



**SHANNON
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**AUSTRALIAN ROCK SUPERSTAR, SHANNON NOLL, CAST IN
JEFF WAYNE'S 'THE WAR OF THE WORLDS'
13 date 30th Anniversary UK Tour – June 2009**

3 October: On the day that tickets go on-sale for Jeff Wayne's record-breaking 'The War of the Worlds' UK tour, it was announced that Shannon Noll, Australia's biggest rock sensation, will play Parson Nathaniel, the role that Thin Lizzy's Phil Lynott made famous on the original The War of the Worlds sound recording. Shannon Noll is cast with Jennifer Ellison, who plays Beth, the Parson's wife; this follows his huge success in the role when TWOTW toured Australia.

Shannon Noll burst onto the Australian music scene five years ago and is now the country's hottest rock superstar, notching up a record breaking 10 consecutive top ten singles. He has also been voted 'Best Male Artist' at three Australian MTV Awards beating off the likes of Justin Timberlake and Robbie Williams. Shannon has recently played in the States and collaborated on his last album, 'Turn it Up', with famed rock producer Luke Ebbin as well as co-writing with Richie Sambora of Bon Jovi fame.

Shannon Noll is now setting his sights on the UK, with an album release and UK tour taking place in Spring 2009, prior to his appearance in The War of the Worlds, details to be announced soon. He said:

" It's great to be working with Jeff and his team again on "The War of the Worlds." It's an amazing show and the British public is in for an unforgettable experience."

Jeff Wayne will be conducting The Black Smoke Band and The ULLAdubULLA Strings. Reprising their roles will be Moody Blues **Justin Hayward** as **The Sung Thoughts of The Journalist**, and Manfred Mann's **Chris Thompson** as **The Voice of Humanity**. With Jennifer Ellison and Shannon Noll, this production is set to appeal to new fans of The War of the Worlds as well as enthralling the most loyal enthusiasts.

June 2009 UK Tour dates for The War of the Worlds:

- 7th June 2009 – Dublin O2 Arena (Promoted by MCD)
- 10th June 2009 – Aberdeen AECC
- 11th June 2009 – Glasgow SECC
- 12th June 2009 – Newcastle Metro Radio Arena
- 13th June 2009 – Manchester MEN Arena
- 14th June 2009 – Liverpool Arena
- 16th June 2009 – Sheffield Hallam FM Arena
- 17th June 2009 – Nottingham Arena
- 19th June 2009 – Birmingham NIA
- 20th June 2009 – London O2 Arena
- 22nd June 2009 – Bournemouth BIC
- 24th June 2009 – Cardiff CIA
- 27th June 2009 – Brighton Centre

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Ticket information from: <http://tickets.thewaroftheworlds.com>

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