



The Paul Spragg Short Trips Opportunity is a decade old...

IN LOVING MEMORY

The Galactic Lost Property Office is where the universe stores what it has misplaced. But instead of a scarf from Trenzalore or an umbrella from Peladon, someone has handed in a Wednesday. A whole missing day.

BIG FINISH'S Paul Spragg Memorial Short Trips

Opportunity marks its tenth anniversary this year. Held annually, the opportunity was created in memory of our beloved friend and colleague, a champion of new writing talent, who sadly passed away on 8 May 2014. This year, the theme was the Thirteenth Doctor and Big Finish invited writers to pitch stories featuring Jodie Whittaker's Time Lord. The winning entry was *The Wednesday That Wasn't*, an adventure proposed by Luke Hollands.

The 2025 judging panel comprised Big Finish's creative director Nicholas Briggs, voice actor and reader of the

winning story Clare Corbett, **Short Trips** producer Peter Anghelides, producer of **The Thirteenth Doctor Adventures** Noga Flaishon and Big Finish producer Dominic G. Martin.

Peter reveals: "Luke perfectly captured the Thirteenth Doctor's character in his prose and dialogue, and Clare's reading as the Doctor is spot on. I'm absolutely delighted by the release which has an immersive sound design and music score by Alistair Lock. It plays to all the familiar Big Finish strengths in performance, production and most of all scripting, because it's a wonderful debut by Luke."

LUKE TELLS *Vortex*: "I think

I've entered pretty much every year since the competition began a decade ago; this year was the first year I almost didn't enter! All I can say really is thank you, Paul. Here is a man I have never met who has shaped my writing life year on year for a decade. What

a wonderful gift he has given so many of us.

"The spark of my idea came back in January. It was a bitterly cold day and I was cycling to the shops to pick up a pint of milk when my wedding ring slipped off my finger. I lost it. I searched everywhere, put up posters, but no luck. It started me wondering, where do these missing things go? The umbrellas, the odd socks and gloves, the things that just disappear. So, when this year's competition was announced, I had that whole idea of things being lost and found in my head."

"The wonderful and talented Peter was a great help and guide," Luke continues, "and a joy to work with to prune the script – especially when I'd gone several thousand words over the word count! I couldn't have been in safer hands."

Luke adds: "I can't quite believe any of this is real. When I hear my name mentioned in the opening theme, I think I might implode! To hear the words I wrote, thinking they'd go nowhere, narrated by such a brilliant actor – it's frankly amazing. For someone who has loved the show for decades, it really is a dream come true."

"Again, I want to thank Paul, what a wonderful and remarkable legacy he has left for so many of us." **VORTEX**

The *Wednesday That Wasn't* will be released as a free download exclusively from the Big Finish website on 29 December 2025.

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