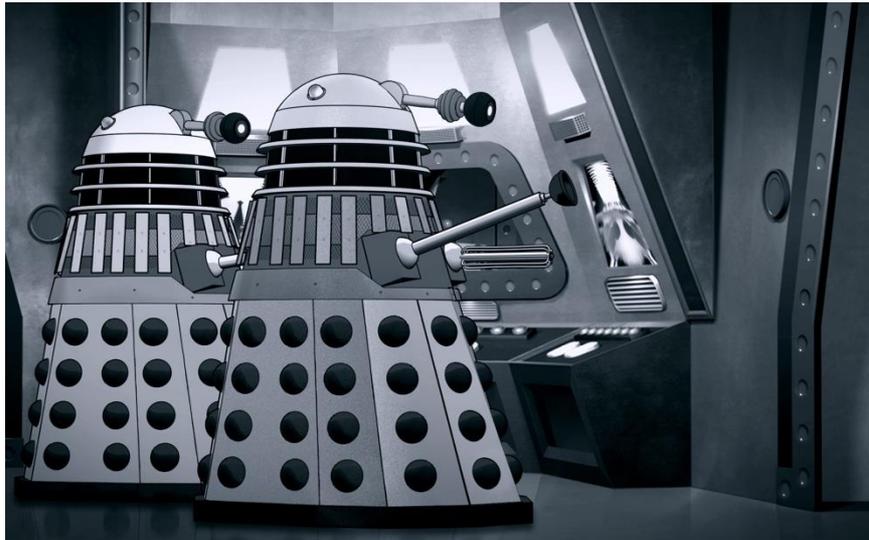


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Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks animated series gets theatrical release



A special cinema event in Australia from Saturday 12 November
Featuring Patrick Troughton's debut as the Doctor

BBC Worldwide ANZ and Sharmill Films today announced a limited-run theatrical screening of *Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks* animated series from Saturday 12 November for one week only, ahead of its release on DVD. The cinema event will also feature exclusive bonus content including interviews with members of the original cast.

Tickets for *Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks* can be purchased by visiting www.sharmillfilms.com.au for information on participating cinemas, or at the cinema box offices. Fans throughout Australia will be able to enjoy the event in select cinemas through Sharmill Films.

The Power of the Daleks is one of the most celebrated *Doctor Who* adventures, and yet no complete film recordings are known to have survived. The master negatives were destroyed in an archive purge in 1974. This brand new animation, being released 50 years after its only UK broadcast, is based on the programme's original audio recordings, surviving photographs, and film clips. The six-part adventure features the regeneration - or as it was then called "renewal" - of First Doctor, William Hartnell, into Second Doctor, Patrick Troughton, and follows the Time Lord and his companions Polly (Anneke Wills) and Ben (Michael Craze) as they do battle with the Daleks on the planet Vulcan.

“This is a great opportunity for *Doctor Who* fans to see all six-parts of *Power of the Daleks* brought to life using modern animation techniques, and to experience this as a shared event,” said Louise Hill, Live Entertainment Executive for BBC Worldwide ANZ.

Natalie Miller AO, Sharmill Films Executive Director, said: “The state-of-the-art presentation of these iconic lost episodes will be a landmark event in the world of *Doctor Who*, and we are hugely excited for Australian fans to discover them on the big screen.”

Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks is produced and directed by Charles Norton, with character designs from acclaimed comic book artists Martin Geraghty and Adrian Salmon. It will be released on DVD by Roadshow Entertainment on 14 December 2016.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand

Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) is a priority territory for BBC Worldwide, focusing on growth across all its core business areas. Relocated to McMahons Point in 2015, BBC Worldwide ANZ wholly owns six channels: BBC First, UKTV, BBC Knowledge and CBeebies on Foxtel and Fetch TV in Australia; UKTV and BBC Knowledge on Sky TV in New Zealand; and is responsible for the distribution and promotion of BBC World News which transmits in both countries. BBC Worldwide ANZ distributes great British content from the BBC and other producers to free-to-air, subscription channels and SVOD platforms in Australia and New Zealand. It works with partners to bring BBC Worldwide DVDs, consumer products, entertainment formats and live events to the local market, as well as offering advertising opportunities for the BBC’s world renowned bbc.com news site. In 2015/16, it generated headline sales of £79.1m - a 5.3% increase in local currency - and headline profit of £19.2m.

About Sharmill Films

Sharmill Films (established in 1967 by Natalie Miller AO) has an incomparable record of bringing sublime cinema to Australian shores. Sharmill specialises in arthouse cinema and is also the leading Australian distributor of Event Content, including *The Met Opera: Captured Live in HD* direct from New York, and Great Britain’s *National Theatre Live*. Recent feature film acquisitions include *Slack Bay*, the new film from the inimitable auteur Bruno Dumont, starring Juliette Binoche, *Lady Macbeth*, the critically heralded British hit of the 2016 Toronto International Film Festival, and *Frantz*, the captivating new film from beloved French auteur François Ozon.