# Hannah Waddingham praises Tom Cruise ahead of Mission: Impossible film



Hannah Waddingham's recent appearance in the trailer for the upcoming Mission: Impossible film has sparked renewed attention to her enthusiastic endorsement of star Tom Cruise. The actress, known for her role in the acclaimed series Ted Lasso, will feature alongside Cruise in Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning, which is subtitled The Final Reckoning and is slated for release on 21 May 2025.

Waddingham's involvement in the film was a surprise to many viewers, who were taken aback by her cameo alongside Tramell Tillman in the newly unveiled trailer. The announcement about her role was first made during her guest appearance on the festive special of ITV's James Martin’s Saturday Morning on Christmas Day 2023. During the segment, the conversation turned to the Hollywood star, during which Waddingham expressed her admiration for him.

Reflecting on her experience working with Cruise, Waddingham shared, “I have to say, I have a real problem with anybody that goes at him now.” She praised him as “one of the loveliest and encouraging, positive and inspiring human beings I have ever met," adding, "Isn’t he gorgeous? I have no time for anyone saying anything about him.”

Despite his standing as one of Hollywood's most bankable stars, Cruise's off-screen persona has frequently attracted controversy. He has been the subject of intense media speculation due to his unconventional behaviour, including a notable incident in 2005 when he famously jumped on the sofa during an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show to express his feelings for then-girlfriend Katie Holmes. Take further scrutiny, he engaged in a heated discussion with Matt Lauer regarding psychiatry, which he referred to as a "pseudo-science."

Much of the discourse surrounding Cruise is also tied to his long-standing affiliation with the Church of Scientology. The church has faced accusations regarding the status of its figures, including a recent joke made at the 2023 Golden Globes by host Jerrod Carmichael, who referenced Shelly Miscavige, the wife of Scientology leader David Miscavige, who has not been seen in public since 2007. In response to the joke, the Church of Scientology issued denials about claims surrounding her well-being, reiterating that she is not missing. The Los Angeles Police Department had previously closed a missing persons investigation, confirming they had established contact with Shelly Miscavige in 2014.

As excitement builds for the next instalment of the Mission: Impossible series, which will also feature Hayley Atwell, Simon Pegg, and Ving Rhames, Tom Cruise is set to engage in a special conversation about his career on 11 May at BFI Southbank in London. With anticipation high for the film's release, Waddingham's glowing remarks about Cruise may resonate with fans and followers of both actors.

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