



FILMING BEGINS IN AUSTRALIA ON “SUPERNOVA”

British comedian **ROB BRYDON** (“Marion and Geoff”, “Human Remains”, “The Keith Barrett Show”) stars with some of Australia’s finest ensemble actors in the cast of the comedy series **SUPERNOVA**, which has started filming in Australia.

The first original Australian-UK comedy co-production to come out of Australia, the 6 x 30 minute series is co-produced by Fox World Australia and Hartswood Films (“Men Behaving Badly”, “Coupling”). Written by Harry Cripps and directed by Matt Lipsey (“Lenny Henry in Pieces”, “Little Britain”), Executive Producers are David Maher and David Taylor (Fox World Australia), Sue Vertue and Beryl Vertue (Hartswood Films), Tony Iffland (UKTV Australia) and Mark Freeland (BBC). **SUPERNOVA** will premiere in the UK on BBC2 and screen exclusively in Australia on UKTV.

SUPERNOVA is a contemporary Australian comedy series that revolves around DR PAUL HAMILTON (Rob Brydon), a promising British astronomer. Paul leaves his boring job, nagging girlfriend, neurotic cat ... in fact his whole humdrum life to take on a research position at the Royal Australian Observatory. From rainy London to the scorching red heart of Australia, Paul and his new, oddball colleagues set out to unravel the mysteries of the Universe.

The key Australian cast joining Rob Brydon in **SUPERNOVA** include:

KRIS MCQUADE (“Ned Kelly”, “Better Than Sex” and “Mullet”)

Kris McQuade, one of Australia’s most respected television, stage and film actors plays PROFESSOR PIP CARTWRIGHT. The head of the observatory, Pip is smart, competent and loves sex. She carries a riding crop, but doesn’t need it to command respect – she is loved by all. Pip is in an ‘open relationship’ with Bill, the local mechanic.

KAT STEWART (“Nigel” and guest roles in “Blue Heelers”, “Stingers” and “The Secret Life of Us”)

Kat Stewart plays DR RACHEL MANN. Rachel is a cool, calm and stylishly collected scientist. She never sweats – not even in the middle of the desert. Rachel is Paul’s object of desire, but he probably doesn’t stand a chance. Rachel has a long distance relationship with Chad who works as an astronaut for NASA. She likes heroes.

TIM DRAXL (“Dynasty: The Making of a Guilty Pleasure”, “The Shark Net” and “Swimming Upstream”)

Talented actor and singer Tim Draxl plays child prodigy PROFESSOR MIKE FRENCH. While he’s the smartest at the observatory, Mike is emotionally backward. Mike has published a trilogy of books on Time Space Acceleration and had a prior career as an underwear model.

HOLLIE ANDREW (“Somersault”, “CNN Live” and “Life Support”)

Hollie Andrew plays JUDE, perhaps the most normal person at the observatory, even though she believes in reincarnation, star signs and offbeat religions. Jude is kind-hearted, outspoken, has a wry sense of humour and harbours a secret crush on Paul.

PETER KOWITZ (AFI winner for Best Actor for “The Long Way Home” and “Body Surfer”)

One of Australia’s most respected television and theatre actors, Peter Kowitz, plays MAX. Max is very good at his job, guiding the telescope. An unnerving character, Max’s power lies in silent baleful stares that occasionally erupt into a violent rage. Max is currently undergoing Rage Management.

DAMION HUNTER (NIDA graduate)

Damion Hunter plays BILL, the Aboriginal local mechanic and Pip’s very physical lover. Swathed in local mystique, Bill is full of practical common sense and soon becomes Paul’s spiritual advisor.