The Hawke Centre presents Dr David Suzuki

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Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide

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<td>5.15pm</td>
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• Thank you Jacinta

• I am delighted to welcome you here tonight and very pleased that the Hawke Centre at the University of South Australia is able to bring you Dr David Suzuki as one of our key speakers in this our 25\textsuperscript{th} birthday year.

• Dr Suzuki is a living legend, a scientist, an environmentalist and a man who communicates his beliefs and his commitments to a global audience that spans generations.

• His genius has been always been in explaining the world of science to the layperson, avoiding jargon and breaking complex ideas into television bites.

• He has written 52 books, including *The Sacred Balance* in which he identifies seven items that are essential for human beings.
• Just in case you’re wondering, they are:

• earth, air, fire, water, biodiversity, love and spirituality.

• 19 of his 52 books were written for and to children and include *You Are The Earth* which explains how everything on Earth is connected.

• His 1976 textbook *An Introduction to Genetic Analysis* remains the most widely used genetics text book in the United States and has been translated into Italian, Spanish, Greek, Indonesian, Arabic, French and German.

• Dr Suzuki is a Japanese Canadian – described as at once hip and geeky – whose broadcasting career began, simply enough, by his hosting eight Open University lectures on a community TV station whilst he was working at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.
• From there he did a series of specials, then did his own weekly *Suzuki on Science* show. He moved to radio, becoming the first host of *Quirks and Quarks*.

• His rare combination of scientific ability and personal charm made him a unique figure in English-speaking Canada.

• The documentary series, *The Nature of Things*, which Dr Suzuki took over in 1979, was the longest-running documentary series on CBC-TV, drawing a weekly audience of 1.3 million or almost 20 per cent of all Canadian viewers.

• It was also broadcast in 13 countries, including the United States, with 55 more countries picking up individual episodes.

• It made David Suzuki a global brand.
• He was convinced that public awareness of science would contribute not only to better science but to better science policies enriching the culture at the same time.

• His role as science’s interpreter was eventually supplanted by his calling as an environmental evangelist.

• In an eight-part series, *A Planet for the Taking*, which aired in 1985, Dr Suzuki travelled the world examining humans’ relationship to the earth.

• It was one of the most watched shows in CBC history, science or otherwise, and his activism shifted into high gear.

• In 1990 he founded the David Suzuki Foundation, a non-profit organisation promoting solutions to environmental problems and cementing his place as one of the world’s most recognisable and vocal environmentalists.
• Dr Suzuki is Companion to the Order of Canada, and a recipient of:
  o UNESCO’s Kaliga Prize for science;
  o the United Nations Environment Program Medal;
  o UNEP’s Global 500;
  o the 2012 Inamori Ethics Prize; and
  o the 2009 Right Livelihood Award which is considered the Alternative Nobel Prize.

• He is also Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and has been awarded 29 honorary degrees from universities around the world.

• His official CV runs to 17 pages.

• Although a cover story in Maclean’s, Canada’s national magazine in 2013 was titled: ‘Environmentalism Has Failed: David Suzuki loses faith in the cause of his lifetime’ Dr Suzuki was still optimistic about the future of our species.
• Nature, if given the chance he said, will be more forgiving than we deserve. All humans have to do is start paying attention to the flashing warning signs.

• Distinguished guests, friends of the University of South Australia, ladies and gentlemen, please join with me in welcoming Dr David Suzuki.

FOLLOWING DR. SUZUKI’S PRESENTATION

Thanks speaker

• David will be speaking at WOMADeelaide Planet Talks on Saturday 12 March at Speakers’ Corner.

• His keynote address will be at 2pm and at 4pm he will be presenting as part of a panel discussion on ‘What’s love got to do with it?’ hosted by Robyn Williams.

• There will be a podcast and video of tonight’s talk on the Hawke Centre website
• The podcast will be available this week

• The video will be available approximately a week after that.

• I want to thank you all for coming tonight and helping us celebrate the university’s 25th birthday.

• I hope Dr Suzuki is right and that we will all still be around to celebrate our 50th birthday in 2041.

• Good night and safe home.