

Peter Who

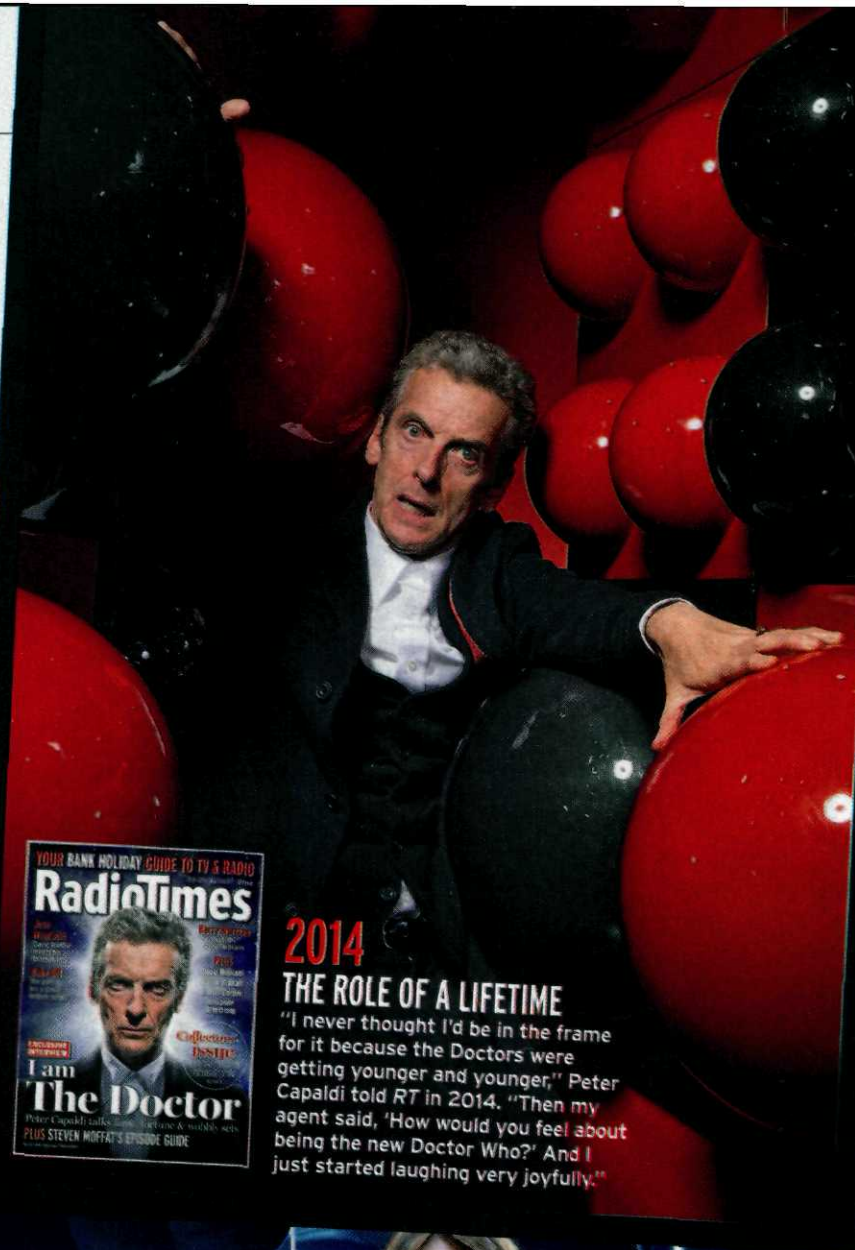
As **Steven Moffat** bids farewell to Peter Capaldi's Doctor, we relive his greatest hits in the pages of *RT*



FROM THE MOMENT I imagined Peter Capaldi as the Doctor, it just had to be him: those suffering eyes, that furious brow, that knife blade face – it was all so right. It didn't hurt that he is one of the finest actors in the world, either.

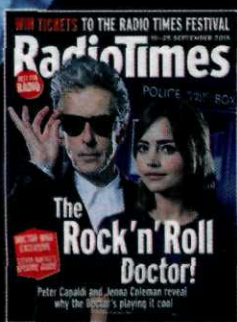
I remember his surprise first appearance in the 50th anniversary special, *The Day of the Doctor* – exactly four years ago, as I write these words – that famous stare blazing away at the audience, as all the Doctors flew in to save Gallifrey. I sat in the audience at the BFI and thought to myself, "The time of Capaldi is coming."

Well, that time is very nearly up, and for me the days of working on the best show in the world with the kindest, cleverest and most talented of actors have already drawn to a close. I'm sad it's all over but I'm glad it happened. I'm even gladder I get to keep Peter as a friend. But I'm gladdest of all that once long ago, in a far-off land, while dressed as Cardinal Richelieu in *The Musketeers*, Peter Capaldi said yes to the role of the Doctor.



2014 THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME

"I never thought I'd be in the frame for it because the Doctors were getting younger and younger," Peter Capaldi told *RT* in 2014. "Then my agent said, 'How would you feel about being the new Doctor Who?' And I just started laughing very joyfully."



2015 A TIME LORD'S BEST FRIEND

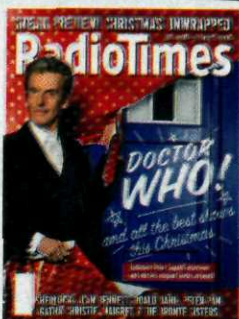
"I had no idea who would take over from Matt Smith," Jenna Coleman told *RT*. "When I heard it was Peter, it was one of those 'aha, that makes sense – genius!' kind of moments. But the first thing he said to me was, 'There will be no romance in the Tardis.'"



Christmas 2015

DALEKS UNWRAPPED

"I don't think there's any problem with *Doctor Who* being frightening," said Peter Capaldi two years ago. "That's what it's all about. It's about introducing children to those emotions and the spice of being scared." But is he quite scary? "Some mothers have told me that, actually!"



Christmas 2016

DOCTOR DOODLES

Capaldi sketched a Dalek on a large piece of perspex, which was later won by one lucky RT reader. The actor said: "The *Doctor Who* audience covers a huge age range, so you have to entertain the little kids, and hipsters and students, and middle-aged men who should know better."



2017

EDUCATING BILL

"There's almost an *Educating Rita* element," said Capaldi of his latest companion Bill. "The Doctor takes her on as a pupil and there's a lot of jousting between them." Pearl Mackie added: "She says things as they are and can be quite direct. He's surprised by her." Mackie returns as Bill this Christmas.

