

SATURDAY 15 MAY 2021

SAT 00:00 Planet B (b00j0hqr)

Series 1

5. The Smart Money

John and Medley are transported to a world of orgies and circuses, where the slaves seek a new leader.

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Paul May.

John Gunnar Cauthery

Lioba Donnlá Hughes

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Trader 1 Janice Acquah

Trader 2 Robert Lonsdale

Wheeler Paul Rider

Regulator Stephen Critchlow

Lyall Inam Mirza

Fracta Jill Cardo

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00p6rr2)

Me Time

Having it all is no longer enough - if you haven't factored some 'me time' into your diary you're missing out.

Dominic Arkwright asks journalist Anna Raeburn, clinical psychologist Oliver James and writer Phoebe Gibson to explain how it works.

Producer: Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

SAT 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0089kpv)

Daylight Robbery

'Elderly lady living alone in remote house, willing to take in paying guests.'

When Miss Pickering puts this ad in the newspaper, she has an ulterior motive.

So have the four gentlemen who reply...

Monica Grey stars in RD Wingfield's crime drama.

Miss Pickering Monica Grey

Colonel Fryatt Norman Shelley

Dr Brown Jonathan Scott

Harris Peter Woodthorpe

Wakeson Howard Goorney

Bank Manager Lewis Stringer

Woman in Telephone Kiosk Daisy Bell

Jones Brian Gear

Woman in Crowd Elizabeth Havelock

Constable Douglas Leach

Car Driver David Ponting

Other parts played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Bristol by John Cardy.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.

SAT 01:45 Murder & Mystery (b0b2n44h)

Series 1

Nobody Move by Sophie Hannah

A woman asks her family not to make mess before a house-viewing.

Read by Monica Dolan.

An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.

Taken from Sophie Hannah's 'Something Untoward: Six Tales Of Domestic Terror' (2012)

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions and first broadcast in May 2018.

SAT 02:00 Someone Like Me by Miles Kington (b00dpspz)

Episode 5

A shock at the age of 18 from his sausage-loving father...

Broadcaster, writer and musician, Miles Kington continues his account of an endearingly eccentric childhood.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005

SAT 02:15 Gudrun (m0001kb9)

Series 5

Episode 10

Gudrun has been captured and faces execution at dawn. Have all her allies deserted her?

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness.

Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Bolli Lewis Bray

Sigríð Rosie Boore

Guard 2 Michael Bertenshaw

Heidr Jeanette Percival

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SAT 02:30 The Surgeon Of Crowthorne (b00758bl)

True story about Dr William Chester Minor, a mentally ill

American surgeon, who posted scholarly contributions

illustrating the way words were used - to the New English

Dictionary (later Oxford English Dictionary) from his rooms in Broadmoor.

Readings by John Rowe and Brian Parr.

Producer: Jill Waters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 03:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006jw)

5. The Yearning of a Broken Heart

No sooner has Lady Isabel been betrayed by the wicked Francis Levison than she is left unrecognisably disfigured by a terrible train crash.

What is to become of her?

Mrs Henry Wood's novel dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Mrs Henry Wood ... Rosemary Leach

Lady Isabel ... Moir Leslie

Mr Carlyle ... David Collings

Miss Cornelia ... Maxine Audley

Barbara Hare ... Julie Berry

Richard Hare ... Kim Wall

Justice Hare ... Brian Hewlett

Joyce ... Jo Kendall

Afy... Angela Crow

Little Isabel ... Bernadette Windsor

Little William ... Ben Robb

Baby Archibald ... Alexander Goodman

Wilson ... Betty Huntley Wright

The Rev Little ... David Garth

Mrs Latimer ... Pauline Lettis

Director: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1987.

SAT 04:00 Counterpoint (b00s2w22)

Series 24

2010 Heat 6

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz from Manchester.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

The three contestants from Glasgow, Cheadle and Blackpool are:

Wilson Bain

Mick Frankel

Christopher Rodwell

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

SAT 04:30 Two Doors Down (b008j0lm)

Series 2

Out of Tune

Miss Black throws a dinner party in honour of Sean Rafferty who's in Belfast to interview her lodger Fintan for BBC Radio 3.

Musical prodigy Simon's asked to play for the guests, but he has other ideas...

Starring Stella McCusker.

Annie McCartney's sitcom about the bohemian Belfast residents of Marlborough Road, saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Sally Stella McCusker

Clare Marcella Riordan

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Victor Alan McKee

Miss Black Roma Tomelty

Fintan Gerard Murphy

Layla Emily Walmsley

Simon Patrick Gleadhill

Tony Robert Patterson

Trevor Des McAleer

Fidelma Aine McCartney

Anna Hannah R Gordon

With Sean Rafferty as Himself.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 05:00 The Break (b07ff29)

Series 1

Dead Man's Dinner

Jeff and his nephew Andy are contacted by the editor of The

Flamford Bugle. They have won a slap-up dinner for two at

Flamford's poshest eatery, The Royal Albion Hotel.

