

Time Lord visits Earth, enchants human race

by Justin Harrison

As shocking as it may be to those with a passing knowledge of modern pop culture, the Earth's greatest champion is not a Texas Ranger who commands a universe-shattering roundhouse kick. Indeed, the hero who has answered the call of those in need for the past half-century is a bookish British man with an affinity for coats and running. Since the first airing of "An Unearthly Child" on November 23rd 1963, a renegade Time Lord known only as the Doctor traveling in a long outdated phone box has protected the human race from everything from a genocidal star empire to adorable blobs of sentient fat in the BBC's *Doctor Who*.

At 47 years old, *Doctor Who* is the longest running science fiction program in history. Throughout that history, the Doctor has changed many times. To compensate for humans aging and actors wanting to move on, the writing team introduced the concept of regeneration, where if the Doctor is badly injured, he can transform into a new body, with a new personality. Lewis Lovhaug, the writer and host of *Atop the Fourth Wall* and a long time Whovian, describes the regenerations as "the same personality with different aspects emphasized at different times." As of this writing, actor Matt Smith (*That Face*) is shooting his first episodes as the 11th Doctor, having succeeded David Tennant's (Barty Crouch Jr. in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*) 10th.

Lovhaug describes the Doctor as "the kind of person who is willing to see the

good in people and give them the chance to do the right thing, even if they do not take it." Even when facing the last member of the species who destroyed his people in a cataclysmic war, the Doctor

offers a hand in reconciliation, saying to his foe "Let me help you." His primary motivation, Lovhaug says is that "things do not have to be perfect, but there is an essential 'rightness' if I may call it,

about the universe- a right way things are supposed to be. And when something disrupts that rightness he goes after it." At one point, the Doctor faces a military leader attempting genocide, saying, "You need to get yourself a better dictionary. When you do, look up genocide. You will see a little picture of me there and the caption will read 'over my dead body!'"

The show is far from complete bleakness and darkness however, as another critical component of the Doctor's character in all of his regenerations is his quirks. Steven Moffat, the show's incoming executive producer and head writer, as well as a three time Hugo winner for his work on *Doctor Who* says, "kids know on sight" that the Doctor is "secretly one of them." Even when facing the impending takeover of Earth by his nemesis the Master, the Doctor manages to compare his foe to Skeletor.

Despite a 16 year television hiatus from 1989 to 2005 the show maintains its original universe, which Lovhaug says is "very accessible to new viewers." Since its revival, it has seen the birth of two spin-offs: *Torchwood*; which follows a government agency led by a friend of the Doctor's that battles aliens, and *The Sarah Jane Adventures*; which follows a much beloved companion of the Doctor's and a group of teenagers looking for adventures on Earth. All three shows are available on DVD, and the fifth series of *Doctor Who* is set to begin airing this year. 25,787,629 Brits enjoy it, and they are not alone in doing so.

The Trumpet's Justin Harrison interviews the Doctor, the Master and a Dalek over breakfast.

Determined local rapper finds fame in Times Square

by Dolly Malik

For years, Times Square has entertained visitors from across the globe with its lights, music, and food, knock-off designer bags and street acts. The Empire State's "city that doesn't sleep" really does not sleep. Even in the early hours of the day, the streets are packed with people fully awake and taking in the brilliant light displays around them.

Some people visit New York just once in their life – while others come back again and again. Others are there every night for a variety of reasons, like hip-hop artist JoeyBM. Every night he hangs around the area with a bunch of his CDs, selling them to whoever loves hip-hop.

He never knows whom he will run into. Being such a bustling area, this artist is always meeting new people from across the country and around the world. Nobody knows whom they might run into in such a big city – a famous CEO from some foreign company, Bill Gates, or even just a small reporter from Allentown, PA at one in the morning.

