

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2009

SAT 19:00 Michael Palin... on the Colourists (b0074kys)
Michael Palin explores the lives and paintings of four Scottish artists known as the Colourists: John Duncan Fergusson, George Leslie Hunter, Samuel John Peplow and Francis Campbell Boileau Cadell.

Their works hang in 10 Downing Street, but in their own lifetimes their vibrant vision shocked the critics.

SAT 20:00 BBC Proms (b00mw07w)
2009

Last Night of the Proms

From the grounds of Hillsborough Castle, County Down, Noel Thompson introduces Northern Ireland's biggest classical music party of the year.

Flautists Sir James Galway and Lady Jeanne Galway, singers Peter Corry and Rebekah Coffey and the award winning 1st Old Boys' Silver Band join the Ulster Orchestra, conducted by Wayne Marshall, for an evening of classical favourites, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display during Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

It is part of the Last Night of the Proms, with link-ups to the Royal Albert Hall in London and other Proms in the Park events in Salford, Glasgow and Swansea.

SAT 22:55 Brigadoon (b00mqf9s)

Charming musical about two Americans visiting the Scottish Highlands who lose their way in the mist and stumble upon the mythical village of Brigadoon, a place which comes to life only once every 100 years. Adapted from the Broadway hit, the film includes Lerner-Loewe songs such as Almost like Being in Love and Heather on the Hill.

SAT 00:40 Wilderness Explored (b00dwf7q)
Arctic

Two hundred years ago, the Arctic was largely a great blank on the map for would-be explorers. It captured their imagination as a place of sublime beauty and yet also as a desolate frozen landscape, home to the deadly polar bear. It was a place where heroes attempted to find the North-West passage and where whole expeditions disappeared without trace.

In the last century, the polar sea has become a region of vital strategic significance where the great powers built secret bases, transforming the lifestyle of the Inuit. Now, as the Arctic ice melts, the polar bear has become an emblem for the fragility of our planet.

SAT 01:40 Wilderness Explored (b00dzyz5)
Australia's Red Heart

Australia's stark and beautiful red centre is now seen as part of the country's national identity, with Uluru, or Ayres Rock, a national symbol. But this vast desert centre was originally seen as a place of death and silence by the first white explorers. It has taken 200 years for a new perception to emerge, one that recognises it as a place of life and creation - the way it has always been seen by the continent's original inhabitants, the Aborigines.

SAT 02:40 Wilderness Explored (b00f3p40)
Congo

The first Europeans to penetrate the vast forests of central Africa encountered an exuberance of animals, plants and minerals. Their accounts created a sensation back in their own countries, none more so than that of the gorilla, yet has this abundance of wildlife and resources been at the expense of the region's indigenous populations?

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2009

SUN 19:00 Crowdie and Cream (b00f7608)
Episode 1

Tha Fionnlagh ceithir bliadhna a dh'aois agus chan eil cuisean a'dol leis anns na Hearadh far am bheil e fuireach comhla ri pharantan . Se canan fuadan a th'aca anns a sgoil agus ged a tha partaidh a'dol anns a bhaile tha e ro og airson a dh'ol ann. Ach eil eisin a'dol a' leigeal le sin maill a chuir air?

The late Finlay J. Macdonald's popular classic trilogy comes to television. Gruth is Uachdar is a timeless rite-of-passage story about a young boy, Finlay, and his family's efforts to make a home in one of the most magnificent - and uncompromising -

landscapes in Europe. The high mountains and white shell-sand beaches of Harris form a breathtaking natural setting for this bitter-sweet tale of boyhood. It is 1930. Finlay, four years old, nearly burns down his family's half-built new home.

As the first episode unfolds, Finlay hears the history of the family, evicted during the Clearances. Too young to attend an engagement party in the new village, Finlay decides to evade his babysitter.