Eagerly anticipating the night out of a lifetime, Andy and Jeff's

dreams of gourmet heaven quickly deteriorate into the

nightmare of a lifetime. The prize had been promised to local

citizen Wally Metcalfe, but he died just after the draw. Now his

widow is on the warpath with her two burly sons.

Social media doesn't help either, and in no time there is a mob

baying for Jeff and Andy's blood.

Andy Tom Palmer

Jeff Philip Jackson

Frank Mark Benton

PC Clark Mark Benton

Corinne Alison Steadman

Joyce Alison Steadman

Morag Alison Steadman

Kevin Rasmus Hardiker

Mira Shobna Gulati

Chris Gordon Kennedy

Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.

SAT 05:30 The Confessional (m000vy28)

Series 1

The Confession of Suzi Ruffell

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a

comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week Stephen invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' are made to him. This is a cue for some remarkable storytelling, and surprising insights.

We're used to hearing celebrity interviews where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements and talk about their proudest moments. Stephen isn't interested in that. He doesn't want to know what his guests are proud of, he wants to know what makes them ashamed. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick. Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on things like why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

This week, writer, podcaster and 'confessional' comedian, Suzi Ruffell recalls disruptive behaviour in class, a disastrous romantic break-up and the most embarrassing car ride of her life.

Other guests *in this series include Marian Keyes, Ciarad Lloyd, Joan Bakewell, Phil Hammond and Phil Wang.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doodly

Devised with Dave Anderson and produced by Frank Stirling A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Death at Broadcasting House (b07grh62)

An actor is strangled during the live broadcast of a murder mystery play at the BBC's London HQ.

Once it's off-air, the cast discover that the victim really is dead - and millions of listeners must have heard the crime being committed!

Starring John Moffatt, Peter Sallis and Jeremy Clyde.

Whodunit first adapted for the cinema in 1934 by Val Gielgud and Holt Marvell from their book of the same name.

Julian Caird John Moffatt

Detective Inspector Spears Peter Sallis

Rodney Fleming Jeremy Clyde

BBC DG Graham Crowden

Leopold Dryden Bill Nighy

Isabel Dryden Diana Quick

Stewart Evans Julian Glover

Detective Sergeant Ring Nicky Henson

Macdonald David Holt

Higgins Gavin Muir

Pat Caroline Strong

Topsy Becky Hindley

Guy Bannister Roger May

Surgeon John Hartley

Adapted for radio by Sue Rodwell and recorded on location.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07vs2hb)

Series 40

AA Gill on Arthur Neville Chamberlain

The writer and critic AA Gill nominates Neville Chamberlain as his great life.

But his choice is someone who is regarded as one of the worst Prime Ministers Britain has ever had. Chamberlain is someone entrenched in popular legend, as the man who failed to stand up to Hitler.

So will AA Gill's choice stand up to the scrutiny and will he be able to convince presenter Matthew Parris that this was a great life?

To help tell the story of Arthur Neville Chamberlain they are joined by Stuart Ball, Professor of Modern British History at the University of Leicester.

Producer: Perminder Khatar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b0075dc8)

Series 3

Episode 6

Debates galore over smelly food on trains - and is sex over-rated?

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With Hugh Dennis, Boothby Graffoe, Steve Punt and Stuart

Maconie.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000

SAT 08:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrl9)

Series 1

Sleeping Partners

Rosie is arranging the activities for partners of delegates to a major finance company's conference.

Kate meanwhile sees it as her ticket back into a high-flying job...

Prunella Scales in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Sheila Wilkinson Debbie Norman

Philip Wilkinson Alan Cowan

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 09:00 Writing Yorkshire (b007jy0t)

Poet, radio presenter, and Yorkshireman Ian McMillan takes a literary tour around God's Own Country to visit the streets,

towns, cities and moors that have inspired so much classic writing.

From Ian's own home town of Barnsley and his own literary hero Barry Hines, to the Moors of Haworth that will forever belong to The Brontës, we're exploring a county bursting at the seams with writers and writing.

Ian chats to Blake Morrison, author of 'And When Did You Last See Your Father?' about the idiosyncratic way that Yorkshiremen speak.

He also visits the offices of Peepal Tree Press to hear from poet Khadijah Ibrahiim, who writes about her Jamaican Yorkshire identity.

