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# RED CARPET SPECIAL



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# GERRI'S REVIEW

The first thing that we all have to remember is that Star Trek (2009) is in an alternate timeline and the canon of the Star Trek: The Original Series is no longer the norm! That said and out of the way so what about Star Trek Into Darkness? We got to go to the Australian Premiere and have seen the movie weeks before it will be released in theatres all around the world! So what did I think of it? This version takes events from both television and movie versions of the original series and gives them a twist! Is it a twist that maybe a little too much for some fans of TOS but if you are new to Star Trek then it will not matter a whit! However, that is my only bit of going on! Star Trek Into Darkness has for the most part a storyline and I am sure that you will say don't all movies, well no they seem not to consider that a plus in some of our current batch! While I enjoyed Thor and The Avengers they both had the premise of good v evil so let's have a big fight and then there will be lots of lovely action shots and CGI! Star Trek for the most part takes us a little further with "the decisions that we make don't always have the outcomes that we desire"! From this Australian's perspective the movie still has an element of the USA's seemingly need to deal with terrorism although one could also say that it gives some commentary on creating unnecessary conflict to reach an outcome you think is the one that is needed! But, enough on that, what about the actors? Two of the outstanding portrayals in this movie for me were Benedict Cumberbatch and Simon Pegg. Benedict played the character John Harrison with the same intensity that you see in his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes with a little bit of Vulcan thrown in. Loved him but if you read Eugenia's piece you will see that there is a moment in the movie that I thought was cheesy well it is because of where this character takes us. One of the best things that Star Trek does is not take itself too seriously and JJ has done that again using the irrepressible character of Scotty. Simon Pegg stands out in his ability to make the character of Scotty (and I will use the stereotype of "dour Scot") the most enjoyable of all the characters! Yes, just like Scotty from TOS he complains that he can't do it but always seems to come through, of course,! Simon is just right in this role and with his "Ach Captain" he shows that just because you are in command does not mean that you know it all!

One small but interesting point why is there a tribble and where did it come from?

Overall, I thought that JJ and the cast did a very good job and they have made a thoroughly good movie that entertains, makes you laugh and I think gives you an insight into what they world is going through right now! That said I now cannot wait until the movie is released for general distribution so that I can go see it **again** and then be able to talk to someone other than Eugenia!



# EUGENIA'S COSMIC DAY

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, what a cosmic day or should I say awesome, fantastic, magical, fabulous, amazing day! It was the day of the Star Trek Into Darkness Premiere in Sydney. Gerri and I were invited to be on the Red Carpet event as media and then had the pleasure (along with a few hundred other people) to be among the first in the world to view the newest addition to the Star Trek franchise directed by JJ Abrams.

Living in Adelaide a movie premiere is not a common occurrence so to be part of the Australian Star Trek Premiere for me was a first time experience (as Gerri will remind you, so I will get in first she attended and interviewed JJ, Chris, Zachary and John in 2009 at the Star Trek World Premiere. These interviews launched our podcast! What a way to start 'Women Talk Sci Fi'!!! This time I was able to travel to Sydney along with Gerri to attend this gala event.

We flew in the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and once settled walked round to the cinema to see where it was we didn't want to waste time going the wrong direction later that evening!!

It was all go at the venue, red carpet being laid, lighting put up and signs placed in strategic places all buzzing with technicians, tradespeople and security. An impressive part of the red carpet was a Starship looking door at the end with me thinking that that was all it was! Entering through that door later that evening led to a corridor that looked just like a corridor on the Enterprise!! Pinch me now!!!

Guests were to start walking the carpet at 6pm but as media we needed to be there by 4.30pm to register and find our spot although this took a while you could feel the excitement beginning to build as passer-bys began to wonder what was happening. The first celebrities began to arrive around 6pm along with fans who were lucky to obtain tickets to the movie screening. The band 'What About Tonight' formed during X-Factor last year were the first to arrive, then along came Timomatic from Australia's Got Talent as well as actors from local Australian productions.

With excitement building our interviews began, firstly we talked to Georgina Haig who had appeared in Fringe's last season. Next came Penelope Austin who jointly composed and sang her song that is used in the Australian movie release.

It wasn't long before the cheers began to increase and the first of the actors appeared. Karl Urban who plays the wise cracking Bones in the movie came down the red carpet with my heart pumping my mind was going blank. What to ask these people who will be standing a few centimetres away from us! You will have to listen to our podcast to hear what actually came out. [Podcast 72 - Star Trek Into Darkness First Look](#). Next was Director, JJ Abrams and then Chris Pine, Captain Kirk I was in Sci Fi heaven!! I never thought I would get a chance to meet let alone talk to JJ and Chris. This was certainly going down as one of those special moments in life's timeline. Zachary Quinto joined the three and final pictures of them were taken before they entered the Starship door and onto the screening with Gerri and I following ready to watch Star Trek Into Darkness. With so many people there we ended up in a showing of the movie in 2D not 3D, did we care. Hell No!! Just being one of the first to see it was enough.

With popcorn in hand (yes I still have the carton, it will go in my album.) I settled with a little apprehension, I so hoped it was going to be good and as the cinema darkened the first beats of the movie soundtrack began!

## So what did I think of the movie?

I can't wait to see it again! The action power packed and the humour delightful some parts of the story a little predictable (but I didn't care). There was one part of the movie that I know Gerri found a little 'cheesy' but I didn't have such an emotive reaction to it as she did. Benedict Cumberbatch was a brilliant villain and there were a few surprises that kept you engaged with the plot. Uhura 'kicked ass' and there were lots of nods to classic Trek. I look forward to seeing it in 3D just to see the difference. This movie will certainly take its place on my DVD shelf but it will be held in higher regard as I was able to share in its first release to the world.

Thanks goes to Gabrielle and Rachel from Way to Blue PR and Paramount Pictures for the opportunity to be part of this special, brilliant, out of this world event.

If you would like to hear more in depth interviews from JJ Abrams, Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, John Cho and Karl Urban about the Star Trek 2009 movie, visit our website Women Talk Sci Fi [www.womentalkscifi.com](http://www.womentalkscifi.com) Podcasts 2, 3 4, 5 and 9. Or simply hit the links below.

Podcast 2 – I've got a Golden Ticket – Gerri the red carpet 2009

Podcast 4 – It's Life Jim but not as we know it? – Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto interview

Podcast 9 – Is he the real McCoy – Karl Urban interview

Podcast 3 – In Search of... Cool Trek – JJ Abrams interview

Podcast 5 – Move over Lightsaber – John Cho

# A DAY IN PICTURES

















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