Robert Shearman's best-known contribution to Doctor Who is as the writer of 'Dalek,' the first season story that reintroduced the pepperpots to the 21st century and was nominated for a Hugo award. But his Who work stretches across all media: short stories, comic strips, and seven Big Finish audios, and a guide to the black and white years of the original series. His original short story collections have collectively won the World Fantasy Award, the Shirley Jackson Award, the Edge Hill Readers Prize, and two British Fantasy Awards; his radio writing for the BBC has won two Sony Awards; his plays for the theatre have won the Sunday Times Playwriting Award, the World Drama Trust Award, and the Guinness Award in association with the Royal National Theatre. He has lectured in creative writing at Middlesex University, and last year was writer in residence at Edinburgh Napier University.

Robert Shearman will speak from 4–5pm, following a live commentary during his episode 'Dalek.' Following this talk, Mr. Shearman will read from his collection Remember Why You Fear Me and be available in the lobby for book signings.

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