Along the way, Ian shares this Yorkshire-flavoured selection from the BBC Archives:

* A Kestrel for A Knave

Episode 1 of the 2008 adaptation of Barry Hines novel read by James Anthony Pearson.

* Still Angry After All These Years

Documentary following Barry Hines as he returns to the streets of Barnsley

* The Shuttleworths - Mini Break in Giggleswick. Comedy starring Graham Fellows.

* Wuthering Heights

Episode 4 from the 2018 adaptation by Rachel Joyce of Emily Brontë's novel

* Writers on Themselves - Ted Hughes

Ted Hughes' essay 'The Rock', first heard on the Third Programme in 1963

* Billy Liar

The final episode of the 1991 adaptation

* A Chip in the Sugar

Alan Bennett reads his classic monologue

Producer: Jessica Treen

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in September 2018.

SAT 12:00 Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century Addiction (b09byzdk)

What Makes a Habit an Addiction?

Mae Martin is kicking the habit.

She's exploring how we as a society think about addiction, and on a personal level, trying to understand who she is now she's no longer addicted to anything.

Through the lens of her own experience, this guide follows Mae chronologically through a lifetime of obsessive behaviour and addiction with all her characteristic wit and levity.

What makes a habit an addiction?

As a young child, Mae may not have been addicted yet, but she was certainly OBSESSED. She's never just "liked" things, she's always loved them. Mae is finally drawing connections between her obsessive, all-consuming patterns of behaviour, and examining why they might occur.

Written by and starring Mae Martin – an award-winning stand-up and Edinburgh comedy award nominee.

With:

Dr Gabor Mate

Carolyn Taylor

Producer: Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jyww)

Cinderella Hancock

Bill bans the Lad from the National Film Ball, but then there's a knock at the door.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Dora Bryan, Paul Carpenter and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09tybwl)

The Advance Guard of the Avant-garde

In the 1960s, a group of writers set about shaking up the polite conventions of the British realist tradition through a whole range of experimental approaches.

Sound poets created some of the strangest programmes ever broadcast by the BBC, while the likes of BS Johnson cut holes in the pages of his novels - and in the case of his book 'The Unfortunates' published the unbound chapters in a box for the reader to mix up and read in whatever order they wished.

Johnson and similarly minded writers like Ann Quin, Bob Cobbing, Alan Burns and Christine Brooke-Rose were prominent in their day, appearing regularly on TV and radio, but they've now largely been forgotten.

Using some of the rich archive these writers left behind, DJ Taylor sets out to tell their story, with the help of Johnson's biographer Jonathan Coe, editor of a new Ann Quin collection

Jennifer Hodgson, novelist Eimear McBride and poetry critic Jeremy Noel Tod.

Borrowing some of their techniques Taylor argues that while we may no longer talk about this group of determinedly experimental figures, many of today's most prominent writers, from David Mitchell to Alice Oswald, owe them a debt of gratitude.

Producer: Geoff Bird

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

SAT 14:00 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03vgr6q)

Best Man Speeches and Weddings

Comedian Jason Cook uses his life experiences to help us better navigate the choppy waters of life.

In this opening episode, Jason examines the pitfalls of making best man speeches, with advice on how to make a wedding memorable.

With Zoe Harrison and Neil Grainger.

Jason was the creator of BBC2's comedy Hebburn.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

SAT 14:30 Safety Catch (b00fc4vp)

Series 1

Show Me You Care

Simon McGrath likes to think of himself as a good citizen.

He donates blood, recycles his newspapers and has adopted two tigers.

He just also happens to be an arms dealer...

Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath.

First of three series of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality.

With:

Joanna Page

Lewis MacLeod

Sarah Smart

Brigit Forsyth

Ben Onwukwe

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

SAT 15:00 Tina C (b01b1jwx)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Australia

Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs.

Where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession.

So Tina has set off on a six country tour to prove it - and her next stop is down under.

Tina C Christopher Green

With:

Andrew Cornell

Victoria Inez Hard

James Lailey

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and

Christopher Green

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 15:15 Bunk Bed (b07j68gd)

Series 3

Episode 5

Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not

applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place.

Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be

followed like balloons escaping onto the air. Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.

This is the nearest faraway place for Patrick Marber and Peter Curran.

Here they try to get the heart of things in an entertainingly vague and indirect way. This is not the place for typical male banter.

From under the bed clothes they play each other music, and archive of Angela Carter, ex-Prime Ministers, a Castrato singer, and an elephant playing the piano.

Work, family, literature, and their own badly-scuffed dreams are the funny, if warped conversational currency.

A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 15:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09kct7r)

Series 1

Episode 5

A romantic neighbour and a group of aggressive children try to disturb Sean's peace.