SUN 20:00 Tweed (b00ml5nv)
Trouble Looms

Harris Tweed is the most iconic of all tweeds, woven by hand at home, by an islander in the Outer Hebrides, and adored for decades the world over. Or it was. As our tweed saga begins, the world has forgotten Harris Tweed and the island industry is in terminal decline. Savile Row tailor Patrick Grant heads north from Mayfair in search of new supplies of the only cloth that will satisfy his fanatical tweed customers, and discovers that all is not well - and the supply may be about to end.

A Yorkshire textile baron has stepped in to save Harris tweed - or has he? Brian Haggas offers weavers and mill workers constant work, but plans to reduce the traditional eight thousand patterns to just four - and to dominate the world market in Harris tweed jackets.

The majority of the hundred and twenty weavers still producing tweed respond to the challenge and produce thousands of metres of fabric. But then disaster strikes - the jackets aren't selling and the workforce are laid off.

The islanders take steps to protect their heritage - a beautiful, sustainable and ethnic British cloth, as much part of island culture as the gaelic language - but are they too late?

SUN 21:00 Balmoral (b00mqg2c)

Documentary telling the story of Balmoral, the royal family's most private residence. For over 150 years this Scottish castle has been home to royal traditions of picnics, stag hunting and kilts. From prime ministers to Princess Diana, life at this tartan-bound holiday home has not appealed to everyone.

But there is another story of Balmoral, of how the royal family has played a role in shaping modern Scotland and how Scotland has shaped the royal family. Queen Victoria's adoption of Highland symbols, from tartan to bagpipes, helped create a new image for Scotland. Her values, too, helped strengthen the union between Scotland and England. Ever since, Balmoral has been a place that reflects the very essence of the royal family.

SUN 22:00 Spiral (b00mvmn6)
Series 2: Gangs of Paris

Episode 1

When a charred corpse is found in the boot of a car in the suburbs, Berthaud's police team are called to the scene along with the prosecutors Roban and Clement. So begins an investigation which forces the team into the broken, gang-ruled suburbs of Paris, and once more to the door of shady lawyer Josephine Karlsson.

SUN 22:50 Jonathan Meades: Off Kilter (b00ml5wx)
Episode 1

Jonathan Meades takes a quixotic tour of Scotland, a country which has intrigued him since he first encountered lists of towns only known from football coupons.

Architecture critic Meades celebrates Aberdeen, the granite city full of 'brand new' 300-year-old buildings.

SUN 23:50 The Crow Road (b00741q)
Original

Prentice

Student Prentice McHoan carries out his recently deceased grandmother's request to find out what happened to his Uncle Rory, who disappeared seven years before. After meeting Rory's girlfriend Janice, Prentice discovers he had been working on a murder mystery novel called The Crow Road. Janice gives Prentice the computer discs containing the novel. Prentice starts to search for Rory with the help of his friend Ashley.

SUN 00:50 Rory Bremner and the Fighting Scots (b00ml4yx)

The Scots have a reputation as brave, ferocious warriors. Despite a troubled history with England, history shows that more of Scotland's young men sign up to fight for the crown

than anywhere else in Britain.

Rory Bremner, whose own father and great grandfather were distinguished Scottish soldiers, sets out to discover why rebel clansmen became loyal servants of the military establishment.

His story takes him to Culloden, Crimea and northern France. As the sound of the pipes floats over Scottish military camps in Afghanistan he asks if, after 250 years, the Scottish soldier's loyalty to Queen and country is running out?

SUN 01:50 Balmoral (b00mqg2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

SUN 02:50 Tweed (b00ml5nv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

MON 19:00 World News Today (b00mrvbk)
The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

MON 19:30 Cambridge Folk Festival (b00mtt3n)
2009

Booker T

Hammond B3 organ alchemist Booker T Jones demonstrates why he is considered one of America's most prolific, distinguished and instantly recognisable musical forces.

Accompanied by a rocking band which includes members of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Booker T's resulting vibrant and powerful sound delights the Cambridge crowd. Classics such as Green Onions are performed alongside tracks with a new twist, like Hip Hug Her which features a rap from drummer Darian Gray.

