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## Robbie Williams' close encounter with programme-maker Ronson

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**The following correction was printed in the Guardian's Corrections and clarifications column, Wednesday April 16 2008**

Journey to the Other Side, a Radio 4 documentary presented by [Robbie Williams](#) and Jon Ronson, was made by the independent production company Unique, not by White Pebble Media as we said in the article below. The article also included comments from a Radio 4 source who said Williams approached the station because he was a fan of Radio 4 and that he and Ronson formed an unlikely friendship in the course of making the programme. In fact the pair were previously acquainted and this is how they came to make the documentary.

BBC Radio 4 is to air a documentary about [UFOs](#) co-presented by the unlikely pairing of the pop star Robbie Williams and the documentary-maker Jon Ronson.

The pair have collaborated on Robbie Williams and Jon Ronson Journey to the Other Side, in which they visit a UFO conference in Laughlin, Nevada, for three days.

Radio 4 will broadcast the 30-minute documentary on May 6.

A Radio 4 source said that Williams and Ronson "formed a close and, some would say, unlikely friendship" during the course of making the programme earlier this year.

The source added that Williams approached the station with the idea because of his interest in the subject of extraterrestrial life and because he was a "fan of Radio 4".

Radio 4 listeners will hear Williams and Ronson meet a doctor who claims to have 15 metallic objects that are "not earthly".

They also encounter a British woman, Ann Andrews, who believes that her youngest son, Jason, is an "indigo child" - an infant abducted by extraterrestrials while in the womb and sent back to Earth to save the planet.

The documentary was recorded on location over three days in Los Angeles, where Williams lives, and Nevada.

Ronson will be writing about his adventures with Williams exclusively in next week's Guardian Weekend magazine.

Journey to the Other Side's subject matter is familiar territory for Ronson. But his choice of a celebrity sidekick marks a departure for the programme-maker, who made his name with his television documentaries, mainly for Channel 4, about bizarre aspects of human life.

These have included the Channel 4 documentaries *The Double Life of Jonathan King* in 2002 and *Crazy Rulers of the World*, which Ronson made in 2004.

Williams, a former singer with the boyband Take That, has enjoyed global chart success as a solo artist since he left the group in 1995 with hit songs such as *Millennium*, *Rock DJ* and *Angels*.

Robbie Williams and Jon Ronson *Journey to the Other Side* was made by White Pebble Media, the independent production company run by Laura Parfitt, wife of Radio 1 controller Andy Parfitt.

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