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JAMES NESBITT VISITS SYDNEY TO LAUNCH THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF *THE MISSING* ON BBC FIRST.

WIN TICKETS TO ATTEND THE PREMIERE

On November 25, 10 lucky Sydney residents will have the chance to attend the Australian premiere screening and Q&A with critically acclaimed actor **James Nesbitt** when he visits Sydney for a three-day promotional trip to launch the gripping thriller, *The Missing* airing on BBC First from November 30.

Described by The Sun (UK) as “the best mystery to grace our screens since *Broadchurch*”, the haunting drama stars **James Nesbitt** (*The Hobbit Trilogy*) leading as Tony Hughes alongside Australian actress **Frances O’Connor** (*A.I. Artificial Intelligence*) in a relationship thriller that takes you inside the mind of a father, Tony, desperate to find his lost son.

To enter the competition and witness this gripping puzzle unfold, Sydney drama fans should head to the BBC Australia website (bbc.com/first) before midday Wednesday 19 November and in 25 words or less tell us “what has been your favourite drama series on BBC First and why?”

With five double passes up for grabs, the winners will have the opportunity to attend the exclusive premiere screening of episode one of *The Missing* followed by a Q&A with **James Nesbitt** on November 25 at 7pm.



Described as “hauntingly brilliant television” (*The Guardian UK*), *The Missing* explores the emotional cost of a child’s abduction while on holiday in France setting off a manhunt that will last for years and years to come. Told over two time frames, simultaneously, in two countries, Tony’s exhaustive search fractures his marriage to Emily and threatens to destroy his life. Julien, the French police detective who launched the initial search for the child, also finds himself drawn back into the hunt that he was never able to resolve when Oliver first disappeared.

James Nesbitt says: “I was fascinated and intrigued by the awful reality of something like this happening. We know this is a story that the public are aware of but the different journeys these characters go through can only be described as hell. The scripts are so arresting and beautifully detailed, intricate yet truthful.”

Nesbitt and O'Connor are joined by an international cast including **Tchéky Karyo** (*The Patriot*), **Jason Flemyng** (*Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*), **Ken Stott** (*The Hobbit Trilogy*), **Arsher Ali** (*Four Lions*) and **Titus De Voogd** (*Steve + Sky*).

Tim Christlieb, Director of Channels BBC Worldwide Australia and New Zealand, said " *The Missing* is a thrilling drama of a life consumed by hope, love, truth and obsession. I have no doubt the series will be a huge hit with our viewers and we are delighted to be able to bring one of the UK's best loved actors James Nesbitt to Australia to mark the premiere. Full of twists and turns, the gripping thriller will have viewers on the edge of their seats!"

The Missing premieres on BBC First from November 30 with double episodes at 8.30pm.

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Competition:

Opens Wednesday November 12 and closes midday Wednesday November 19.

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