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GAME OF THRONES SEASON 6

Same time as the US

From 11am Monday, April 25 only on showcase

Foxtel will broadcast season six of the worldwide TV phenomenon **Game of Thrones** at the same time as the US east coast, in a global simulcast spanning 170 countries. At 11am on Monday, April 25, *showcase* subscribers can watch the Emmy® Award-winning drama's all-new season of duplicity and treachery, nobility and honour, conquest and triumph – only on Foxtel.

This year, after the shocking developments at the end of Season 5 – including Jon Snow's bloody fate at the hands of Castle Black mutineers, Daenerys' near-demise at the fighting pits of Meereen, and Cersei's public humiliation in the streets of King's Landing – survivors from all parts of Westeros and Essos regroup to press forward, inexorably, towards their uncertain individual fates. Familiar faces will forge new alliances to bolster their strategic chances at survival, while new characters will emerge to challenge the balance of power in the east, west, north and south.

The most-watched series in HBO history and a worldwide TV phenomenon, Game of Thrones remains a huge runaway hit for the network.

Based on the bestselling book series by George R.R. Martin (who remains a co-EP on the show), Game of Thrones is set in the fantasy continents of Westeros and Essos, where summers and winters can last years. Season 6 was shot in Northern Ireland, Spain, Iceland and Croatia.

Game of Thrones has received a mind-boggling 86 Emmy Award® nominations since 2011, including five consecutive Outstanding Drama Series nominations, and has won a total of 26 Emmys®. The show won a record-shattering 12 Emmys® in 2015, including awards for Drama Series, Writing (David Benioff and Dan Weiss), directing (David Nutter) and supporting actor (Peter Dinklage).

Game of Thrones' returning cast is led by Peter Dinklage (The Station Agent, two Emmys® for this role), Lena Headey (300), Emilia Clarke (Terminator Genisys), Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Oblivion), Aidan Gillen (The Wire), Kit Harington (HBO's 7 Days in Hell), Diana Rigg (The Avengers, Emmy® nominated for GoT), Sophie Turner (the upcoming X-Men: Apocalypse), Maisie Williams (The Falling), Jonathan Pryce (Wolf Hall), Alfie Allen (John Wick), John Bradley (Borgia), Gwendoline Christie (Star Wars: The Force Awakens), Liam Cunningham (Safe House), Natalie Dormer (Rush), Jerome Flynn (London's Burning), Iain Glen (Resident Evil: Extinction), Conleth Hill (Two Down), Michiel Huisman (Treme), Nathalie Emmanuel (Furious 7), Michael McElhatton (Strike Back), Iwan Rheon (Misfits), Carice van Houten (Valkyrie), Indira Varma (Rome), Isaac Hempstead-Wright (The Awakening), Kristian Nairn (Ripper Street), Tom Wlaschiha (Crossing Lines), Dean-Charles Chapman (Billy Elliot the Musical), Kristofer Hivju (The Thing), Hannah Murray (Skins) and others.

New cast members for S6 include Max Von Sydow (The Exorcist) as the Three-Eyed Raven (recast); Freddie Stroma (the Harry Potter films) as Dickon Tarly, Samwell Tarly's younger brother; James Faulkner (Downton Abbey) as Randyll Tarly, Samwell and Dickon's father; Pilou Asbaek (Borgen) as Euron Greyjoy, Theon's uncle and younger brother of Balon Greyjoy of the Iron Islands; and Richard E. Grant (Downton Abbey), Australia's own Essie Davis (The Babadook), Souad Faress (Hunted) and Ian McShane (Deadwood).

Cast Regulars (in alphabetical order): Alfie Allen (Theon Greyjoy), John Bradley (Samwell Tarly), Dean-Charles Chapman (Tommen Baratheon), Gwendoline Christie (Brienne of Tarth), Emilia Clarke (Daenerys Targaryen), Nikolaj Coster- Waldau (Jaime Lannister), Liam Cunningham (Davos Seaworth), Peter Dinklage (Tyrion Lannister), Natalie Dormer (Margaery Tyrell), Nathalie Emmanuel (Missandei), Jerome Flynn (Bronn), Aidan Gillen (Petyr Baelish/Littlefinger), Iain Glen (Jorah Mormont), Kit Harington (Jon Snow), Lena Headey (Cersei Lannister), Conleth Hill (Varys), Kristofer Hivju (Tormund Giantsbane), Michiel Huisman (Daario Naharis), Michael McElhatton (Roose Bolton), Hannah Murray (Gilly), Jonathan Pryce (the High Sparrow); Iwan Rheon (Ramsay Bolton), Dianna Rigg (Olenna Tyrell), Sophie Turner (Sansa Stark), Carice van Houten (Melisandre), Indira Varma (Ellaria Sand), Maisie Williams (Arya Stark), Tom Wlaschiha (Jaqen H'ghar), Isaac Hempstead Wright (Bran Stark).

Executive Producers: David Benioff, D.B. Weiss, Carolyn Strauss, Frank Doelger, Bernadette Caulfield and Bryan Cogman; co-executive producers, Guymon Casady, Vince Gerardis and George R.R. Martin; Producers, Chris Newman, Greg Spence, Lisa McAtackney.

THIS APRIL SHOWCASE IS THE HOME FOR GAME OF THRONES Wednesday April 6, 7.30pm Game of Thrones: The Story So Far (90 minute special) Monday April 11, 8.30pm Game of Thrones: Best Moments (2 hour special) Monday, April 25 11.00am and encore at 7.30pm - Game of Thrones Season 6 Every Tuesday at 10.45pm from April 26 - Throne Cast

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