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## Media Release

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# *The Science of Doctor Who* Presented by RiAus and BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand

For anyone who has ever wondered whether time travel to other dimensions is really possible, *The Science of Doctor Who* is a live stage event created by RiAus in collaboration with BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand. Touring nationally from April, the show explores the scientific mysteries highlighted in the iconic BBC TV series.

Using scenes from the series, a sense of adventure and a dose of fun, this informative event will look at time travel, regeneration, teleportation and just why the TARDIS is bigger on the inside.

Hosted by comedian Rob Lloyd, it features eminent scientists – who also happen to be Doctor Who fans – exploring some of the amazing science-reality behind the fiction. Audiences can bring along their smartphones and join in the fun. The scientists are Dr Martin White, a particle astrophysicist at the University of Adelaide; Dr Allie Ford, a science communicator at Monash University; Dr Alan Duffy an astrophysicist at the University of Melbourne and David Jennens a physicist from the University of Melbourne working at the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland.

Helen Pendlebury, Head of Live Entertainment for BBC Worldwide ANZ comments: '2013 was a huge year for Doctor Who fans with the 50th anniversary celebrations. We're excited to be working with RiAus in bringing this new interactive and educational live show to audiences around the country. We're hoping fans will come away not only entertained but also informed by some of the scientific theories explored in Doctor Who storylines.'

RiAus Director, Dr Paul Willis said: 'This will give everyone something to talk about for a very long time to come. As well as showcasing the famous Time Lord through clips of his memorable moments, it will also take a look at the aliens and monsters made famous by the series. The audience will learn some interesting science facts and learn what the fiction behind Doctor Who is all about', he said. 'RiAus is excited to be working with BBC Worldwide ANZ and looks forward to future collaborations.'

### **About RiAus (the Royal Institution of Australia)**

*As the national science hub, RiAus helps you 'discover the wonders of science'. RiAus creates real and virtual spaces in which people can listen, talk and think about science in all its shapes and forms. In developing innovative and accessible ways of engaging the general community, RiAus raises scientific awareness and lifts the level of debate on critical issues arising from science and technology. RiAus strives to highlight the importance of science in everyday life.*

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*The Science of Doctor Who* tour begins in Perth in April before travelling to Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

<b>Tour Dates:</b>	<b>Perth</b>	26 April
	<b>Brisbane</b>	10 May
	<b>Sydney</b>	23, 24, 25 May
	<b>Adelaide</b>	31 May
	<b>Melbourne</b>	13, 14, 15 June

**Tickets: ON SALE FROM TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014**

**RiAus Members and Doctor Who Club Australia Members qualify for priority bookings**

Visit the RiAus website [riaus.org.au/DoctorWho](http://riaus.org.au/DoctorWho) for more information, RiAus membership, and for booking links

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