However much Sean tries to avoid the rest of the world, occasionally it will try to engage with him.

Starring Sean Lock

Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman.

With:

Tracy-Ann Oberman

Peter Serafinowicz

Martin Trenaman

Chris Pavlo

Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

SAT 16:00 Death at Broadcasting House (b07grh62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b07vs2hb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Dan Dare (b0bf49hj)

Series 1

2 The Voyage to Venus 2/2

Arriving at Venus, will brilliant test pilot, Dan Dare, be able to hold his own against a cunning new enemy?

Adventures based on the Eagle comic strip 'Dan Dare' created in 1950 by the Reverend Marcus Morris and Frank Hampson.

Dramatic conclusion of a two-part adventure starring Ed Stoppard.

Dramatised by Richard Kurti and Bev Doyle.

Dan Dare Ed Stoppard

Digby Geoff McGivern

Professor Peabody Heida Reed

Mekon Raad Rawi

Sondar Bijan Daneshmand

Treen General Amber Aga

Flight Engineer David O'Mahony

Flight Control Kelly Burke

On-board Computer Dianne Weller

Director: Andrew Mark Sewell.

Made by B7 Media.

SAT 18:40 The Garden of Time by JG Ballard (m0001h0s)

"The garden of the villa extended for some two hundred yards below the terrace, sloping down to a miniature lake, spanned by a white bridge... Here in the garden the air seemed brighter. As was his custom before beginning his evening stroll, Count Axel looked out across the plain to the final rise...and saw that the advance column of an enormous army was moving slowly over the horizon..."

The Count manages to repel the advance of the army by magically re-arranging time - time and time again! But soon the tools that help him will no longer will work.

So how will he and his beloved wife - who is indoors, playing a Mozart rondo - manage to survive the threat, as it marches forward, closer and closer...

Read by Allan Corduner.

Abridged and produced by Duncan Minshall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 2010.

SAT 19:00 Writing Yorkshire (b007jy0t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Rigor Mortis (b007m331)

Series 1

Episode 6

The pathologists are invited to assist the celebrated Dutch anatomist, Professor Raymond van den Hoogenband, in the first ever 'live' radio autopsy.

Laurence Howarth's sitcom set in the fascinating, but misunderstood world of the pathology lab.

Dr Anthony Webster Peter Davison

Dr Ruth Anderson Tracy-Ann Oberman

Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead

Gordon Tom Price

Chloe Marianne Levy

Simon Gus Brown

Prof Van den Hoogenband Chris Pavlo

Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 22:30 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b075tddy)

Series 1

Episode 2

Josie swears off romance and almost immediately finds herself in a budding relationship with Darren's former flatmate, Roddy. Comedy drama from award-winning comedian Josie Long about a young woman trying to build a new, more fulfilling life for herself in Glasgow.

Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and Douglas King.

Josie Josie Long

Darren Darren Osborne

Roddy Sanjeev Kohli

Kerry Hatty Ashdown

Eleanor Clare Grogan

Chris Michael Bertenshaw

Janie Georgie Glen

Mona Rebecca Hamilton

Fraser Chris Pavlo

Written by Josie Long

Produced by Colin Anderson

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

SAT 23:00 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03w32c0)

Asking Out and First Dates

Field marshal of mirth and high priest of Hebburn, Jason Cook dispenses advice on how best to navigate the choppy waters of life and come out the other side without feeling woozy, using the full spectrum of his own experiences as his educational aids.

In this episode, Jason examines how to successfully ask someone out.

Discover the traps to be avoided when going on a first date - using Jason's trademarked "Place, Face, Case" methodology, Stories from the audience help to throw more light on the matter in hand.

With Zoe Harrison and Neil Grainger.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

SAT 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b05077kz)

Series 6

Reece Shearsmith

Reece Shearsmith had never had a driving lesson - until now.

Marcus Brigstocke also persuades him to try wallpapering for the first time.

Series which persuades guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now.

Some experiences are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Someone Like Me by Miles Kington (Omnibus) (m000w4cj)

Broadcaster, writer and musician Miles Kington reads from his account of an endearingly eccentric childhood.

From his earliest memory of an event before his own birth – to the drama of his first kidnapping.

Omnibus of five parts - abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b09z6207)

Joanna Trollope

Novelist Joanna Trollope inherits 'La Mer' by Charles Trenet and passes on 'Mythical Kings and Iguanas' by Dory Previn.

SUN 07:20 Lucy Catherine - Gudrun (m0001m4w)

Series 5 (Omnibus)

Episode 2

On the run from the church, Gudrun finds love in her mountain hideout

Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness.

