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Pink diamonds and stars for Oprah's fans

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**A SPECIAL wild welcome was reserved for Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban when they arrived for Oprah's second show but Hugh Jackman was left a little worse for wear after a flying fox stunt went horribly wrong.**

The Kurbans came before Olivia Newton-John who showed off her famous tight pants worn in the hit musical, Grease.

**Oprah then gave her fans a pink diamond argyle necklace with a pendant in the shape of an 'O' . The diamonds are from Western Australia at a Rio Tinto mine. They are worth \$450 each.**

Their arrival comes after Hugh Jackman's landing was rough after he came down a flying fox and crashed, injuring his eye.

Jackman was nearing the stage of the Opera House when his leg struck a studio light – forcing a piece of debris into his eye.

Winfrey rushed to Jackman's aid, with the Wolverine star making light of his injury.

His whole body shook and when he abseiled onto the stage, and he had hit his head.

With his children watching in the audience and visibly upset, Jackman had blood from a cut above his right eye.

"Let's get some ice otherwise its going to swell," said Oprah while wiping his head.

After a few minutes treatment, Jackman was back on stage and making light of it. He said he hadn't pulled the brake hard enough. "That was so much fun until the end," he said.

He then got Oprah to try vegemite.

The crash came as Twitter fans tweeted Oprah's left eyelash fell out and she had to get it put back in by one of her crew members.

The show ended with the Qantas choir singing "I Still Call Australia Home" alongside Hugh Jackman, Olivia Newton-John, Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman as they flew an Aussie flag.

As the taping began, Bono was one of her first guests.

Earlier, fans were treated to Ross Wilson warming up the crowd to 'Eagle Rock', and swayed to Waltzing Matilda.

Before Oprah came on, they started flooding our official Facebook page with messages about VIPs to seeing Hugh Jackman's flying fox, which he will use to make his grand entrance.

The crowd also danced to 'I gotta feeling.'

The Twitterati say they have spotted Hugh Jackman perched on the top of the Opera House.

Olivia Newton-John, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban have also been spotted.

At her morning session, Oprah told the audience she understood why Australia is called Oz:

She said: "Because it truly is at the end of the yellow brick road. After being here a week, I know this. I love Australia."

If it was even possible, 6000 of her dearest fans who gathered to worship her on the steps of the Sydney 'Oprah' House, found more love in their hearts for their hero.

Oprah grooved her way through the audience and onto stage central to the beat of I Come From The Land Down Under, her bright orange dress swaying in the wind, opening the show with an obligatory chant of Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi.

It was church, Oprah style. The object of worship? A much-loved tv icon, all smiles and full of words of affection. The congregation?

Screaming Oprah-files, the lucky 6000 who beat 350,000 others to tickets.

"Australians have such a zest for life," she said.

What followed was a two-hour Australia love fest. And the audience certainly weren't complaining.

Russell Crowe brought the humour early. When asked by Oprah what the difference was between American men and Australian men, without skipping a beat, Crowe said: "Probably dental care."

The actor also gave his reasons why he chose to live solely in Australia, laughing sarcastically that he needed to live in a place where tall poppies were trimmed.

"Let's just say I'd be a lot taller if it wasn't for the tall poppy syndrome," he said.

Crowe also spoke passionately about his South Sydney league team, some of whom were in the audience. He said it would be truly inspirational for the troubled youth of Redfern if he was able to "return the team to a winning team".

While his dad was a regular on the show before his untimely death, six-year-old Robert Irwin took off where his father left, keeping the audience in stitches.

On stage with his sister Bindi and mum Terri, both kids with a snake around their necks, Robert talked openly of the father he adored, saying he still watches his shows to feel close to him.

"I watch them and it's like he's really there. He was the best dad in the whole world.

"One time my dad woke me up and said 'you have to come outside, it's cool'. I went outside and there was a tiger under the clothes line."

With a giant smile on his face, Robert also announced he had jumped his first croc as a six-year-old. A teary Terri explained to Oprah that living with Steve was like living in the middle of a cyclone. "when we lost him, it was like the wind stopped."

There were gifts. It wouldn't be Oprah without them. The biggest cache was reserved for the students and teachers of Canterbury Boys School who received a surprise visit from Jay Z this week. That wasn't the biggest gift. Oprah crossed live to the school mid-show to inform them each student and teacher would receive laptops. \$1 million worth of laptops.

