



Sunday 23 April to
Saturday 29 April
2017



Week 17 Highlights



Seven Types Of Ambiguity
Thursday 27 April 8.30pm



Anh's Brush With Fame
Wednesday 26 April 8.00pm



Whovians
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John Conway Tonight
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Seven Types Of Ambiguity

Angela, Simon's close friend and neighbour, is racked with guilt over her role in Simon's arrest after alerting the police to Sam's whereabouts. The press coverage of the event horrifies Angela's conservative family, who are quick to presume Simon's guilt, leading Angela to downplay her involvement. Meanwhile, Angela's dread is compounded when she discovers Simon has ended up in hospital after been beaten while in custody.



Driven by her guilt, and unrequited love for Simon, Angela attempts to cooperate with the police in order to help him; however she soon realizes she has made a serious mistake. Through her misguided attempts to rectify the events, Angela implicates herself, making powerful enemies of the police and leading Angela to face having her identity exposed.

The press circle Angela, approaching her workplace, where her boss is faced with firing Angela in order to maintain discretion. As more details emerge publicly, Angela risks losing her most important relationship – that with her family, at the expense of her feelings for Simon. CAST: Xavier Samuel, Andrea Demetriades, Leeanna Walsman, Alex Dimitriades.

#SevenTypes

Short synopsis

Driven by unrequited love for Simon, Angela escalates matters in her attempts to help him. Police threaten to expose her identity, putting both her professional and family life in jeopardy. CAST: Andrea Demetriades.

Production details

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Screen Australia present in association with Film Victoria a Matchbox Pictures production. Based on the novel written by Elliot Perlman. Screenwriters: Jacquelin Perske, Jonathan Gavin, Marieke Hardy. Executive Producers: Tony Ayres, Jacquelin Perske. ABC Executive Producers: Christopher Gist and Brett Sleigh. Producer: Amanda Higgs. Directors: Glendyn Ivin, Ana Kokkinos, Matt Saville.

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★Top Pick

Sunday 23 April 8.30pm



Whovians

Sunday nights are about to get a whole lot more galactic as Rove McManus and his team of superfans present a brand new half hour panel show to dissect, delve into and delight in the world of *Doctor Who*. Airing straight after the weekly premiere of the much anticipated *Doctor Who* series 10 on ABC, Whovians will be filmed in front of a live studio audience, and air on Sundays at 8.30pm on ABC2 and iView.



As well as unpacking the most recent episode, Rove and the team will open the doors of the TARDIS and go back through the annals of time to lovingly analyze, critique, and unravel the mysteries of this much loved globally renowned series.

Rove is a long time Doctor Who enthusiast and will be joined by other self-confessed Doctor Who superfans, Tegan Higginbotham, Adam Richard and Steven 'Bajo' O'Donnell, as well as a roster of celebrity guests.

This is a show by Whovians but one that won't exclude the rest of humanity.

So get ready to get on board.

Whovians will be filmed in front of a live studio audience and broadcast as live on Sundays at 8.30pm on ABC2 from Sunday April 16.

To be part of the studio audience please email drwho.audience@abc.net.au

#WhoviansAU

Short Synopsis

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Production details

An ABC Production

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Anh's Brush With Fame

Beloved comedian, author and artist Anh Do returns with a second instalment of the hugely popular series *Anh's Brush with Fame*, getting up close and personal with an exciting new line-up of popular Australian celebrities to paint their portrait. As Anh paints his guests, he chats to them to discover their history and what makes them tick, shaping the way he represents them.



This week, Anh's sitter is Anthony Field. He's one of the world's most successful children's entertainers, but the Blue Wiggle's radiant smile has often masked a tough personal battle.

#AnhsBrushWithFame

Short Synopsis

This week, comedian, author and artist Anh Do paints Anthony Field. He's one of the world's most successful children's entertainers, but the Blue Wiggle's radiant smile has often masked a tough personal battle.

Production details

A Screentime Production. Executive Producer Johnny Lowry. Head of Factual Steve Bibb

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John Conway Tonight

Busting out of the comedy scene already wearing a suit and tie, John Conway is ready to be the tonight show host Australian TV never knew it needed.



John Conway has talked his way onto ABC2 and **John Conway Tonight** is going on the telly – late night talk shows are back in Australia, baby!

At 9pm every Sunday from 16th April for twelve weeks, ABC2 will air the smallest tonight show in the world, from the smallest nightclub in the world. John will dance, entertain, interview smashing guests and endeavour to keep the chaos in order, all while the literal and metaphorical walls of his own show collapse around him.