Iceland is now an occupied country, its people forced to convert to Christianity by rival Norse kingdoms. After many years away, with plans to overthrow the regime and rescue her daughter who is being brought up in the new faith, Gudrun once more sails into Icelandic waters.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Sylvia Carolyn Pickles

Bolli Lewis Bray

Aslak Tony Turner

Sigrid Rosie Boore

Frederick Simon Scardfield

Heidr Jeanette Percival

Volva Carolyn Pickles

Guard 2 Michael Bertenshaw

Warrior Don Gilet

Kjartan Luke MacGregor

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SUN 08:30 We're in Business (b007jydd)

Dudley and Harry's Reunion

With Dudley behind bars, surely Harry's safe from his crooked scheming?

Stars Peter Jones and Harry Worth.

Peter Jones is small-time businessman, Dudley Grosvenor who's always out to make a fast buck - usually at the expense of his side-kick, Harry Worth.

Written by Marty Feldman, Barry Took and Peter Jones.

Dudley Peter Jones

Harry Harry Worth

Miss Boot Irene Handl

With Dick Emery and Frederick Treves.

A selection of surviving episodes from two series broadcast between 1959-1960.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1960.

SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000w4cl)

In Praise of Older Men

PA Clare feels emotional as she turns thirty. Caroline sets out to cheer her up.

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Andrew Palmer's comedy about a former property tycoon who's fallen on hard times and is now chauffeur to his wealthy ex-wife.

Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips

Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett

Claire/Mrs Elliott Norma Ronald

Ben Joe Dunlop

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1983.

SUN 09:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007xrsm)

Series 2

Episode 2

When Lucy joins a school reunion website and is contacted by an old classmate, youthful indiscretions return to haunt Daniel's best friend Andy.

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.

David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Daniel David Tennant

Lucy Elizabeth Carling

Katie Samantha Spiro

Andy Tony Gardner

Amanda Nasreen Hussain

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wxcj6)

Eurovision

Graham Norton

From Grace Jones to his duet with Dolly Parton.

TV presenter and comedian, Graham Norton shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

Graham was once voted the most powerful man in comedy with four BAFTAs and an international Emmy under his belt.

He's best known for his TV chat shows for Channel 4 and the BBC, as well as the annoying Father Noel in Father Ted. He's compared the two channels to the difference between a night out with your friends or a family Christmas lunch. Media critics pondered how his camp brand of adult humour would translate to mainstream TV. Graham went on to host a weekly show for BBC Radio 2, before switching to Virgin Radio. Originally born Graham Walker in Dublin in 1963, he was brought up in the small town of Bandon in West Cork. As a child he loved TV describing it as a 'window to life' and a world he wanted to be part of.

He began an English and French degree at University College Cork but dropped out after his first year and went to America where he lived in a hippy commune in San Francisco. He eventually returned and enrolled at the Central School of Speech and Drama in London with the ambition of becoming an actor.

He changed his name to Norton - as the actor's union Equity informed him they already had another Graham Walker on their books.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

Series 2

Earthworms

Although Charles Darwin is especially well known for his work on the Theory of Evolution through his seminal work "On the Origin of Species", he also published a lot of his research on earthworms.

Earthworms fascinated Darwin, so much so that his observations led him to believe that they showed marked intelligence. And earthworms fascinate Sir David Attenborough too.

He recalls a visit to Australia to film the giant earthworm and intriguingly used his ears more than any other sense to find them. What did they sound like and what did they look like? He reveals all.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 11:00 Sneakernomics (p09fy1ch)

1. The Town of Bent Necks

Trainers? Sneakers? Whatever you call them - they are amongst the most iconic cultural objects of our time. But their evolution is a story rarely told until now.

Sneakernomics is a close encounter with the visionaries who've made, and been made, by trainers. We'll follow in the footsteps of mavericks, hustlers and dreamers, and hear their tales of boom and bust, fame and infamy, hope and heartbreak.

It's 100 years since salesman Chuck Taylor joined Converse and the Chuck Taylor All-Star was born, perhaps the most iconic trainer of all time. Across nine episodes, we trace the extraordinary transformation that has happened since, telling the origin stories of some of the world's biggest brands and how leisure evolved into a multi-billion-dollar industry.

The sneaker story is characterised by fierce competition and rivalry. We explore how the quest to be No. 1 tore families and friendships apart, divided towns, and sometimes even distorted sporting ideals.

Presented by Nicholas Smith, (author of Kicks: The Great American Story of Sneakers) and 1Xtra presenter Ace, with drama written by multi award-winning playwright and screenwriter Al Smith.

