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Legendary actor to kick off convention debut at brand new cosplay event

WORLD FIRST APPEARANCE BY MEL GIBSON AT A POP-CULTURE CONVENTION

MAD MAX, LETHAL WEAPON & BRAVEHEART STAR TO SPEAK AT NEW AUSTRALIAN COSPLAY EVENT

INTERVIEW, MEET & GREET, PHOTO OPPS & AUDIENCE Q&A AT COSPENDIUM 2021

Actor, producer, director, businessman & philanthropist Mel Gibson (Mad Max, Braveheart & Lethal Weapon) will attend the new two-day pop culture, cosplay and gaming convention Cospodium on Saturday 30th January 2021 at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

TO INTERVIEW MEL GIBSON email max@marksonsparks.com or call "Mad Max" Markson 0412 501 601

Buy or register interest for tickets at: <http://cospodium.com.au/> Featuring celebrity meet 'n greets, gaming tournaments, artist & cosplay stalls, cosplay competitions, prize giveaways and plenty more, Cospodium aims to become the ultimate cosplay convention.

This debut convention marks Mel Gibson's very first appearance at a Comic Con-style event anywhere in the world. He will be available for meet 'n greets, one-on-one photos with fans and a panel discussion including audience Q&A's about his iconic movie career.

"I look forward to meeting all my fans in Melbourne and sharing all the thrilling, funny and sometimes very weird stories from my life and career. I'll see you all at Cospodium soon." Says Mel Gibson.

"It's an enormous honour to have Mel Gibson, one of Australia's favourite sons, as a special guest at our first-ever Cospodium," says Cospodium founder Philip Rainford. "It's even better that it's Mel's first ever convention too! I can already see the Mad Max and Braveheart fans in their cosplay outfits."

To register interest in one-on-one meet 'n greets & photos with Mel Gibson, visit www.cospodium.com.au Mel Gibson is the second featured guest to be announced for Cospodium 2021, following the reveal of William Shatner, star of Star Trek and Boston Legal, as the convention's debut special guest.

ABOUT COSPENDIUM 2021

Running for an entire weekend at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton Gardens, Melbourne, Cospodium will launch on Saturday January 30, 2021 and run until the evening of Sunday January 31 2021. The convention will feature celebrity meet 'n greets, gaming tournaments, artist & cosplay stalls, cosplay competitions, prize giveaways, an immersive viking banquet and plenty more! Featured guests include Mel Gibson and William Shatner, with more to be revealed soon. The debut convention aims to restore a sense of intimacy and community to the culture that the founders believe has been lacking for too long.

ABOUT MEL GIBSON

Mel Gibson's incredible body of work has spanned over 40 years and includes over 50 movies, grossing in excess of \$5 billion. These include his role as Max Rockatansky in the Mad Max trilogy, Martin Riggs in the four-movie Lethal Weapon franchise, William Wallace in Braveheart as well as classics such as What Women Want and Bird on a Wire.

As a director, he earned his stripes directing The Passion of the Christ (grossing over \$1 billion), Apocalypto and Hacksaw Ridge (winner of two Academy Awards). Of course, he was also the first person ever named 'Sexiest Man Alive' by People Magazine!

In 1995 Gibson produced, directed and starred in Braveheart which was nominated for 10 Oscars and won 5 Academy Awards including Best Director and Best Picture. Mel also won the Golden Globe for Best Director for Braveheart.

WHAT IS COSPLAY? Cosplay, or costume roleplay, is a global phenomenon where fans of franchises from all forms of media dress up as their favourite pop culture icons. At conventions such as Cospodium 2020, You'll be sure to run into everyone from Game of Thrones' Ned Stark and Star Trek's Spock to Princess Zelda and One-Punch Man. According to trading platform Liquid, the global cosplay industry is estimated at a value of more than \$45 billion and is growing at a rate of 15 per cent each year.

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