

Doctor Who Series 3

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Introduction

The hugely successful science-fiction series returns with a brand-new companion for David Tennant's popular Time Lord. Fans of Billie Piper were as devastated as the Doctor to lose Rose at the end of Series 2, but newcomer Freema Agyeman is fast gaining an enthusiastic following as Martha Jones, a smart, sassy and sexy medical student who encounters the Doctor when her present-day London hospital is transported to the moon.

Viewers have already met the Freema as Adeola in *Army of Ghosts* (Episode 12, Series 2) but this character suffered a terrible fate at the hands of the Cybermen. Martha Jones is a brand new character.

Executive producer/writer Russell T Davies says: "The search for a new companion had been underway for some time when I first saw Freema Agyeman. She had come in to audition for the part of Adeola in Series 2.

"Watching her during filming confirmed what an exciting new talent she was, so, under cover of darkness, we called her back in to audition with David for the role of the new companion. It was an immediate and sensational combination, and her range, presence and charm blew us all away.

"David and Freema are terrific together, and we're delighted to have chosen her to join the Doctor for more adventures in time and space ... Martha's a brilliant addition to the TARDIS crew, the perfect foil for the Doctor.

Freema Agyeman says: "Auditioning with David in secret down in Cardiff was unbelievable, but I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd actually become the new companion. Billie rightfully built up an amazing fan base and she will be missed, but I hope the fans are willing to go on new adventures with me."

"It's been nerve-racking, but David has been brilliant in helping me to adjust on my first days on set," she adds.

David Tennant says: "Freema was a joy to work with ... She is not only very talented and very beautiful, she's great fun and I'm delighted she's coming on board the TARDIS full time."

Their adventures in Series 3 include encounters with William Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre in Tudor London, a nightmarish underground world of gridlocked cars, blood-sucking alien Plasmavores, the Judoon (a clan of galactic stormtroopers), and a sinister intelligence at work in 1930s New York – the return of the Doctor's sworn enemies, the Daleks.

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Main Cast

The Doctor..... David Tennant
Martha Jones Freema Agyeman
Francine Jones Adjoa Andoh (*Casualty, Sally Lockhart: The Shadow in the North*)
Tish Jones Gugu Mbatha-Raw (*Spooks, Vital Signs*)
Leo Jones..... Reggie Yates (children's TV presenter)
Clive Jones Trevor Laird

Episodic Casts

Episode 1

Florence Finnegan Anne Reid (*Peak Practice, dinnerladies, Bleak House, Life Begins*)
Mr Stoker Roy Marsden (*The Sandbaggers, Death of an Expert Witness*)
Annalise Kimmi Richards
Morgenstern Ben Righton
Julia Swales Vineeta Rishi
Judoon Captain Paul Kasey
Judoon Voices Nicholas Briggs

* Roy Marsden has played Commander Adam Dalgliesh in 10 adaptations of PD James' novels

Episode 2

Shakespeare..... Dean Lennox Kelly (*Shameless, Sorted, The Worst Week of My Life*)
Lilith..... Christina Cole
Wiggins Sam Marks
Doomfinger Amanda Lawrence
Bloodtide Linda Clark
Dick..... Jalaal Hartley
Kempe..... David Westhead
Dolly Bailey..... Andrée Bernard
Lynley..... Chris Larkin
Jailer..... Stephen Marcus
Peter Streete..... Matt King
Preacher..... Robert Demeger
Queen Elizabeth Angela Pleasence (*Six Wives of Henry VIII, The Barchester Chronicles*)

Episode 3

Brannigan Ardal O'Hanlon (*Father Ted, My Hero*)
Novice Hame..... Anna Hope
Milo Travis Oliver
Cheen Lenora Crichlow
Valerie..... Jennifer Hennessy
Alice..... Bridget Turner
May Georgine Anderson
Whitey..... Simon Pearsall
Javit Daisy Lewis
Businessman..... Nicholas Boulton
Sally Calypso..... Erika Macleod
Ma Judy Norman
Pa Graham Padden
The Face of Boe (voice) Struan Rodger

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Episodic Casts continued

Episodes 4 & 5

Tallulah Miranda Raison (*Spooks*)
Solomon..... Hugh Quarshie (*Holby City*)
Laszlo Ryan Carnes
Frank..... Andrew Garfield
Mr Diagoras..... Eric Loren
Dalek Sec (voice) Nicholas Briggs

Episode 6

Lady Thaw Thelma Barlow (*Coronation Street, dinnerladies, Mrs Henderson Presents*)
Dr Lazarus..... Mark Gatiss (*The League of Gentlemen, Funland, Nighty Night*)