Episode 1 Cast:

Adi Gunnar Cauthery

Rudi Joe Sims

Jesse Arun Blair-Mangat

Kathe Charlotte East

Friedl Cecilia Appiah

Production Trainee: Marithe Van Der Aa

Assistant Producer: Ben Hollands

Sound: Peter Ringrose

Producer: Sasha Yevtushenko

Special thanks: Mike Holt, Angelo Anastasio, Dr Todd Boyd, Michael Dassler, Sigi Dassler, David Jones, Joe Foster, Professor Akilah Carter-Francie, the Adi & Käthe Dassler Memorial Foundation, Helmut Fischer, Kerstin Neuber and Victoria Purcell.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000w4cq)

No Ideas But In Things: The Poetry of William Carlos Williams
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects No Ideas But In Things: The Poetry of William Carlos Williams.

Presented by poet Annie Freud, with the former American Poet Laureate Billy Collins, and poets August Kleinzahler and Mark Ford.

William Carlos Williams is known as a revolutionary figure in poetry but, in comparison to his friend Ezra Pound and American writers including TS Eliot and Gertrude Stein, who sought a more exciting environment for creativity in Europe, Williams lived a strikingly conventional life.

A doctor for more than 40 years serving the New Jersey town of Rutherford, he relied on his patients and the America around him to create a distinctively American verse. His lifelong quest was that poetry should mirror the speech of the American people.

A second generation immigrant, he sought to make something of the people and for the people in America.

Williams' sense of ordinary people, living in a real place not an imagined city of ancient relics and memory, defined America for him and infused his work. He got rid of the high blown poetic language of Europe, paring down his verse to essential, unemotional, broken lines. His famous poem The Red Wheelbarrow, published in 1923, is 16 words on 8 lines.

He was awarded the Pulitzer prize for poetry, posthumously, in the year he died 1963.

He is America's first true poet.

Producer: Kate Bland

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2012.

SUN 12:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03zy1c6)

Series 1

Virgil

Natalie Haynes, critic, writer and reformed stand-up comedian, brings the ancient world entertainingly up to date.

In each episode, she profiles a figure from ancient Greece or Rome and creates a stand-up routine around them. She then goes in search of the links which make the ancient world still very relevant in the 21st century.

For starters, Natalie considers the work of the Roman poet Virgil, ranging from his hints on bee-keeping to his great work The Aeneid.

Dido is the classic wronged woman and the Aeneid contains the best ding-dong between a man and a woman in all Latin literature, culminating in Dido's memorable promise "If you go I'm going to kill myself and then I will pursue you from beyond death with black fires!"

With Pamela Helen Stephen who's sung Dido in Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, bee-keeper Gordon Cutting and Dr Llewelyn Morgan who talks about the greatest poet in the Roman world.

Producer: Christine Hall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

SUN 13:00 The Wonder by Emma Donoghue (Omnibus) (b07ykycs)

Episode 2

Anna O'Donnell's health continues to deteriorate.

Nurse Lib Wright turns to Sister Michael for help - only to find support in an unexpected place...

Anna's fast began as a self-inflicted and earnest expression of faith - subsisting only on what she calls "manna from heaven". Locals in her small rural village of 1850s Ireland are baffled while tourists flock in their droves.

Nurse Lib has been hired to determine whether or not Anna is a fraud. Can she get to the root of why the child may actually be the victim of murder in slow motion..?

Emma Donoghue's magnetic novel is a tale of two strangers transforming each other's lives, a powerful psychological thriller, and a story of love pitted against evil in its many masks.

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes concluded by Carey Mulligan

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Gemma McMullan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b89fsh)

Simon Mayo

The DJ chooses 'Love Unrequited Robs Me of My Rest' from Iolanthe by Gilbert and Sullivan, and 'Graceland' by Paul Simon.

SUN 14:20 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b05n7vy3)

Series 5 (Omnibus)

Old flatmates Bill and Bella return for for the conclusion of the award winning platonic romantic comedy.

Bella has returned from her honeymoon on safari where it turns out she had more to worry about than the man eating animals.

Omnibus of five episodes written by Marcy Kahan.

