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DISCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT LUCY BEALE'S MURDER AS UKTV PRESENTS AN EXPLOSIVE WEEK OF EASTENDERS TO MARK 30TH ANNIVERSARY

ALBERT SQUARE WILL CHANGE FOREVER...



Australian audiences will be able to celebrate an explosive four nights of television with the *EastEnders 30th Anniversary* premiering on UKTV from March 2 until March 5 at 6.15pm with a special flashback episode on March 4 at 7.25pm.

The anniversary week will see a tempestuous week of drama with shocking revelations, story twists that will leave a lump in the throat and moments that will elicit gasps from fans. With storylines culminating and momentous events happening, the *EastEnders 30th Anniversary* will take its place in television history and change Albert Square forever.

Viewers will discover who killed Lucy Beale and have an opportunity to see exactly how and why it happened as *EastEnders* takes viewers back to the night she was murdered in a flashback special at 7.25pm on Wednesday March 4, directly after an hour-long episode. This episode will fill in the blanks and answer questions that have been haunting the residents of Walford since last year. **Hetti Bywater** will be reprising her role as Lucy Beale, **Tanya Franks** returns as Rainie Cross and **Jamie Lomas** as Jake Stone.

The week will also see the return of some of *EastEnders* most iconic characters. **Barbara Windsor** will reprise her role as Peggy Mitchell for one episode where she makes a visit to her beloved Queen Victoria. **Jo Joyner** and **John Partridge** will also reprise their roles as Tanya Cross and Christian Clarke to attend Ian and Jane's wedding as part of the celebrations.

Tim Christlieb, Acting Director of Channels for BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand, says "UKTV will mark the 30th Anniversary of its flagship series with a heated four nights of thunderous television. Alongside the unmissable drama, we have a special flashback episode where Aussie fans will find out the truth about what happened to their beloved Lucy Beale as her killer is finally exposed to the world. It's going to be a turbulent week in Albert Square and one not to miss!"

The UK will be playing out the anniversary week from February 16–20 with a series of live elements in all the episodes that week concluding with one fully live half hour episode on the final night. Australia will premiere these episodes two weeks after UK transmission.

EASTENDERS ANNIVERSARY WEEK SCHEDULE ON UKTV

Monday March 2 at 6.15pm: *EastEnders* (30')

Tuesday March 3 at 6.15pm: *EastEnders* (30')

Wednesday March 4 at 6.15pm: *EastEnders* (60')

Wednesday March 4 at 7.25pm: Flashback episode (30')

Thursday March 5 at 6.15pm: *EastEnders* (30')

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