



Jenna Coleman as Queen Victoria (Image courtesy of ITV Pic)

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## **SECOND SCREENING ADDED FOR KCTS 9'S POPULAR PREVIEW OF NEW MASTERPIECE SERIES "VICTORIA"**

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9 announced today that due to popular demand, a second Victorian Holiday Tea Party and preview screening of *Victoria* has been added on Saturday, December 10 at 3:30 pm. Guests will savor tea and treats (including a mimosa!) and enjoy an exclusive preview of the first hour of the highly anticipated new drama series, *Victoria*, coming to MASTERPIECE in January 2017. Just for fun, the party will include a British hat contest, photo booth, door prizes, and swag bags.

*Victoria* premieres on MASTERPIECE on KCTS 9 and other PBS stations on Sunday, January 15 at 9:00 pm, in the Sunday night time slot that *Downton Abbey* occupied for six years. Jenna Coleman (*Doctor Who*) stars as the young Victoria, a tiny (4'11"), neglected teenager who overnight became Queen and eventually the most powerful woman in the world. The eight-hour drama follows Victoria from the time she becomes Queen in 1837 at the age of 18 through her relationship with Lord Melbourne (Rufus Sewell), her first prime minister and intimate friend, and her courtship and marriage to Prince Albert (Tom Hughes). Famous for her candor and spirit, Victoria was a woman who seemed to have it all: a passionate marriage, nine children and the job of being queen. Her often tumultuous reign lasted for 63 years.

In an announcement at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, CA, MASTERPIECE Executive Producer Rebecca Eaton said: "*Downton Abbey* has proved that millions of viewers will turn up year after year for a beautifully crafted period drama. *Victoria* has it all: a riveting script, brilliant cast, and spectacular locations. And it's a true story! This is exactly the kind of programming MASTERPIECE fans will love."

As a special Thanksgiving treat and to get in the mood for *Victoria*, KCTS 9 will air all six seasons of *Downton Abbey* in a Thanksgiving weekend marathon beginning Thursday, November 24 at 9:30 pm.

KCTS 9's [Victorian Holiday Tea Party](#) will be held on Saturday, December 10 at the KCTS 9 studios in Seattle. Admission is a \$60 donation per person in support of KCTS 9. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Please visit [here](#) for details and a link to purchase tickets.

***Victoria on MASTERPIECE premieres January 15, 2017 at 9:00 pm on KCTS 9.***

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