Then there was the \$250,000 cheque that was presented to Sydney cancer sufferer Kristian Anderson and his wife, allowing them to give up their jobs and enjoy their lives.

In the forecourt of the Sydney Opera House, 6000 audience members were on their feet early, grooving and pointing to the sky with gusto 32 minutes early, called to action by a dance remix of I've Had The Time Of My Life. For the 302 Oprah audience members on tour from the US, the words spoke the truth.

Bon Jovi then sang Livin' on a Prayer. And she also gave each of her 6000 audience members a pearl necklace.

Oprah was seen driving out of the Opera House just before midday by fans like Monique Kowalczyk who posted on our Facebook page: "Queued up for 2nd taping! Miss O just drove by and waved."

For Teresa Rogers, it was a moment she never thought she would experience.

She arrived at the 'Oprah' House with her husband Gary without tickets at 6am. It proved to be the Gold Coast resident's lucky day. A spare seat was found for the mad Oprah fan.

"I've been an Oprah fan since 1986. I've still got all the original shows on video tape," she said.

"Oprah made me the person I am today. She is my inspiration."

Another fan from the audience said she had skipped her child's sixth grade graduation to be at the Sydney show.

Oprah arrived at the iconic Sydney site this morning via motorcade at around 8am, and was welcomed by screaming fans.

Sydney show ticket holders like Mary Abrahams couldn't contain their excitement and posted on The Daily Telegraph's official [Oprah coming to Australia Facebook page](#) "Oprah is in the house.... Just saw her!"

Briony Rheuben added: "Yay Mary so did I!!! I'm at the barricades . And I was Soooo close!!"

Oprah, who met media for an early press conference said she has promised to deliver "a four-hour love festival about your [our] country" before starting her Sydney shows.

Sharing her favourite moment of Australia, the talk show host revealed she had been surprised most by Australians "open faces".

"There's a sense of openness and warmth, I haven't seen in any other country," she said.

She vowed to take Australia's "open faces" to her global audience.

"I have the biggest mouth on earth and the biggest platform, aren't you glad I like it."

Fans saw Bon Jovi do their sound check before the first show.

Bono was also spotted doing a sound check and U2 is tipped to appear after Oprah took her 300 US audience members to their Sydney show last night.

Jodie Meurs posted on our Facebook page that she spotted Bindi Irwin early, and Oprah's executive producer has already told 2DayFM that Hugh Jackman won't be entering the stage with just a simple walk on.

Jackman, who is gearing up to star in the next Wolverine movie is expected to enter the Sydney show via a flying fox.

Other stars appearing on Oprah's show include Nicole Kidman, Keith Urban and Olivia Newton-John.

Fans who don't have tickets have also tried their luck at grabbing last minute tickets at the Opera House. Many are posting on our Facebook page that they would do anything for a spare ticket. And some have managed to get tickets in a stand-by queue outside the Opera House including Lidia Pelle, who confirmed by Facebook she's secured a ticket.

Jodie-Paul Blake posted: "There is a queue at the Opera House next to the Opera Bar for standby tix. No guarantee the guy said and standing room only."

Kate Hancock from Clovelly, who has tickets to the show, said they seem to have been queuing up forever.

Her friend Maree Camilleri said they were amazed to be among the 6000 audience members who got tickets out of the 350,000 people who entered the ballet.

"We were astounded," she said.

Mother and daughter Nicola and Robin Caras have come up from Melbourne.

"I think Oprah is an enigmatic and her show is fun. She has the best celebrities on," Nicola said.

Her mum said she was impressed that Oprah put her money into worthwhile causes.

In a major logistical exercise that has shut down the Circular Quay area, dozens of security staff were trying to keep the calm as crowds of mainly women, most of them dressed to the nines, waited to see the talkshow queen and a host of Aussie stars.

With screams of delight, Charlotte Hall and her friend Salina Souriyavong, both 22, from Blacktown joined the queue at the Oprah House.

"Bring on Nicole and Hugh Jackman and all the Aussies. We never get to see anyone in Blacktown," Charlotte said.

She said her world turned upside down when she received her tickets in the mail.

"I had a really bad day and within two minutes it was all turned around," she said.

Her best friend said that as well as the celebrities, they were expecting a car or a holiday or at least to catch the talk show queen herself.

"I grew up watching her shows and after school I would just turn on Channel 10 and watch a bit of Oprah," said Salina.

Each audience member is being given survival packs containing water, sunscreen, a blow up bum cushion and a poncho in case the weather dares to turn bad.