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Rove McManus: The Next Doctor? No... the next big Whovian!

Rove McManus presents *Whovians* – a brand new switchover show coming to ABC2 and iview for Doctor Who Series 10.

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.

"I've been a fan of *Doctor Who* for as long as I can remember so you can imagine how pleased I am to be hosting a show about it. Whether it be the classic era that dates back over fifty years or the modern series that has created its own decade-long legacy, it'll be nice to have the opportunity to talk about my favourite TV show with like-minded individuals and be paid to completely geek out. You might say I'm so excited that I too feel like I have two hearts beating in my chest - and yes, it's references like that which prove I'm the right guy for the job," said Rove McManus.

Brian Minchin, Executive Producer of *Doctor Who* adds "**Whovians** will be the perfect companion piece for the thrilling new series of *Doctor Who* on ABC. It's fantastic to have this exciting new program to delight Australian fans."

Rebecca Heap, ABC Head of Programming and Digital, said: "As the home of *Doctor Who* in Australia we are thrilled to offer our audiences another way to engage with the popular program, as well as welcoming Rove back to our screens."

So get ready to get on board. #WhoviansAU

Whovians is an ABC production. It 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

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