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Yes, GE News was at the World Premiere of Star Trek!!

Star Trek Special Edition

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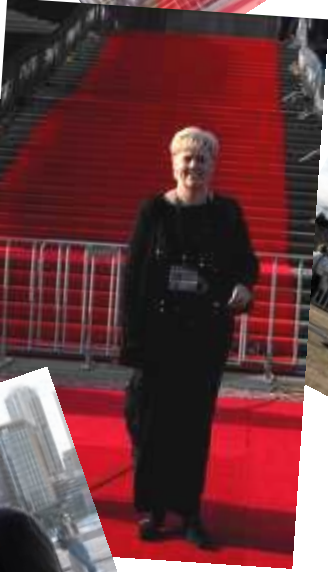
Yes, this is the Golden Ticket!



We got a Golden Ticket.

How exciting do you think it was for us when we were given the opportunity to go to the World Premiere of the new Star Trek movie at the Sydney Opera House? We were very excited and when we found out that we were on the Red Carpet in the media bay and would get to interview some of the stars the next day, wow!!

Red Carpet, lots of it and of course Marlene standing on it! That's also a picture of her feet on the red carpet too!!! Check out the vacuum cleaner no dirt on it hey!



TV Shows presenters

Locky and Mark, friends from Austrek, Victoria.

LIFE IN THE MEDIA BAY!



The Media Bay



Kerri-Anne Kennerley



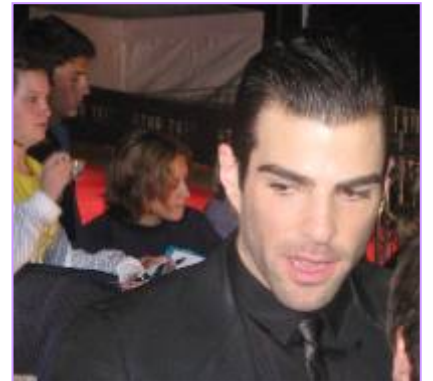
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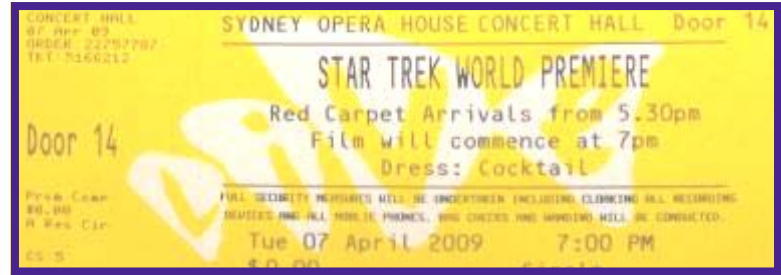


J.J. Abrams



On the steps just before the movie

I had a Golden Ticket!!



I (that is Gerri) had a golden ticket! What is a golden ticket I hear you say? Well, it was a ticket to the World Premier of Star Trek. Now if you know me you would know that I was just about wetting myself with excitement not only was I going to a movie, but getting to the World Premier of my most favourite TV show of all time! So excited would be an understatement! We were lucky enough to be a guest of Paramount who invited us up to Sydney to attend the movie and to interview the stars as well! Now you can see why I was "wetting myself"!!

So off I went, booked a plane ticket along with my friend Marlene, who was as lucky as I was to get a ticket and funnily had the same medical condition! We had a week to regain control and then it was off to The Opera House. I stayed at Marlene's the night before to make sure that I did not miss the plane! So the big day arrives and off we went, pens, notes, and voice recorders in hand. Singing "We've got a golden ticket!" at every opportunity .

We had to be at the media registration desk by 3.30pm but the red carpet parade would not start until 5.30pm. With our badges attached we could walk anywhere on the red carpet. It was an amazing feeling. Taking our position in the media bay with other publications such as the BBC, Who Magazine, Sydney Morning Herald, and others we waited with anticipation on who might walk up the red carpet. Even taking pictures of our feet just to prove that we stood on it!!!! Yes that was a bit pathetic I know. Slowly the 1500+ guests and public started to climb the carpet, you could see those that wanted to be known, try to catch the eye of the media but we would have none of that. It was the stars that we were after! The excitement and anticipation of the crowd and the media was almost something that you could hold in your hand. Then they started to arrive, Eric, Zach, Chris, JJ, Karl and John. All coming up the red carpet like you would see at any big Hollywood red carpet shindig and there was us just, little old Gerri and Marlene to be in the thick of it all.

