

Luther Arkwright Returns to Big Finish!

David Tennant reprises the legendary role of Luther Arkwright in a long-awaited sequel box set — 18 years after the first full-cast audio adaptation — set for release in June 2023.

In 2005, Big Finish dropped the audio adventure, **Luther Arkwright: The Adventures of Luther Arkwright**, based on Bryan Talbot's apocalyptic comic book series published from 1978.

Soon, listeners will be invited back into this fantastical world with an audio adaptation of the internationally acclaimed sequel, *Heart of Empire* (1999). The epic story centres around Luther Arkwright's daughter Victoria (played by Georgina Hellier), set 23 years after the original tale!

The multi-award-winning David Tennant returns as the title role in **The Adventures of Luther Arkwright: Heart of Empire**, alongside returning cast members India Fisher (as Queen Anne), Siri O'Neal (as Rose), Robert Jezek (as Karl), and Jez Fielding (as Harry Fairfax and Dr John Dee).

David Tennant said: "Luther Arkwright was introduced to me by Big Finish with the script of the first instalment. When I read it, I was captivated. There's something very hypnotic about the world that Bryan Talbot creates. It was hugely appealing! What a treat that we've gotten to revisit this world and these characters."

Bryan Talbot added: "After their great adaptation of **The Adventures of Luther Arkwright**, I can't wait to hear Big Finish's production of the second story, **Heart of Empire**. I'm especially pleased that David Tennant is reprising his role as Luther Arkwright."

**The Adventures of Luther Arkwright: Heart of Empire** is now available to pre-order as a collector's edition 2-disc CD box set (+ download for just £15.99) or digital download only (for just £12.99) from [www.bigfinish.com](http://www.bigfinish.com).

The full-cast audio dramas in this box set, adapted by Mark Wright, are as follows:

**Part One: Daughter of Albion**

**Part Two: Cataclysm**

This release contains adult material and may **not** be suitable for younger listeners.

Director and Executive Producer Jason Haigh-Ellery said: "I'm so excited to be returning to Bryan's work with *Heart of Empire*. I first came across *The Adventures of Luther Arkwright* in a small comic shop whilst at university. I was immediately caught up in the amazing world that Bryan created and the vivid characters that inhabited that world. It was truly ahead of its time. "It's been wonderful working with the original cast. David, India, Siri, Robert and Jez have all

shown such love for the original production and have enjoyed working with each other again after all this time. They are joined by new characters played by Emily Haigh, Georgina Hellier and Ahmed Hamad who all bring something new to the series.”

Producer Heather Challands added: “The Luther Arkwright series is so rich with material, spanning parallel worlds, involving supernatural powers, reconfiguring historical events and figures. It's just full to the brim with loud, unapologetic Sci-Fi.

“David Tennant has done many roles for Big Finish over the years, and has gone on to do so much since he last played Luther. It's wonderful to see him return to that role as Luther comes face-to-face with the daughter who he left behind...”

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All the above prices include the special pre-order discount and are subject to change after general release. From November 2022, new pre-order prices will apply for unreleased box sets.

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Big Finish has been producing **Doctor Who** audios since 1999, starring Tom Baker, Peter Davison, Colin Baker, Sylvester McCoy, Paul McGann, Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant and John Hurt.

**The Adventures of Luther Arkwright** was originally released as a limited series comic book, written and drawn by Bryan Talbot, between 1978 and 1989. The sequel, *Heart of Empire*, was originally published in 1999.

Shortly before starring in **Doctor Who**, David Tennant played Luther Arkwright at Big Finish in March 2005. The beloved actor has gone on to act in many well-known TV shows and films including *Good Omens*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Broadchurch*, *Staged*, *Jessica Jones*, and *How to Train Your Dragon*.

India Fisher is a British actress, narrator and presenter, best known for playing the Eighth Doctor's companion Charlotte Pollard in many Big Finish audio box sets and narrating the UK *MasterChef*. India has also acted in *Dead Ringers*, *Peep Show*, and *Ghosts of Albion: Embers*.

### **THE ADVENTURES OF LUTHER ARKWRIGHT: HEART OF EMPIRE**

Duration: 180 minutes approx.

Released: June 2023, exclusively from the Big Finish website.

Directors: Jason Haigh-Ellery, Scott Handcock

Script Editor: Roland Moore

Written by: Bryan Talbot

Adapted by: Mark Wright

Producer: Heather Challands

Senior Producer: David Richardson

Executive Producers: Nicholas Briggs, Jason Haigh-Ellery

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