Booker T is at the peak of a renewed creative phase in his storied career, with a new album on release, and this show certainly reaffirms the fact.

MON 20:00 Thatcher and the Scots (b00g9qr8)
First shown in 2009, this documentary asks 'Is Margaret Thatcher the mother of the Scottish Parliament?'

In 'Thatcher and the Scots', BBC World Affairs Correspondent, Allan Little, looks back at the tumultuous Thatcher years, and assesses the effect they had on Scotland.

The programme also examines the personal, human relationship between Margaret Thatcher and Scotland. Why did she become the subject of so much bile? And what does that say about the Scots and their attitudes?

With superb archive film, and in-depth interviews with two of her Scottish Secretaries, her political opponents, leading historians, and those who lived through and reported on the Thatcher years, the programme is the definitive account of the effect Thatcherism had on Scotland.

MON 21:00 The Scots: Natural Born Sinners (b00mqllt0)
Denis Lawson narrates a lighthearted documentary about the effect of Calvinism on the Scottish psyche, in which a cast of well-known Scots ruminate on growing up under Calvin's shadow.

Artist Jack Vettriano relishes memories of his Methil childhood, while Kirsty Wark is thankful for her mother's non-nonsense Presbyterian influence. Footballer-turned-pundit Pat Nevin reflects with Dougie Donnelly on the inability of the Calvinist Scot to celebrate their achievements, and against the backdrop of his Highland constituency, MP Charles Kennedy reflects on how Calvin's culture of disapproval affected the Gaelic community.

Bill Drummond of the band KLF visits the Dumfries and Galloway of his childhood where his father was a Church of Scotland minister, novelist A L Kennedy talks of doom and damnation, and Andrew Marr praises the Calvinist legacy of education.

MON 21:50 Skye Ferry (b00n03tm)

A vintage Alan Whicker report from 1964 on the proposed Sunday ferry service to the Isle of Skye. Whicker arches his eyebrows at various Presbyterian pastors as they defend the last remaining Scottish Sabbath. First shown as part of Tonight on the 2nd November 1964.

MON 22:00 Dinner with Portillo (b00mv9yb)
Why Should We Care About Scottish Independence?

By his own admission, Michael Portillo finds it difficult to get worked up either way about Scottish independence. But is he, and the English, too complacent? Would England suffer a crisis of identity without Scotland and could Scotland cope on its own? Should Scottish demands for independence be taken seriously? These are some of the questions that Michael Portillo and guests chew over in this edition of Dinner With Portillo.

At the table are columnist and broadcaster Rod Liddle; Scottish historian Michael Fry; former First Minister of Scotland, Henry McLeish; broadcaster and writer Hardeep Singh Kohli; Vernon Bogdanor, Professor of Government at the University of Oxford; Tom Clougherty, Executive Director of the Adam Smith Institute; and Timothy Garton Ash, Professor of European Studies at the University of Oxford.

MON 22:30 Storyville (b00mrvm)
Napoli - City of the Damned

When thinking of devastated cities in the Second World War, Naples is often forgotten, but when it was liberated by the Allies it was on its last legs, with 200,000 homeless and no power, transport, food or running water.

The Allies quickly brought food to the starving population and medicine to the sick, but the introduction of many troops and lots of supplies led to the creation of a huge black market involving almost the entire population. One third of women became prostitutes as Naples became a kind of Sodom and Gomorrah, a city of vice, crime and chaos where everything that could be sold and stolen was sold and stolen.

Perplexingly, the Americans decided to introduce Italo-American criminals into positions of power in southern Italy, such as Vito Genovese, a gangster escaping a murder rap in New York. Genovese began setting up a crime empire in Naples - after Mussolini had effectively suppressed organised crime in Italy, the Allies brought it back.

When World War II ended, alarmed and surprised by Soviet support for the Italian communist parties, the Allies responded with their own propaganda. Combined with the Marshall Plan, this became a massive covert effort by the Americans to swing the elections towards the parties of the right. The Catholic Church helped them, with priests telling congregations that they would go to hell if they didn't vote Christian Democrat.