He'll be joined by his sidekick Aaron Chen, his manager Robbie Tarocash and the best handpicked Australian comedic talent, including: Will Erinya, Jenna Owen, Ben Russell, Victoria Zerbst, Penny Greenhalgh, Sam Campbell, Clinton Haines, Tom Walker and Edan Lacey.

"I've scoured the Australian comedy scene and have brought together some of the cleverest idiots it has to offer. We're on to something here – can somebody please help me find out what," said Conway.

Coming at you from a cosy small bar where pizzas are served mid-show and there's every chance of interruption, it's a tonight show on the edge of reason. A riot of characters and controlled chaos, and an absurd and hilarious tribute to late night TV.

It's **John Conway Tonight!**

Short synopsis

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Production details

A GNWTV production, filmed in front of a live audience.

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Sunday 23 April

First on iView in the morning, then 7.40pm on ABC TV & ABC ME



Doctor Who

The highly anticipated new series of **Doctor Who** returns to ABC iView immediately following the UK broadcast on Saturday, April 16. ABC (in HD) and ABC ME will also simulcast the series on Sundays at 7.40pm from Sunday April 16.

Doctor Who, series 10, 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.

During this new series, fantastic adventures and terrifying monsters await the team of heroes as they journey through space and time in this latest instalment of the globally-renowned drama. Expect laughter, danger and exhilarating escapades in this final series under the helm of lead writer and executive producer Steven Moffat.

Series 10 also sees the return of the original Mondasian Cybermen, much-feared classic foe. The Mondasian Cybermen – the original version of the Doctor's deadly enemies – hail from the planet Mondas and have not been seen in Doctor Who for over fifty years.

Peter Capaldi first stepped into the TARDIS in 2013, and will leave the iconic role in the 2017 Christmas Special after three incredible series of the BBC's global hit sci-fi drama. Peter Capaldi's final series also marks writer and executive producer Steven Moffat's last so promises to be unmissable event television.

#DoctorWho

Short synopsis

Fantastic adventures and terrifying monsters await the Doctor and his new companion Bill Potts as they journey through space and time in this latest instalment of the globally-renowned drama. CAST: Peter Capaldi

Production details

A BBC Production

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iView April Binge

Across the month of April, ABC iView is the place to watch fresh, original and entertaining Australian shows, with the iView April Binge. Viewers can binge on full series of new ABC shows including:

- **Seven Types of Ambiguity**, the six-part psychological drama based on the acclaimed novel by Elliot Perlman, featuring an impressive line-up of stars including, Hugo Weaving, Alex Dimitriades, Leeanna Walsman and Xavier Samuels.
- **The Warriors**, the refreshingly original, eight-part, Indigenous comedy/drama series set in the world of Aussie Rules football and stars Lisa McCune, John Howard and Vince Colosimo.
- **You Can't Ask That**, series two of the ground-breaking, thought provoking, original ABC series. *You Can't Ask That* is the only series that provides a platform for marginalised and misunderstood Australians to answer anonymous online questions with dignity and depth. 12 new episodes from series 2 will be available to watch anytime.

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Life and Death Row

A look at capital punishment through the eyes of young people whose lives have been shaped by it, including interviews from those on death row and their families.

Episode one: Execution features the case of 27-year-old Daniel Lopez, who was pulled over for driving erratically in 2009, with the subsequent car chase leading to the death of a police officer. Daniel was given the death penalty and is resisting all appeals to block his execution - despite the best efforts of his family and state-appointed attorneys.

Short synopsis

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Production details

A BBC Documentaries production

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Anzac Day

On Anzac Day the ABC will have comprehensive broadcast coverage of all the commemorations, from local marches in towns and cities across Australia to the battlefields of Gallipoli and Villers-Bretonneux.

From 4.25am AEST, ABC will broadcast the ANZAC Dawn Service from Sydney, followed by the ANZAC Dawn Service from Canberra at 5.30am. From 6am, join ABC News Breakfast hosts and ABC reporters at dawn services across Australia as the nation wakes up to the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Anzac Day marches in each capital city will be broadcast in every state and territory on ABC, while on ABC News 24 viewers can watch the Anzac Day National Ceremony from the Australian War Memorial.