Bill Stephen Mangan

Bella Claire Skinner
 Director: Sally Avenis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
SUN 15:30 Tehrangeles (b01n0sc7)
 Comedian Maz Jobrani takes a journey to Tehrangeles - home to the largest Iranian diaspora in the world, right in the heart of Los Angeles.
 Recorded on location, Iranian stand-up comedian and actor Maz Jobrani begins his journey in a street lined with Iranian stores, restaurants, beauty salons, cafes and businesses, where everyone speaks Farsi and all the shop signs are in Persian.
 But this is not downtown Tehran - this is Westwood Boulevard in Los Angeles, a stone's throw from affluent Beverly Hills, where 22% of the population are Iranian, and whose former Iranian born mayor Jimmy Delshad epitomizes the extraordinary success of Iranians in LA.
 When bookshop owner Bijan Khalili set up shop here over 30 years ago, there were only a few Persian stores. He and others along Westwood Boulevard tell the story of how and why the LA community steadily grew into a Mecca for hundreds of thousands of Iranians. And how, against the backdrop of 32 years of hostility between America and Iran since the 1979 US hostage crisis, they have succeeded in making their mark.
 Even Bravo TV (creators of The Kardashians) have recently aired a hit reality TV show about the lives of a group of affluent Beverly Hills Iranians.
 LA based Iranian- American comedian and actor Maz Jobrani delves into the heart of this unique and diverse microcosm of Iran in the heart of LA, otherwise known as Tehrangeles, to reveal the surprising stories and insights into the lives of Iranians who have recreated Little Tehran in the City of Angels.
 Producer: Shoku Amirani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.
SUN 16:00 Peter Whalley - The Absent Guest (b0076lcv)
 When an absent guest of a dinner party is discovered murdered – one by one, the remaining guests become suspects...
 Peter Whalley's sharp and tense whodunit.
 IanRobert Pickavance
 Lynn...Deborah Findlay
 Mike.....John Thomson
 Julie.....Katy Cavanagh
 Claire....Denise Welch
 Alan.....John Kazek
 Director: Pauline Harris
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000w4cq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03zy1c6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Curious, If True (b007vmjy)
 Lois the Witch
 Newly arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, a Warwickshire girl finds herself drawn into a Puritan family's world of visions, malice and - apparently - demonic possession...
 Elizabeth Gaskell's collection of intriguing "true" tales dramatised by Sally Hedges.
 Mrs Gaskell Elizabeth Spriggs
 Lois Carolyn Backhouse
 Grace Sandra Berkin
 Prudence Amy Draper
 With Heather Emmanuel, Susan Jeffrey, Richard Avery, Jonathan Wyatt, Andrew Harrison, Stephen Tomlin and Anna Keene.
 Producer: Nigel Bryant
 An Armada production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 1998.
SUN 18:45 Murder & Mystery (m0003kx9)
 Series 5
 Metzengerstein by Edgar Allan Poe
 A Plague on both your Houses. Edgar Allan Poe's first published short story (January 1932).
 In a writing career that spanned barely two decades (he died in his 41st year) the American penned over seventy 70 stories. These he incessantly revised over the years and many became standards of the short form (like 'The Fall Of The House of Usher' or 'The Pit and the Pendulum').
 But for our five fictional tales, we burrow down amongst Poe's lesser-known, and often dark, gems.
 Read by Owen Teale.
 Abridger: Pete Nichols
 Producer: Karen Rose
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions and first broadcast in March 2019.
SUN 19:00 Sneakernomics (p09fy1ch)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Peter Whalley - The Absent Guest (b0076lcv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wexj6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03zy1c6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 There Is No Escape (b06grjn7)
 Episode 1
 Andrew Lawrence's sitcom about a man dissatisfied with his life, whose feeble attempts to run away invariably end with him

traipsing home defeated.
 In this opening episode, Andrew arrives home from work one evening to find the house even more of a mess than usual. An argument with his girlfriend about cleaning escalates and Andrew storms out to find something to eat.
 After a soul destroying encounter with the woman in the local shop, who can only recommend frozen turkey dinosaurs for his meal, Andrew joins his work mate, Lennie, for a consolation dinner in the pub.
 Later he returns home and is forced to negotiate about a cleaner through the letterbox before he is finally allowed back in.
 Starring:
 Andrew Lawrence
 Diane Morgan
 With Rosie Cavaliero and Marek Larwood.
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.
SUN 23:00 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b71ds)
 Episode 4
 Eating too much and the end of the world.
 Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.
 Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright
 With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.
SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtql)
 Series 2
 The Scheme of Things
 Where does Britain fit in the Theatre of Being?
 Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.
 Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.
 With:
 Rebecca Front
 Armando Iannucci
 And the voice of Tom Baker.
 Producer: Sarah Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

