

## Press Release

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### ***DOCTOR WHO: THE PILOT*, STARRING PETER CAPALDI AND INTRODUCING PEARL MACKIE , COMES TO CINEMAS THIS EASTER**



#### **Event to Feature Exclusive Bonus Content**

Trailer available [here](#)

BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) and Sharmill Films have once again teamed up to bring fans a special event screening of the first episode of *Doctor Who: Series 10* for two days only, starting Easter Sunday.

*Doctor Who: The Pilot*, sees **Peter Capaldi** embark on his thrilling final chapter as the Twelfth Doctor as well as the introduction of brand new companion **Pearl Mackie** as Bill Potts and the return of **Matt Lucas** as Nardole. Cinema-goers will also get an exclusive chance to travel with Pearl from the London stage through the doors of the TARDIS to a once-in-a-lifetime role, or as Pearl says "the most insane thing that's ever happened to me." Featuring exclusive interviews with Peter Capaldi and Steven Moffat and narrated by Ingrid Oliver.

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Fans throughout Australia will be able to enjoy the event in select cinemas through Sharmill Films. Information on participating cinemas and purchasing tickets for *Doctor Who: The Pilot* can be found at: [www.sharmillfilms.com.au](http://www.sharmillfilms.com.au)

*Doctor Who: The Pilot* is written and executive produced by Steven Moffat, executive produced by Brian Minchin, produced by Peter Bennett and directed by Lawrence Gough. The series was shot in Cardiff at BBC Wales Roath Lock Studios and is produced by BBC Studios Wales.

"With Bill, the new companion, making her on-screen debut we're happy to give audiences the chance to experience the new duo on the big-screen for the first time," said Louise Hill, Live Entertainment Executive for BBC Worldwide ANZ.

Natalie Miller AO, Sharmill Films Executive Director, said: "The introduction of a new companion is a time(lord)-honoured event in the Doctor Who universe, and we're thrilled to be partnering with the BBC once again to present this very special cinema event to Australian fans."

*Doctor Who: The Pilot* will premiere in Australia on ABC iview immediately after the UK broadcast on 16<sup>TH</sup> April and will air simultaneously on ABC (in HD) and ABC ME at 7.40pm.

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For more information, please contact: **Jacinta Palmer, Sharmill Films on 03 9826 9077 or Sue Affleck, BBC Worldwide on 02 9744 4501.**

#### NOTES TO EDITORS

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