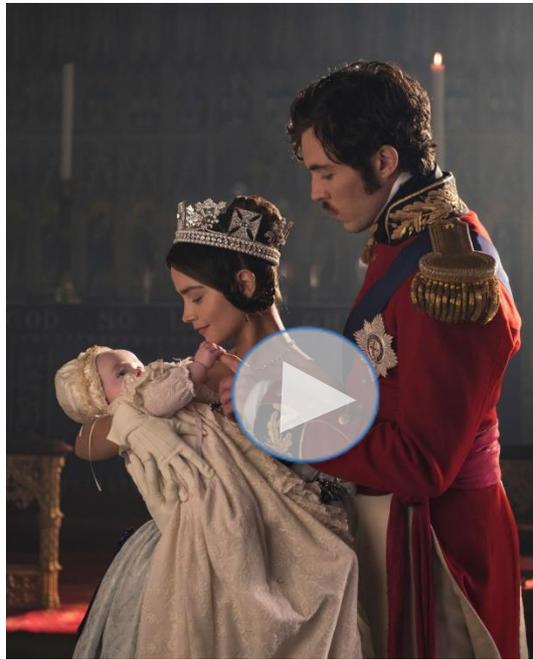


## Press Release

24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

# VICTORIA RETURNS TO BBC FIRST



First look clip available to view [here](#).

BBC First has announced that the hugely popular *Victoria* will return to the channel with the highly anticipated second series set to premiere on BBC First later this year.

A first clip and image from the series starring **Jenna Coleman** (*Doctor Who*) as Queen Victoria and **Tom Hughes** (*The Game*) as Prince Albert has been released showing the christening of the couple's first born child Victoria.

Following the critical acclaim and ratings success of the first instalment from Mammoth Screen – hailed as 'a worthy heir to *Downton Abbey*' by the *Hollywood Reporter* – the second will again be written by creator and executive producer Daisy Goodwin, and sees Queen Victoria face new challenges both at home and abroad.

Picking up six weeks after the first series ended, the new season establishes Victoria as a working mother, learning to balance her responsibilities as both parent and Queen. However, with Prince Albert still struggling to find a role for himself there is an inevitable power struggle between husband and wife.

Joining the cast for the second series are acclaimed British actress **Dame Diana Rigg** as the Queen's new Mistress Of The Robes, the Duchess of Buccleuch, and *Line Of Duty* star **Martin Compston** will be making a guest appearance as social activist Dr. Robert Trill. The pair joins returning cast members including **Nigel Lindsay** (*Unforgotten*), **David Oakes** (*The White Queen*), **Daniela Holtz** (*Circle Of Life*), **Catherine Flemming** (*Tatort*) and **Nell Hudson** (*Outlander*).

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