekend of Time Lord mania."*

The Festival includes:

- **Q&AS -**see the writers and cast from the series as they talk about how to make an idea become reality on a series as big and bold as *Doctor Who*.
- **PHOTO AND AUTOGRAPH OPPORTUNITIES** – A limited number of opportunities for photos and autographs with selected talent.
- **WARDROBE DEPARTMENT** – a fantastic exhibition of costumes and props.
- **DOCTOR WHO QUIZ** –Hosted in a traditional themed setting, fans will have the chance to test their knowledge for the chance to win some great prizes.

DAY TICKET PRICES

- General $195.00
- TARDIS $365.00
- Concession General $99.00
- Concession TARDIS $265.00

all tickets are subject to a processing fee of 1.95% + transaction fee

The general ticket includes one day entry to the festival, access to three separate theatre shows to see the cast and writers, festival lanyard, show planner and all of the above. TARDIS tickets will have all inclusions of a general ticket plus best seats in house for theatre sessions, exclusive access to TARDIS lounge with two free drinks and a *Doctor Who* goodie bag with merchandise to the value of $110.00.

To sign up for pre-sale tickets, or for further information head to:
https://www.doctorwho.tv

Tickets can be purchased at Ticketek
Twitter: #DWFestAu

Series 9 of *Doctor Who* will air on the ABC later in the year.

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