Following the local marches, the TV simulcast will continue with coverage of the dawn service from Anzac Cove in Gallipoli at 12.30pm on ABC and the dawn service from Villers-Bretonneux from 1.30pm.

Short synopsis

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Production details

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Todd Sampson's Life On the Line

Putting his faith in the science of buoyancy, Todd Sampson ties himself to a giant cluster of helium balloons in an attempt to defy gravity.

With the help of astrophysicist Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith, Todd takes flight with 130 balloons to demonstrate the upward force of buoyancy. Filled with more than 87 cubic metres of helium, the second lightest gas in the universe, Todd's cluster of balloons should displace enough air to lift him into the sky. But this giant airship relies on calm conditions, and high winds threatens to derail the experiment.

Far from commercial aircraft corridors in rural Kangaroo Valley, NSW, the team get ready for what is believed to be the first ever cluster balloon flight in Australia. Todd trusts his life in the physics of buoyancy to not only give him lift off, but to also prevent him from crashlanding back to Earth.

#LifeOnTheLine

Short synopsis

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Production details

Executive Producer: Jennifer Collins. Series Producer and Director: Jeff Siberry.
Producers: Todd Sampson, Rachel Hardie, Niamh Linnie, Mick de Montignie. ABC
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You Can't Ask That

What's it like to kill a human being?

How messed up are you from war?

Do you think civilians are all naive idiots?

'I don't feel sorry for you because you go and kill people'. This is a sentiment commonly heard by people returning from war. In this eye-opening, moving and at times shocking episode, recent war veterans tell what it's really like to go to war.

Keiron Sewell, of Melbourne, describes why he joined, *"I got tricked with the recruiting video. Showing people playing water polo, swimming and riding bicycles, having fun in the sun. And then you get there and the first 6 months is just hardcore running up hills, people screaming into your ear."*

Ex-Sergeant Michael Lyddiard shares the moment his life changed forever. *"We got a call an IED had been found. My number 2 and I went up and did what we needed to do but it blew up in my face."* Michael's accident resulted in him losing his right arm, all but three fingers on his left arm and his right eye.

On transitioning back into civilian life, Steve McCrohon from Brisbane, talks about his marriage breakdown. *"She said to me, 'You came from overseas a different person. Much harder. Much angrier'."*

When presented with the question 'What's it like to kill a human being?', reactions vary. Steve says *"It's not always about shooting and killing someone"* and Andrew Fox-Lane responds *"I consider myself lucky, because I don't know"*, while Brad Fewson of Wagga Wagga says it's *"part of the job"* but that there are *"probably two that I regret"*. All agree that it's their most hated question to be asked, *"That's probably the worst question you could ask anyone"* says Keiron.

Short synopsis

In this eye-opening, moving and at times shocking episode, recent war veterans tell us what it's really like to go to war.

Production details

An ABC Original Series. Series Directors/Producers Kirk Docker and Aaron Smith. ABC Executive Producer Lou Porter. ABC Head of Entertainment Jon Casimir.

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The Warriors

When Bill becomes angry at Spinner's new-age training methods, he decides to toughen the rookies up with a visit to the infamous gym known as "Onion's Ring". Scottie fights Onion and Zane fights his son Roger and both are humbled in the ring. But when Maki refuses to take part Bill is disappointed and Zane is furious. Zane and Maki argue and the tensions of their relationship rise to the surface. CAST: Gordon Churchill, Vince Colosimo, John Howard, Nelson Baker, Ben Knight.

#WarriorsABC

Short synopsis

When Bill tries to toughen the boys up with a visit to the infamous Onion's Ring gym, tensions emerge between Maki and Zane. CAST: John Howard, Gordon Churchill, Vince Colosimo.

Production details

An Arenamedia production in association with Screen Australia, ABC and Film Victoria. Written by Jon Bell, Tracey Rigney, Tony Briggs. Directed by Adrian Russell Wills, Beck Cole, Steven McGregor and Catriona McKenzie. Story Producer Justin Monjo. Produced by Robert Connolly, John Harvey and Liz Kearney. Screen Australia Executive Producer: Penny Smallacombe. ABC Executive Producers: Sally Riley and Jo Bell.

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Comedy Up Late

Direct from the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, ABC brings the boldest comedy names along with the madness of the festival and delivers them straight to our television screens.

Hosted by some of the best up and comers of the comedy scene: Ivan Aristeguieta (ABC's Next Gen), Nath Valvo, Mel Buttle, Sam Taunton and DeAnne Smith (CAN/USA).

