

# Tom Baker, British TV's 'Dr. Who,' Dares To Make A Three-Day Belfast Visit

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With firebombs exploding and bullets whizzing around the place, it's small wonder that showbusiness has given Northern Ireland a wide berth in recent years. Hence the surprise for locals up there when actor Tom Baker showed up last week in Belfast and other parts to tour schools and wounded kids in hospitals. The three-day visit also included a rather daring stroll around downtown Belfast, Ulster's capital, where he was reportedly mobbed by the folks.

Baker's a potent name via British video as the star of BBC's popular "Dr. Who" scifi series, a kid-show with a big adult eavesdrop. A BBC spokesman said his tour of Ul-

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# Baker In Belfast

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ster was just a "goodwill visit."

Actor was chaperoned by his producer and a staffer from BBC Enterprises, the company's syndication arm. Baker had no security guard, but was shadowed all the way by British security. He was frisked repeatedly, but that's standard practice, particularly in downtown Belfast which is ringed by troops, and which nobody enters or leaves without a search.

Much of the town presents a scene of devastation. Some buildings have been bombed and rebuilt repeatedly. Nearly every theatre has been damaged or destroyed.