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

Actor, author, singer, producer, director, businessman & philanthropist William Shatner will attend the new two-day pop culture, cosplay and gaming convention Cospendium on Saturday 30th January AND Sunday 31st January 2021 at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

Register interest for tickets at: <http://cospendium.com.au/>

As well as a stellar career in Star Trek, the Emmy and two-time Golden Globe winning actor has also starred in globally successful TV series Boston Legal and TJ Hooker as well as over 50 movies across eight decades including the Miss Congeniality films and cult classic Dodgeball.

Shatner will take part in a Q&A session on the Cospendium main stage as well as meet 'n greets and one-on-one photos & autograph signings with fans over both days of the debut convention.

"When you've been around as long as I have and worked in this business for so long, there's a heck of a lot to share. I'm very excited to be bringing the spirit of the Starship Enterprise, Boston Legal and more down under," says William Shatner.

"One of the surprising things I discovered years ago about conventions is that they're filled with love. It's very special to be up on that stage and share a unique moment with thousands of people at once – I can't wait to feel the love when we usher in the first-ever Cospendium!"

Fans can also expect gaming tournaments, artist & cosplay stalls, cosplay competitions, prize giveaways and plenty more, from the brand-new event striving to become the ultimate cosplay convention.

"I've been a William Shatner and Star Trek fan since I saw the first episode in 1966 and just thought 'WOW!'" says Cospendium founder Philip Rainford.

"I went to Star Trek conventions with my teenage daughter in the '90s in full costume and now my grandkids have the chance to attend our new convention with Captain Kirk himself. It's just amazing."

To purchase tickets or a full experience package with William Shatner, visit: www.cospendium.com.au

ABOUT COSPENDIUM 2021

Running for an entire weekend at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton Gardens, Melbourne.

The convention commences on Saturday 30th January 2021, with celebrity meet 'n greets, gaming tournaments, artist & cosplay stalls, cosplay competitions, prize giveaways, and plenty more!

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 WILLIAM SHATNER

Since he was in his early 20's, William Shatner has maintained his status as a star of both TV and the silver screen. He achieved the status of a pop culture icon thanks to his portrayal of Captain Kirk in the original Star Trek series and film adaptations. He is also well known as the eponymous TJ Hooker and Boston Legal's Denny Crane.

Shatner has maintained an impressive side career in music and spoken-word recordings, having released eight albums since the '60s. He is also routinely involved in a range of charity work and raises American Saddlebred horses.

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 Cospendium 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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