After great political and ideological struggle in which the Cold War was waged by proxy for the first time, the 1948 elections were won by the Christian Democrats, a result that may not have been truly fair.

The CIA were pleased with the result and partially credited it to their own operations. They recommended that the US should continue with the covert manipulation of political outcomes in foreign countries.

MON 23:40 The Best of Youth (b009yy4f)
Episode 1

Drama series telling the story of an Italian family from the 1960s to the present day, set against events in Italian history such as the struggle against the Mafia and the terrorist movements of the 70s and 80s. 1966, and brothers Nicola and Matteo are university students with shared dreams, hopes and friendships. When Matteo gets a job at the local asylum he meets Giorgia, a young patient suffering from a mental illness. He discovers that she's being mistreated and resolves to take her away.

MON 01:10 The Best of Youth (b00b0950)
Episode 2

Drama series telling the story of an Italian family from the 1960s till the present day, set against major events in Italian history. Nicola and Giulia, now living in Turin, are expecting a baby. As Italy is shaken by political unrest, they also find themselves on a different side of the barricade from Nicola's brother Matteo, who has become a policeman. Following her baby's birth, Giulia's sense of personal and political dissatisfaction turns her political fervour into something more extreme.

MON 02:45 Dinner with Portillo (b00mv9yb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

MON 03:15 Cambridge Folk Festival (b00mtt3n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00mrvs3)
The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

TUE 19:30 Tales from the Green Valley (b0078xyt)
October

Month two, and with the weather on the turn, the team need to build a cowshed to shelter their livestock over winter, using only tools and materials available from the time. It's time to drive the pigs into the woods to fatten them up, and the pressure's on to harvest the pears.

TUE 20:00 A History of Scotland (b00f19sw)
Series 1

Hammers of the Scots

Neil Oliver charts the 13th century story of the two ruthless men who helped transform the Gaelic kingdom of Alba into the Scotland we recognise today.

While Alexander II forged Scotland in blood and violence, William Wallace's resistance to the nation-breaking King Edward I of England hammered national consciousness into the Scots.

TUE 21:00 Tweed (b00mvb0l)
Harassed Tweed

Harris Tweed is gasping for breath.

Yorkshire textile baron Brian Haggas still owns the biggest mill on the islands, but he is not making any more tweed before he has sold the thousands of jackets he still has. With sales not going as well as expected he has had to lay off all the freelance weavers. Now, as the islanders finish celebrating Christmas, he flies in for another dramatic act to completely close down the mill and lay off the workforce.

At this very low point in the Harris Tweed story, a new chief executive of the Harris Tweed Authority begins work. She is charged with getting the cloth out of the doldrums and back onto the world stage.

So do the new owners of the remaining two tiny mills - the only places on earth left making Harris Tweed. Alan Bain, co-owner of the smallest operation, Carloway Mill, is making overtures to an Italian car manufacturer - will the Europeans swoon at the prospect of Harris Tweed car seat covers?

At the Shawbost Mill they are backing the young Scottish designer Deryck Walker to produce groundbreaking tweed in Mediterranean hues.

Meanwhile, a posse of London tweed fanciers comes to the islands in search of Harris Tweed to see if it is still available or gone forever. They find a fabled source of ancient cloth, the Turin Shrouds of Harris Tweed

The fight-back has begun.

TUE 22:00 How a Choir Works (b00mqly3)
Choirmaster Gareth Malone joins forces with the BBC Singers to explore the styles and techniques that create a choir. He finds out why there are four sections, what polyphony is, what links Bach and the Beach Boys, what difference the venue makes and which choral combination is guaranteed to touch an emotional chord.

With repertoire ranging from Mahler to Queen and contributions from leading experts, the programme lifts the lid on the secrets of choral music.

