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DOCTOR WHO COMES TO ARKANSAS

Feature-length Movies and Half-hour Serials Air on AETN

DOCTOR WHO, a British science-fiction serial with an 18-year track record as one of England's most popular weekly television shows as well a favorite among American audiences, will be one of the exciting new public television series broadcast this fall on AETN (channels 2, 6, 9, 13 and 19).

Premiering Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m., and airing on Sundays at the same hour through the fall, will be exciting two-hour movies featuring the good doctor's exploits throughout the universe as he seeks to stamp out evil. Half-hour episodes of DOCTOR WHO will air every Monday at 6:00 p.m. starting October 3.

Who---you may be asking---is DOCTOR WHO?

For 20 years he has been shuttling through time and space sorting out galactic problems and vanquishing monsters to the immense delight of an international TV audience of 98 million in 39 countries around the world each week.

Born with two hearts and a cold body temperature of 60 degrees, the astonishing DOCTOR WHO roams through the galaxy in his strange spaceship -- the Tardis.

In practice, the Tardis is temperamental and unreliable. On one trip, for example, DOCTOR WHO headed for an intergalactic pleasure resort -- and ended up in Antarctica!

Nor is the Doctor himself infallible. Part of his appeal is his problem-solving capacity when things go wrong, making do with bits and pieces of electronic gadgetry that just happen to be around.

DOCTOR WHO is fantastic -- but believable. And, some of the monsters and situations are indeed weird -- but audiences love them!

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The world's longest-running science adventure film series opens on AETN with the full-length feature, "The Ribos Operation," Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. In this story, the Doctor and the ever-faithful K9 embark on a quest to seek and find the all-important segments of the Key to Time. The third member of the team is the Doctor's latest travelling companion, Romana, who promises to be one of the most attractive and controversial assistants he has ever had. She is played by Mary Tamm, who starred in "The Odessa File" and "Girls of Slender Means."

The White Guardian of Time gives the Doctor the task of finding and collecting the six segments of the Key to Time. These are hidden in different parts of the universe, disguised in other shapes and forms. To help him in his quest, the Guardian allocates an assistant, a newly-graduated female Time Lord, Romanadvoratrelundar. She has a tracer device which will locate each segment and transmit it into its proper form.

The first segment is on Ribos, a planet where the inhabitants have reached a Middle Ages stage of development. It is in the form of a large nugget of a rare and valuable mineral called Jethrik. Unfortunately the nugget is being used by a confidence trickster from Earth who is trying to sell the planet to the exiled prince of a warlike race. When the prince becomes suspicious of the con man, the Doctor, Romana and K9 find themselves in danger. They are hunted through Ribos's underground catacombs -- inhabited by savage carnivorous beasts -- by the prince and his men. Only by using the beasts, K9 and all his wits, is the Doctor able to escape and retrieve the vital segment.

Although Doctor Who movies and serial episodes will be running during the same week on AETN, each has a different plot or storyline. As an example, in "Robot," the serial episode airing on October 3, Doctor Who's assistant is Sarah Jane Smith, who, together with Doctor Who and a naval doctor, does battle with a terrifying giant Robot operated by a group of unscrupulous scientists seeking world domination by computer control of the world's atomic weapons.

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