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## 'JEOPARDY!' SEASON 37 PREMIERES WITH ALL-NEW EPISODES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CULVER CITY, CALIF. (September 3, 2020) – **JEOPARDY!** announced today that its 37<sup>th</sup> season in syndication will premiere with all-new episodes Monday, September 14. America's Favorite Quiz Show®, with Alex Trebek at the helm, returns with a new look and a **JEOPARDY!** legend joining the show in an official capacity.

"I feel good, and I feel excited because once again **JEOPARDY!** has demonstrated that it's at the forefront of television programming," Trebek said. "I believe we are the first quiz show to come back on the air in the COVID-19 era. On a personal level, I'm excited because it gets me out of the house. It gives me something to do on a regular basis, and I was missing that."

Viewers can look forward to seeing a new look for the **JEOPARDY!** set. The stage has been upgraded and now allows for more space between the three contestant podiums; the podiums will also be at a safe distance from Alex at his lectern. Additionally, production has protocols in place in accordance with current government guidelines to protect contestants, staff, crew, and talent from the spread of COVID-19.

"I think the world needs something to be happy about," said **JEOPARDY!** Executive Producer Mike Richards. "So when the greatest quiz show of all time starts airing new episodes, then they can take a deep breath and say 'Oh, it's **JEOPARDY!**, it's the same great show, and it's even better."

74-time champion and recently crowned **JEOPARDY!** G.O.A.T. Ken Jennings is joining the show as a Consulting Producer this season. In his new role, Ken will present his own special video categories, develop projects, assist with contestant outreach, and serve as a general ambassador for the show. Viewers can see the first of his video categories in the second episode of the season, airing Tuesday, September 15.

"Though I've played my last round of **JEOPARDY!** as a contestant, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to remain involved with my favorite show," Jennings said. "I'm still in on all the action, but I don't have to worry about phrasing things in the form of a question anymore."

"I'm very excited that Ken Jennings is joining the **JEOPARDY!** team," Richards said. "He's smart, funny, and creative: everything we love about the G.O.A.T."

This season, **JEOPARDY!** is casting the show in a different way, with the entire process now taking place virtually. With the new Anytime Test, it's never been easier for potential contestants to audition: prospective players can take the **JEOPARDY!** test anytime, anywhere, at their convenience. Those who pass the online test are randomly selected to advance to the next round,

which now takes place via Zoom. To learn more about the Anytime Test, visit <u>jeopardy.com/beon-j-anytime-test</u>, and to learn more about the whole audition process, visit <u>jeopardy.com/be-on-j-faqs</u>.

**JEOPARDY!**, America's Favorite Quiz Show<sup>™</sup>, and its host Alex Trebek are preparing for their 37<sup>th</sup> season in syndication. With a weekly audience of 24 million viewers, **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has received numerous awards and honors. The show holds the Guinness World Records® title for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show, and it received a Peabody Award for "celebrating and rewarding knowledge." **JEOPARDY!** is produced by Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment Company; it is distributed domestically by CBS Television Distribution and internationally by CBS Television International, both units of CBS Corp. For more information, please visit <u>Jeopardy.com</u>.

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