The guest moved along slowly and just as they got to us and we got to talk with some of them, it was time to go in and see the movie and what a movie it is!

YOU WILL LOVE IT!

See next page for a review (no spoilers)

The next day we got to interview them and if you would like to hear more we have launched our own podcast at www.womentalkscifi.com to download them.

Star Trek Movie Reviews

(no Spoilers)

Gerri

JJ Abrams has done it!!!!

As a Trekkie I was a little wary about how a prequel would work! Would it be a parody or an attempt to caricature Star Trek - The Original Series?

Characters such as Kirk and Spock are such icons of popular culture with such high iconic status I wondered at the bravery of Abrams, Orci and Kurtzman in writing, directing and producing Star Trek! What would they do and how would they ensure that they did not push fans away but get new ones onboard?

Watching the movie at the World Premiere (yes, the World Premiere in Sydney) I have to say "...boy, did they get it right!"

JJ paid homage to Roddenberry's vision of the future whilst taking the franchise in a new and exciting direction. Trekkies of old had enough homage paid to the original series with snippets of character idiosyncrasies to ensure that you knew that you were watching Star Trek.

The writers Kurtzman and Orci are Trekkies and you can tell it. You can see that they loved those characters and wrote words for them that shouted Kirk, Spock, Scotty in fact all of them! Is this a good movie? No. It was a great movie!!! As I write this review I am so looking forward to the general release so that I can go and watch it again. It is a movie that you need to watch again just so that you can focus on bits of the scene that you missed.

Roll on the 7th May cus I can't wait to see it again and probably again and well then again.

Do you know what I am pondering right now? When it does come out on DVD shall I buy it as a single movie or wait until it is released as a complete movie boxed set? I know what will happen, I will buy them all single and damn it I'll buy the boxed set as well.

This is a must see movie, Trekkie or not put the date in your calendar, so you don't miss it!

JJ has done it! He has made Trekkies cool!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Eugenia

I didn't like Insurrection much and even after a 3rd and 4th viewing my opinion hasn't changed. Then along came Nemesis and I disliked that even more. What had started out as a idea that had promise ended up a Picard monologue and a Shinzon navel gazing session! So when I heard there was going to be a new movie and that it was going back to Starfleet Academy days my spirits drooped. Not only that, it was going to be with a totally new cast playing characters I knew and loved. I smelt a hint of disaster in the air.

The other night I sat in a comfortable cinema seat waiting with anticipation and quite a bit of excitement as the opening scenes of the new Star Trek movie began. I had forced Gerri not to tell me anything about the storyline of the movie but it was clear from her excitement that 'JJ had got it right'. Within the first 10 minutes all my fears had dissipated and I buckled up for the ride!!

To say "I loved it" is an understatement! Words cannot describe how relieved I was that it is not just a good movie ,it's a great movie!! You must see this on a big screen and I don't mean a 52" plasma TV screen. I mean the full big cinema screen, even gold class!! The special effects in this movie need to be seen in full cinematic glory.

To the die hard Trekkie you will want to see this movie more than once to pick up on all that has been paid to the original series. To those of you that are not Trekkies (is there any one out there who is not?) who like a great story , a few laughs and great action then this is a movie for you.

By the end it didn't matter that it wasn't Shatner, Takei or even Nichols. This new cast can proudly take their place in the honoured halls of actors who have been part of this beloved franchise.

This is a movie I want to see again and no doubt will buy on DVD over and over as the special edition comes out followed by the extended version followed by the Director's cut. Then there is always the Trading Cards.

Interviews with the Stars of Star Trek

Over the next few issues of GE News we will be sharing some of the interviews with you that we did at the premiere! Some of these are quite long and they may take a while to put into print! However, GE News has another way to give you access to the interviews with all the stars that we met. We have released our own Podcast called

Women Talk Sci Fi

If you go to the following link www.womentalkscifi.com you will be able to download all of the interviews, reviews and other little gems of our time in Sydney.



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