Comedy Up Late showcases performances by hilarious local and international comedians including Susie Youssef, Daniel Townes, Guy Montgomery (NZ), Tom Walker, Janelle James (USA), Matt Stewart, Fortune Feimster (USA), Abandoman (IRE/UK), Laura Davis, Neeti Palta (India), Dane Simpson, Emma Sidi (UK) and many more.

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River

Stellan Skarsgård (*The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo*) stars as John River, a respected police officer haunted by the murder victims whose secrets he must uncover. He is also a man whose vulnerabilities and eccentricities are brought to the fore as he grieves the loss of a dear friend (Nicola Walker) (*Last Tango in Halifax*).

The stages of his grief mark River's growing bonds with those he has excluded from his heart and mind, and when a murder suspect jumps to his death whilst being pursued by River, he comes under increasing pressure both from the press and within the police force as calls for his dismissal grow.

As the investigation into Jackie's murder starts to reveal her deepest secrets, River has to question everything he thought he knew about his one true friend. Their relationship might have survived her death, but can it survive the truth of who she really was in life?

Meanwhile the mother of a murdered teenager is growing increasingly desperate - the boyfriend has confessed but nobody has been found, and she blames River for failing to make good on his promise to find her daughter.

Also starring Nicola Walker (*Last Tango in Halifax*), Adeel Akhtar (*Utopia*) as Detective Sergeant Ira King; Lesley Manville (*An Adventure in Space and Time*) as their superior, Chief Inspector Chrissie Read, and Eddie Marsan (*Ray Donovan*) as a notorious killer.

Short synopsis

River is a policeman haunted by the murder victims whose secrets he must uncover. Struggling with the recent loss of a colleague, River chases a suspect with tragic consequences and there is pressure for him to be dismissed.

Production details

Kudos Film & Television Limited MMXV; Created and written by Abi Morgan; Executive Producers: Jane Featherstone, Manda Levin, Abi Morgan; Produced by Chris Carey; Directed by Richard Laxton, Tim Fywell, Jessica Hobbs.

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The Halcyon

Hotel manager Richard (Steven Macintosh) allows his daughter Emma (Hermione Corfield) to organise a lavish wedding reception for the daughter of Lady Hamilton's (Olivia Williams) friends the Ashworths, with Lucian (Charles Edwards), somewhat reluctantly for fear of gossip, escorting Priscilla Hamilton.

Best man Freddie (Jamie Blackley) has to console the widow of a fellow airman killed in action, and decides, after a scare in his plane the day before, to break off his relationship with Emma to spare her the grief of losing him if he doesn't come back.

Meanwhile wedding guests are horded downstairs to the basement as bombing starts in earnest, and in the East End Richard and Peggy (Liz White) also shelter from the raid. Richard had been helping her with some household repairs, but as they leave Richard runs into a face from his past, a man who calls him Sam...

And Toby (Edward Bluemel) finds love in an unexpected place.

As chefs Robbie (Gordon Kennedy) and Max (Nico Rogner) work on the wedding cake regardless of the sirens going off all around them, Robbie exhorts Max not to give up hope for his family in Germany.

Short synopsis

Emma organises a lavish wedding reception for the daughter of Lady Hamilton's friends the Ashworths, but the proceedings are interrupted by an air-raid, forcing the guests to shelter in the basement. CAST: Hermione Corfield.

Production details

Left Bank Pictures; Creator and writer: Charlotte Jones; Executive Producers: Andy Harries, Sharon Hughff.

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Russell Howard's Stand Up Central

Written and presented by the hugely popular comedian Russell Howard, Stand Up Central is filmed in Camden's iconic Electric Ballroom.

In each episode, Russell performs exclusive new material, answers (sometimes) weird and (usually) wonderful audience questions, and introduces his handpicked roster of the best UK and international stand up acts.

This series debuted Catastrophe star Rob Delaney's stand-up routine to a British TV audience and features a host of the hottest comedic names including Doc Brown, Roisin Conaty, Nick Helm, Nish Kumar, Sara Pascoe and Katherine Ryan.

This week he's joined by Nish Kumar and Sara Pascoe.

Short synopsis

Russell Howard's Stand Up Central is filmed in Camden's iconic Electric Ballroom where he performs exclusive new material, and answers weird and wonderful audience questions. This week's guests: Nish Kumar and Sara Pascoe.

Production details

An Avalon Television Production for Comedy Central (UK)

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