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## A double treat for Whovians this Christmas on ABC and iview

ABC is excited to announce the Doctor Who Christmas special *The Return of Doctor Mysterio* and the animated series *Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks* will be fast-tracked to ABC iview on Boxing Day morning, immediately after the BBC's broadcast of the Christmas special, plus *The Return of Doctor Mysterio* will screen on ABC and ABC ME at 7.30pm.

Written by Steven Moffat, *The Return of Doctor Mysterio* sees the Doctor team up with an investigative journalist, played by Charity Wakefield (*Wolf Hall*, *The Player*) and a superhero to save New York from a deadly alien threat.

The one-hour special also features Matt Lucas as Nardole, Justin Chatwin as Grant (the superhero), Adetomiwa Edun (Lucifer), Aleksandar Jovanovic and Logan Hoffman.

*Doctor Who: The Power of the Daleks* animated series 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 program'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.

*Power of the Daleks* was brought to life using modern animation techniques and was produced and directed by Charles Norton, with character designs from acclaimed comic book artists Martin Geraghty and Adrian Salmon.

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