

Doctor Who Series 3

Adventures in time and space



Following on from the phenomenal success of the first two series that have taken British television by storm, the third instalment is full of new thrills, new laughs, new heartbreak and some terrifying new monsters.

From the moment the Doctor (David Tennant) walks into the life of medical student Martha Jones (Freema Agyeman) he changes it forever. Together they find themselves travelling through time and space encountering extraordinary events, amazing worlds and faces both old and new.

In Elizabethan London, they meet William Shakespeare at the *Globe Theatre* where witch-like creatures are plotting to create a Carrionite empire on Earth. In the year Five Billion and Fifty Three, Mankind and Catkind are caught in a terrible trap while back in present day London 76 year old Professor Lazarus recaptures his youth with consequences that threaten Martha's entire family.

Martha and the Doctor's journey also brings them face to face with the ruthless Judoon, a vicious plasmavore and the Doctor's sworn enemies, the Daleks, who have been hiding in 1930s New York with a terrifying plan for humanity.

The new series begins with the special *The Runaway Bride*. Bride-to-be Donna (guest star British comedienne Catherine Tate) mysteriously vanishes as she prepares to marry her boyfriend Lance in a glittering ceremony on Christmas Eve. To her complete astonishment, she suddenly appears in the TARDIS with the Doctor.

As the TARDIS races to get to the church on time, the Doctor and Donna are closely watched by the sinister figure of The Empress of Racnoss from space. It soon becomes clear that Donna is the key to an ancient alien plan to destroy the Earth...

DRAMA

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RATINGS & REVIEWS

"The single best piece of family-oriented entertainment the BBC has broadcast in its entire history" *Guardian*

"... a triumph of tight writing, wit, good editing and some smashing acting" *Observer*



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Several episodes begin with the exact same sequence: a view of the earth's moon, then panning towards earth followed by a fast zoom down to London. Episodes in which this opening was used include **Rose**, **The Christmas Invasion**, **Army of Ghosts** and **The Runaway Bride**.

In **The Shakespeare Code** (ep 2) The Doctor says that Martha Jones is from the country of Freedonia. This is the name of the fictional country in the Marx Brother's film "Duck Soup".

Writer Russell T Davis has said **Gridlock** (ep 4) will be the last episode of the series to be set in the year 5 billion.

42, (ep 7), takes place in real time.

Starring

David Tennant

Casanova, Recovery, Harry Potter

Freema Agyeman *The Bill, Crossroads*

Guest starring

Dean Lennox Kelly *Shameless, Shakespeare Re:told*

Ardal O'Hanlon *Father Ted, My Hero*

Miranda Raison *Spooks*

Jessica Stevenson *Spaced, The Royle Family*

Derek Jacobi *Galadiator, Gosford Park, Cadfael*

Writers

Russell T Davies *Queer as Folk, Torchwood, The Second Coming*

Steven Moffat *Coupling, Jekyll*

Chris Chibnall *Born and Bred, Torchwood*

Producer

Phil Collinson *Sea of Souls*

Executive Producers

Julie Gardner *Life on Mars, Torchwood*

Russell T Davies

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