At 19, JoeyBM has had over 40,000 MySpace hits and over 20,000 Street units sold, but he is not stopping there. Every night usually from six o'clock till late at night and sometimes even early into the morning, JoeyBM can be found at Times

Square stopping whoever will listen and even rapping for them. Nobody who has heard his music is disappointed afterwards.

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to. If other people like it, it's great, but it's really what I like." Inspiration for his music, he said, comes from his family and relationships.

On being out late at Times Square, "I choose to be out there sometimes up to five times a week!" JoeyBM said. He has recently released his album *Enter The New Skool* and is currently working on another he expects to be out this summer.

His favorite part of New York City is not a place or a thing, but he said, "My favorite part is that it's a city and people from all around the world are all around and I'm learning n e w languages."

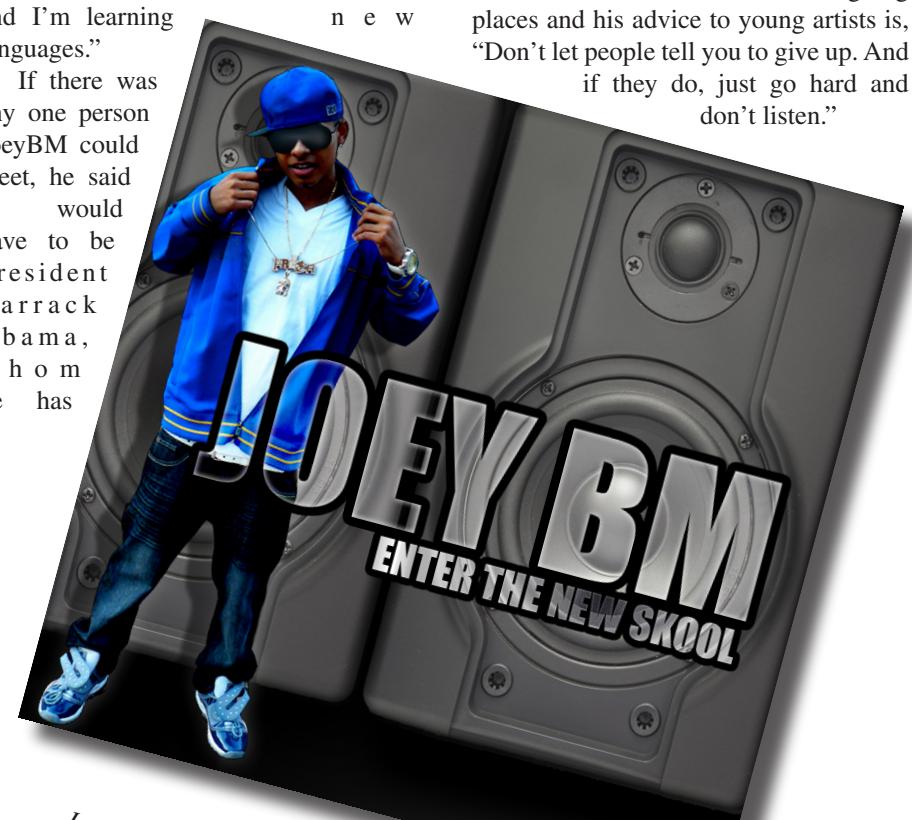
If there was any one person JoeyBM could meet, he said it would have to be President Barack Obama, whom he has

Trumpet had the chance to catch up with this determined artist to get a little insight into his life and his music.

It is not rare that people come out of New York City saying "It's a small world," because it really is a small world, and it's amazing whom someone can run into in such a big city. Joey is a recent area high school graduate and has attended both Liberty High School and William Allen High School.

JoeyBM says he got into recording music when he was pretty young. At twelve he had a toy keyboard and his mom got him a tape recorder with which he started recording raps about things like school. In fact, his first song was about an English teacher he had and how she ticked him off.

He says the best part about making music is, "I make music I wanna' listen



Joey BM's new album cover, featuring door-sized speakers
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mentioned several times in his songs. He said "I'd want to meet Obama and his wife. I want to see the president because we're from