



Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman Receive Rapturous Reception in Sydney

Marks the first time a current Doctor has visited Australia #DWWorldTour



Sydney, 13th August 2014: It was the day to remember as **Peter Capaldi** and **Jenna Coleman** wowed **Doctor Who** fans in Sydney while circumnavigating the globe for publicity appearances and events, launching episode one of the new series and introducing the new Doctor.

Following a press conference and photo call on Sydney Harbour Side, the day culminated with a magnificent fan event at the State Theatre, where Peter and Jenna received a standing ovation.

Peter Capaldi commented: “I’ve been bowled over by the Australian fans’ reaction to **Doctor Who: The World Tour**. It’s terrific to see so many Whovians turn up at the iconic Sydney locations to celebrate the launch of the new series and to warmly welcome Jenna and myself.”

Jenna Coleman added: "I've always known the magic of the show but the Australian leg of the world tour made me realise that **Doctor Who** has an enormous place in many Australian fans' hearts too. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the opening episode so much."

Jon Penn, Managing Director, BBC Worldwide ANZ says: "It's been fantastic having the new Doctor and his companion in Sydney and the amazing reaction from Australian fans reflects the depth of love and engagement with this brand."

Doctor Who: The World Tour follows on from last year's 50th Anniversary which saw unprecedented international success and marks another unique first for a British TV show. The trip sees Twelfth Doctor **Peter Capaldi** and his on-screen companion **Jenna Coleman** visit seven cities across 5 continents in 12 days to take part in a series of media and fan engagements to publicise the show's forthcoming Series 8 to a global audience.

A nation not previously visited by the Doctor and his companion got to see them in person when over 2000 Whovians greeted **Peter** and **Jenna** at a special screening of the first episode of Series 8 (*Deep Breath*). **Peter** and **Jenna** also participated in a Q&A session with their Australian fans, before leaving for New York the following day (13th August).

The tour marks the largest ever promotional undertaking in **Doctor Who's** 50-year history. It kicked off in Cardiff, Wales on 7th August, followed by London (UK) and Seoul (South Korea). After Sydney, **Doctor Who: The World Tour** will continue in New York (US), Mexico City (Mexico) and will finish in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) on 19th August. More details can be found at www.doctorwho.tv/worldtour. British Airways has been the event sponsor for the Sydney and Seoul stops on the tour.

ABC will simulcast the feature-length first episode in line with the UK broadcast in the early hours of Sunday morning 24th August (EST). Following the simulcast, the episode will be available to watch on ABC iview throughout the day before it broadcasts on ABC at 7.40pm Sunday 24th August.

ABC will also screen an exclusive interview with **Peter Capaldi**, hosted by **Julia Zemiro** (*Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery*). **When Julia Met The Doctor** will transmit on Wednesday 20th August at 8pm.

There is currently a **Doctor Who Pop-Up shop** at Shop 9.28A World Square Shopping Centre, 644 George Street, Sydney, where fans can buy all the latest *Doctor Who* merchandise. Next year the *Doctor Who* Symphonic Spectacular hosted by Fifth Doctor **Peter Davison** will be touring Australia and New Zealand, stopping off at Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Auckland. Tickets are on sale to the general public from 18th August through Ticketek (ticketek.com.au).

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