

Press Release



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IT'S A ROYAL AFFAIR ON UKTV

UKTV to air Live and Uninterrupted Coverage of the Royal Wedding on Saturday May 19

Get your fascinators and flags ready and switch on UKTV for the BBC's live, uninterrupted coverage of the Royal wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The couple will exchange vows at 9pm (AEST) Saturday May 19 at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle with The Archbishop of Canterbury to officiate as the couple make their marriage vows. Following the service, a Carriage Procession will commence at 10pm (AEST) from St Georges Chapel through Windsor Town returning to Windsor Castle via the Long Walk. UKTV will show the BBC's main Royal wedding programme of the marriage itself and the Carriage Procession, with live coverage before and after. Exact timings TBC.

In the run up to the Royal wedding, UKTV will also be showing a collection of royal documentaries including:

Britain's Royal Weddings (Wednesday 16th May & Thursday 17th May at 8.30pm) – The intimate story of Britain's royal weddings, from the Queen Mother through to Princess Margaret, told from the point of view of the people who were there. Sophie Raworth discovers how traditions began, how weddings adapted to reflect the changing times, and what it is like to be part of staging an event that is watched by millions. It also charts how changing social attitudes and national circumstances have influenced what the public has come to expect from Britain's royal weddings.

Our Queen (Wednesday 16th May & Thursday 17th May at 9.45pm) – An in-depth portrait of the world's most famous woman by award winning producer/director Michael Waldman and bestselling royal writer Robert Hardman. *Our Queen* charts an extraordinary year in the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, with unique access to her family, to her staff, to her prime ministers and to her palaces. A world leader since the age of 25, how does she retain her hold on the nation's affections when political and social currents have transformed so much around her? How does she stay true to the past, yet adapt to the present? This fascinating, observational documentary series is a study of leadership, judgement and character, of spectacular pageantry but also of great warmth and poignancy as it shows what this truly modern monarch means to Britain and the world.

Prince Harry in Africa (Friday 18th May at 8.30pm) follows HRH Prince Harry on his return to



Lesotho, in Africa, to continue the work of the charity he set up in the country a decade ago.

Featuring footage of Prince Harry getting his hands dirty and interacting with the local children, the film will discover how the Prince has come to have such an understanding of their problems and how this led him to set up his own initiative, with the aim of supporting orphans and vulnerable children and helping them through education.

The documentary will also capture the moment that Prince Harry is reunited with Mutsu, a local teenager who the Prince met on his first visit to Lesotho, and who have kept in regular contact, both knowing first-hand what it was like growing up without a parent.

Born to Royalty (Friday 18th May at 9.30pm) a feature-length celebration charting the history of the royal babies born in recent times. In this insightful documentary, we celebrate the birth of William and Kate's first child, the great-grandchild of Queen Elizabeth II, with a fascinating portrait of the life that lies ahead for the child who is born to reign.

Said Tim Christlieb, Director of Branded Services, BBC Studios, Australia and New Zealand: 'No-one does a Royal wedding quite like the Brits. People will be lining the streets and tuning in all around the world to celebrate and as the Australian home of great British events, UKTV will be right there with the very best, uninterrupted, extended coverage direct from the BBC. This is an iconic, global event and we intend to enjoy every moment of it.'

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