

## ***Victoria, Season 2*** **Sundays, January 14 - February 25, 2018** **MASTERPIECE on PBS**

### **Season Description**

Jenna Coleman (*Doctor Who*) returns for a new season as the young queen who wants it all—romance, power, an heir, and personal freedom. Joining the cast in the new season is legendary actress Dame Diana Rigg (*Game of Thrones*), who plays the Duchess of Buccleuch, the court's new Mistress of the Robes. Tom Hughes reprises his role as the queen's dashing consort, Prince Albert, and Rufus Sewell returns as the smoldering Lord Melbourne. *Victoria, Season 2*, airs in seven episodes created and scripted by bestselling novelist Daisy Goodwin and premieres January 14, 2018 on MASTERPIECE on PBS.

### **Episode One - "A Soldier's Daughter" & "The Green-Eyed Monster"**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 9pm ET (2 Hours)**

New mother Victoria is impatient to return to the business of ruling a nation, while Albert attempts to protect her from the increasingly desperate news regarding British soldiers in Afghanistan. Victoria is thrown into turmoil by the realization that she is pregnant again, and her equilibrium is further threatened by Albert's burgeoning friendship with the lady mathematician, Ada Lovelace.

### **Episode Two - "Warp and Weft" & "The Sins of the Father"**

**Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 9pm ET (2 Hours)**

Discontent is growing in the country, and Victoria throws a costume ball in a misguided attempt to help the silk weavers of Spitalfields – but the spectacular event only exposes her naivety, and an unexpected grief finally forces her to put childish things away for good. Despite giving birth to a healthy Prince of Wales, Victoria finds herself paralyzed by an inexplicable sorrow. Meanwhile, a tragedy in Coburg plunges Albert into his own private torment.

### **Episode Three - "Entente Cordiale"**

**Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 9pm ET**

Victoria decides to try her hand at foreign relations, and takes the royal court on an adventure to France, stepping toe to toe with the cunning King of the French, Louis Philippe.

### **Episode Four - "Faith, Hope & Charity"**

**Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 9pm ET**

News of the horrific famine in Ireland has finally reached the Queen. She is adamant that her government should be doing more to help, but meets with surprising opposition from her Prime Minister.

### **Episode Five - "The King Over the Water"**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 9pm ET**

Feeling suffocated by the weight of the crown, Victoria escapes with her court to the Scottish Highlands. She and Albert revel in the opportunity to be a normal husband and wife, but the holiday can't last forever.

### **Episode Six - "The Luxury of Conscience"**

**Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 9pm ET**

Victoria and Albert have to face their worst nightmare as parents, while Peel takes on the ultimate battle in Parliament. When tragedy strikes, they must confront the true cost of standing by your convictions.

### **Episode Seven - Season Finale**

**Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 9pm ET**

It's Christmastime at the palace and Albert is intent on recreating the holiday joy he remembers from his youth. Victoria gets more than one surprise visitor and finds herself threatened by a relative. Meanwhile, the festive spirit sparks romantic tension throughout the palace.

*Victoria, Season 2* is a coproduction of Mammoth Screen and MASTERPIECE. It is created, written and executive produced by Daisy Goodwin. It is being executive produced by Mammoth Screen Managing Director Damien Timmer, Kate McKerrell and once again produced by Paul Frift for Mammoth Screen. Rebecca Eaton is the Executive Producer for MASTERPIECE, presented by WGBH Boston. Directors for the series are Lisa James Larsson, Geoffrey Sax, Jim Loach and Daniel O'Hara. Victoria is distributed internationally by ITV Studios Global Entertainment.

### **About MASTERPIECE**

The top-rated primetime show on PBS, MASTERPIECE celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2016. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston. Rebecca Eaton is executive producer. Funding for the series is provided by Viking Cruises and Farmers Insurance® with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. MASTERPIECE is known for presenting iconic shows such as *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Prime Suspect*, *The Forsyte Saga*, *Poldark*, *Sherlock*, *Downton Abbey*, and *Victoria*.

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