

# Ncuti Gatwa

Ncuti Gatwa was born in Rwanda in 1992. His family escaped from Rwanda during the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and settled in Scotland. He studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Acting in 2013. While studying, he worked at the LGBTQ+ club The Polo Lounge. In his career, he has performed in numerous theatre works, most recently the stunning new play "Born with teeth" focusing on the collaborations between Shakespeare and Christopher Marlow. Gatwa is perhaps most famous for being the 15<sup>th</sup> Doctor in the BBC TV series Doctor Who.

In 2024, Gatwa responded to criticism of his casting in *Doctor Who* because of his race, stating that "There's so much white mediocrity that gets celebrated, and Black people, we have to be absolutely flawless to get half of [that] anyway"



Why is it important that “non-traditional (colour blind) casting” is used by theatre and TV companies when casting roles?