TUE 23:00 Rab C Nesbitt (b00mrvs7)
Series 3

Touch

Mary lands a job with a lecherous boss and Rab, fearing she may dump him, turns to his pal Jamie Cotter for advice on improving his love life. At the pub, Norrie has employed a new barmaid, Davina, who is in the process of changing sex, and the guys are having confused feelings about her. Davina covers for Mary at work and the boss propositions her only to find out that she's a man.

TUE 23:30 Early Doors (b0078s51)
Series 2

Episode 2

Comedy series set in a small Manchester public house. Ken the landlord is laid up with the flu as the police arrive to celebrate their successful drugs bust. Duffy is in no mood for celebrating and faces up to the prospect of single life, seeking solace in the bottom of his beer glass.

TUE 00:00 Scotland's Music with Phil Cunningham (b008903f)
Love and Loss

Documentary series exploring the history of Scottish music. Eddi Reader, John Martyn, Karine Polwart and Justin Currie discuss how Scottish music has been used to express deep feelings. Phil Cunningham finds out how Scotland kickstarted a romantic revolution in classical music. He traces the history of passionate songwriting, from Burns to Gaelic lament to the present day.

TUE 01:00 Tweed (b00mvb0l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUE 02:00 How a Choir Works (b00mqly3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

TUE 03:00 Tweed (b00mvb0l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00mrw64)
The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

WED 19:30 Talking Landscapes (b0074lzn)
The Weald

Aubrey Manning sets out to uncover the history of Britain's ever-changing landscape. This edition focuses on the Weald, investigating why so much woodland has survived here when so much ancient forest has been felled elsewhere. A trip to the Mary Rose and Nelson's Victory reveals the full story of the Weald and its valuable timber.

WED 20:00 Casualty 1909 (b00lismy)
Episode 6

All the secrets burst open, as Matron Luckes clashes with Sister Russell for leaving London to help a family in the slums, while Dr Culpin clashes with Bennett for giving up studying to be a doctor.

And Mr Dean, supposedly clean, returns to work in the Operating Theatre. In the dead of night a sweatshop fire brings in scores of children, and the staff struggle to avert tragedy.

WED 21:00 Jonathan Meades: Off Kilter (b00mqlyz)
Episode 2

Architecture critic Jonathan Meades continues his quixotic tour of Scotland. Genealogy, or 'ancestral tribalism', gets Meades's goat as he travels from Stirling to the Isles of Lewis and Harris, a strange, sometimes rusty paradise. Here, he discovers serenity, Calvinism and peat bog bodies.

WED 22:00 The Crow Road (b0074t1r)
Original

Kenneth
Second of a four-part adaptation of Iain Banks's blackly humorous novel.

Prentice McHoan is looking for his long lost Uncle Rory. He uses his uncle's unfinished novel to put together a picture of his extraordinary family.

He also continues to pursue the gorgeous Verity, but makes a devastating discovery about the object of his affections.

WED 23:00 I Know Where I'm Going (b0074rq7)

A headstrong woman who intends to marry for money is marooned on the Isle of Mull en route to her wedding. But when she meets the Laird of Kiloran, she is no longer sure she wants to go ahead with her wedding plans.

WED 00:30 Balmoral (b00mqg2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Sunday]

WED 01:30 Dinner with Portillo (b00mv9yb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Monday]

WED 02:00 The Scots: Natural Born Sinners (b00mqht0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

WED 02:50 Jonathan Meades: Off Kilter (b00mqjzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

THU 19:00 World News Today (b00mrw93)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

THU 19:30 A Portrait of Scotland (b00ml5dd)

Peter Capaldi explores the story of Scotland's art. He had a talent for drawing and a love for art that took him to art school in Glasgow, but soon after graduating he became an actor.

Capaldi spends time with the paintings and the artists that have made Scottish art special. He sketches some of the most important Scottish portraits, and by focusing on the tradition of portraiture that goes back 500 years, Capaldi shows how Scotland's art has reflected the changing face of the nation.

