

MEDIA ALERT:**BFI Southbank to host World Premiere of the feature length finale of *Westworld* Season 2**

Co-creators and writers Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy will appear onstage following a screening on Tuesday 19 June at BFI Southbank

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The BFI and HBO can today announce that the finale of the second series of *Westworld*, directed by **Frederick E.O. Toye**, will have its **World Premiere at BFI Southbank on Tuesday 19 June**. Co-creators **Jonathan Nolan** and **Lisa Joy** will take part in a **Q&A** following a screening of the feature length episode. The show, which boasts an all-star cast including Thandie Newton, Evan Rachel Wood, James Marsden, Jeffrey Wright and Ed Harris became an overnight sensation after it premiered in 2016, sparking countless think-pieces, and gaining critical acclaim. *Westworld* is a fully immersive Western themed experience where the “guests” can take their id on vacation to a world where there are no consequences for their actions. The show introduced viewers to an intellectually, emotionally and psychologically compelling new world. Season 2 continues to explore themes of Sci-Fi, AI, and what it means to be human as the “hosts” in the park find their free will awakened and begin to rise up against the guests.

Jonathan Nolan, co-creator of Westworld said: “We’re honoured to share the world premiere of *Westworld*’s Season 2 finale with the BFI, an organisation that does such important work for film and television in the UK. We’re grateful that *Westworld* has been embraced by British audiences, and it feels good to be coming home to share this special moment.”

Gaylene Gould, BFI Head of Cinemas and Events said: “It is such a privilege to be hosting the World Premiere of the season 2 finale of *Westworld*, a show which has captured the imagination of a global audience and generated worldwide cultural conversations about what it means to be human. The finale of the long awaited second season is going to be the very definition of a water cooler moment.”

Tickets to the event will go on sale to BFI Members on Tuesday 8 May, and to the public on Tuesday 15 May. Season 2 of *Westworld* is available on NOW TV and Sky Atlantic.

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