Episode 7

Riley William Ash (*Conviction*)
Korwin..... Matthew Chambers (*Mile High*)
McDonnell Michelle Collins (*EastEnders, Real Women, 2000 Acres of Sky, Sunburn*)
Scannell..... Anthony Flanagan (*Shameless*)
Erina..... Rebecca Oldfield
Ashton..... Gary Powell
Lerner Vinette Robinson

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Production Credits

Executive Producers

Russell T Davies

Julie Gardner

Producer

Phil Collinson

Writers

Russell T Davies (Episodes 1, 3, 11, 12, 13)

Gareth Roberts (Episode 2)

Helen Raynor (Episodes 4, 5)

Stephen Greenhorn (Episode 6)

Chris Chibnall (Episode 7)

Paul Cornell (Episodes 8, 9)

Steven Moffat (Episode 10)

Directors

Charles Palmer (Episodes 1, 2, 8, 9)

Richard Clarke (Episodes 3, 6)

James Hawes (Episodes 4, 5)

Graeme Harper (Episodes 7, 11)

Hettie MacDonald (Episode 10)

Colin Teague (Episodes 12, 13)

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Episode Synopses

1. Smith and Jones

For Martha Jones, a medical student in Central London, an ordinary day turns into a nightmare when her entire hospital is transported to the Moon. There, she has to battle the Judoon and outwit a blood-sucking Plasmavore – but can she trust a mysterious stranger called the Doctor?

2. The Shakespeare Code

For Martha's first trip in the Tardis, the Doctor takes her back in time, to Elizabethan England. When they find William Shakespeare (Dean Lennox Kelly) under the control of deadly witch-like creatures, they must battle forces from the dawn of the universe to stop history being changed for ever.

3. Gridlock

The Doctor takes Martha to the planet New Earth, in the far future. But when they find the streets being ruled by the sinister Pharamacists, they must brave the ordeal of the mysterious Motorway in order to discover the terrible secret at the heart of the city.

4. Daleks In Manhattan

The TARDIS lands in 1930s New York. In the midst of the Depression, people are disappearing off the streets. Savage Pig Men hide in the sewers and, at the very top of the Empire State Building, the Doctor's oldest enemies are at work, preparing their most audacious plan yet.

5. Evolution Of The Daleks

Dalek Sec is reborn in human form and plans to build a Dalek empire in 1930s New York. While Martha fights for her life at the top of the Empire State Building, the Doctor must enter into an unholy alliance in order to change Dalek history forever.

6. The Lazarus Experiment

Martha returns home - could this be the end of her travels with the Doctor? When she discovers her family is caught up in the scheming of Professor Lazarus (Mark Gatiss) and his Genetic Manipulation Device, it becomes a fight for survival, as human DNA twists into monstrous form.

7. 42

In a distant galaxy, a spaceship hurtles out of control towards a boiling sun with the Doctor and Martha trapped on board. They have only 42 minutes to uncover the saboteurs, but, with a mysterious force starting to possess the ship's crew, the Doctor is running out of time.

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David Tennant (The Doctor)

Born in Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland, David John McDonald grew up in Ralston, Renfrewshire, where his father was the local minister. Educated at Ralston Primary and Paisley Grammar School, David went on to study at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Because there was already an actor called David McDonald, David adopted the stage name David Tennant (inspired by the Pet Shop Boys lead singer Neil Tennant).

Performances with the Royal Shakespeare Company were followed by lead roles in several high-profile BBC dramas for the BBC, including *Takin' Over the Asylum*, *He Knew He Was Right*, *Blackpool*, *Casanova*, *The Quatermass Experiment*, *Secret Smile* and *Recovery*.

David's film roles including *Bright Young Things*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and *Jude*, in which he shared a scene with former Doctor Who, Christopher Eccleston.

David has also appeared in several *Doctor Who*-related audio dramas for Big Finish, including *Dalek Empire III*.

In 2006, David traced his family tree in the popular BBC genealogy series, *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Upcoming roles include the film *Einstein and Eddington*.

Freema Agyeman (Martha Jones)

Born in London to Ghanaian and Iranian parents, 28-year-old Freema made her TV acting debut in a revamped version of classic soap opera *Crossroads*, for which she received a British Soap Awards Best Newcomer nomination in 2003. Roles in *Casualty*, *The Bill* and *Silent Witness* followed before the call to Cardiff for *Doctor Who*.

Freema previously appeared in *Doctor Who* as Torchwood operative Adeola in *Army of Ghosts* (Episode 12 of Series 2) and was spotted on the set by Russell T Davies, who called her back to audition for the role of Martha.

On the big screen, Freema features in the British film *Rulers and Dealers*, due to be released soon.

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