THU 21:00 Scotland on Screen (b00mqm0y)

Scottish movie star Alan Cumming returns to his homeland to take a tour of the locations of some classic Scottish movies. He celebrates some of the weird and wonderful movies inspired by Scotland, such as *The Wicker Man*, which was filmed in Dumfries and Galloway.

Film experts and actors, including Peter Mullen and David Hayman, compare the blockbusters *Braveheart* and *Rob Roy*, while Edinburgh's contribution to Scottish cinema is celebrated by the contrasting films *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* and *Trainspotting*.

Director Bill Forsyth meets Cumming in Cumbernauld - the setting of Forsyth's film *Gregory's Girl* - and explains why the new town was such a fitting location for his enduringly popular film.

THU 22:00 Gregory's Girl (b007vwnl)

Witty and sentimental coming-of-age comedy about a boy (John Gordon Sinclair) who falls hopelessly in love with a girl who becomes the new star player on the school football team. Writer-director Bill Forsyth's screenplay vividly portrays the experience of growing up in urban Scotland.

THU 23:30 Scotland on Screen (b00mqm0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THU 00:30 Later... with Jools Holland (b00f2zhh)

Series 33

Episode 5

Snow Patrol make a welcome return to the studio to perform a song or two from their album *A Hundred Million Suns*, the follow-up to the million-selling *Eyes Open*.

The legendary Tom Jones cracks out a number from his album *24 Hours*, which features his songwriting debut, while Eliza Carthy, daughter of British folk heroes Martin Carthy and Norma Waterson, performs songs from her acclaimed album *Dreams of Breathing Underwater*. St Albans threesome *Friendly Fires* make their show debut, with songs from their self-titled debut album.

THU 01:30 A Portrait of Scotland (b00ml5dd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

THU 03:00 Scotland on Screen (b00mqm0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2009

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00mrwlb)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

FRI 19:30 Leeds International Piano Competition (b00mrwld)

2009

Episode 1

Every three years since 1963, Leeds plays host to the cream of young international concert pianists who travel there to take part in the city's International Piano Competition. Past winners have included musical greats like Rada Lupu and Murray Perahia. Huw Edwards presents the full concerto from the first of 2009's six finalists and is joined by acclaimed concert pianist Cristina Ortiz, while Clemency Burton-Hill meets the pianists and fills in the background to the competition.

FRI 20:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00mv145)

Series 4

Episode 1

Folk musicians come together in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever', as Shetland fiddle virtuoso Aly Bain and dobro ace Jerry Douglas host a Highland gathering of the cream of Nashville, Irish and Scottish talent. Highlights include songs by James Taylor, Julie Fowlis and Dan 'Man of Constant Sorrow' Tyminski, and instrumentals by Jerry Douglas, Aly Bain and Allan MacDonald.

FRI 21:00 How a Choir Works (b00mqjy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Tuesday]

FRI 22:00 Caledonia Dreamin' (b0090cbx)

Documentary revealing the hidden history of Scottish pop music and how a small record label inspired bands like Orange Juice, Altered Images, Wet Wet Wet and Franz Ferdinand.

FRI 23:00 ArtWorks Scotland (b007yzq3)

Edwyn Collins: Home Again

Edwyn Collins, former lead singer of Orange Juice and a successful solo artist in his own right, suffered a brain haemorrhage in February 2005 and almost died. Miraculously he pulled through, despite contracting MRSA after undergoing a risky operation, but had to face a lengthy and arduous rehabilitation programme to learn how to walk, speak and play the guitar again.

The programme follows him through therapy and back into the recording studio as he completes the solo album - *Home Again* - that he began before falling ill.

Includes Edwyn's remarkable return to the stage, singing a selection of old and new songs at the BBC's Electric Proms.

FRI 23:40 Spiral (b00mvmm6)

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FRI 00:30 How a Choir Works (b00mqjy3)

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FRI 01:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00mv145)

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FRI 02:00 Leeds International Piano Competition (b00mrwld)

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FRI 02:55 How a Choir Works (b00mqjy3)

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