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MON 00:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Curious, If True (b007vmjy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 Murder & Mystery (m0003kx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 The Wonder by Emma Donoghue (Omnibus) (b07ykcy5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b89fsh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]
MON 02:20 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b05n7vy3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 Tehrangeles (b01n0sc7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03zy1c6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsql)
 1. The Journey to Arabia
 A newspaper article and an almost-forgotten client send young English lawyer George Grant on a mystery trip.
 Starring Tim Munro.
 Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel.
 Adapted in six parts by Rene Basilio.
 George Grant Tim Munro
 Henry Grant Robert James
 Alexander Erhard John Malcolm
 Ruffini Robert Rietty
 Betty Jill Lidstone
 Tessa Nadia Hammam
 Taxi Driver Nadim Sawalha
 Hotel receptionist Neville Rofaila
 Akhmed Ali Refaie
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.
MON 06:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mb)
 1. Die My Dear Doctor? That's The Last Thing I'll Do ...
 Three old men die within hours of each other - and one of them murdered...
 Donald Gee and Philip Jackson star as detective duo, Andy Dalziel and Peter Pascoe.
 Reginald Hill's 2008 thriller dramatised in five parts by Betty Davies.
 Det Insp Pascoe Donald Gee
 Supt Dalziel Philip Jackson
 Deputy Chief Con Michael Elwyn
 Det Insp Headingley Christopher Good
 Dr Sowden Ben Onwukwe
 Sgt Wield Michael Graham Cox
 Charlesworth David King

Ellie Tara Dominick
 Det Con Seymour Paul Downing
 PC Hector Stephen Garlick
 Ruddledin Danny Schiller
 Director: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.
MON 07:00 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dp7lw)
 Stirring Times with Comrade Waller
 Comedy series following the adventures of the extraordinary Psmith and his friend Mike in the world of Edwardian finance.
 Psmith and Mike discover the secret passion of the kindly Head of Cash.
 P.G. Wodehouse Simon Williams
 Psmith Nick Caldecott
 Mike Jackson Inam Mirza
 Edward Waller Ryan Watson
 Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler
 Comrade Prebble Chris Pavlo
 Bill Dan Starkey
 Ada Jill Cardo
 Plebeian Stephen Critchlow
 Plebeian Robert Lonsdale
 By PG Wodehouse.
 Dramatised by Marcy Kahan.
 Produced by Abigail le Fleming
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
MON 07:30 Nature Table (m000vxzc)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Nature Table is comedian, broadcaster and writer Sue Perkins' new comedy 'Show & Tell' series celebrating the natural world and all its funny eccentricities.
 Taking the simple format of a 'Show & Tell', each episode Sue is joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history. Each of the natural history guests brings an item linked to the wild world to share with the audience, be it an amazing fact or funny personal anecdote. Each item is a springboard for an enlightening and funny discussion, alongside fun games and challenges revealing more astonishing facts. We also hear from some of the London Zoo, as they bring us their own natural history 'show and tells' for Sue and the guests to discuss.
 Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate and promote the importance of all our planet's wonderfully wild flora and fauna in an fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.
 Note: Series 2 was recorded in November 2020, during lockdown conditions, so this time round there is no studio audience. The host, panel and guest zookeepers recorded the series at ZSL London Zoo, socially distanced.
 Episode 2
 Recorded at London Zoo, this week Sue Perkins is joined by special guests:
 Lucy Cooke (Zoologist, writer, presenter), Lee Davies (Fungi curator, Kew Gardens) and actress and comedian Sally Phillips.
 Written by: Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler & Jon Hunter
 Researcher: Catherine Beazley
 Music by Ben Mirin. Additional sounds were provided by The Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.
 Produced by: Simon Nicholls
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)
 Series 3
 Robbery With Violence
 Terrified Albert lies to son Harold after accidentally breaking his treasured porcelain collection.
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Gwendolyn Watts and Richard Griffiths.
 Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone man Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.
 Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1971.
MON 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007517q)
 Series 4
 Episode 1
 Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue discuss property, holidays and their hopes for a TV award.
 Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.
 With Roger Blake, Emma Kennedy and Toby Longworth.
 Written by Hugh Rycroft and David Spicer from a format by Bill Dare.
 Music by Mark Burton.
 Producer: Aled Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
MON 09:00 Act Your Age (b00qhrxb)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest. Team captains Jon Richardson, Ed Byrne and Johnnie Casson are joined by Mike Wozniak, Robin Ince and Ted Robbins.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

MON 09:30 The Elephant Man (b007jsfp)
Endangered Species

Peter Serafinowicz stars in DA Barham's sitcom about the life of Terry Lyon, an elephant keeper at his local zoo. He gets on better with animals than people. As the zoo lurches towards bankruptcy, his future looks bleak. Co-stars Chris Emmet as Leonard.

DA Barham - alias Debbie Ann - used her gently gender-obscured writing name. Aged just 15, she'd sent in scripts to BBC comedy programmes. In 2003 she tragically died from heart failure due to anorexia, aged only 26. In her short, brilliant comedy career, she'd written for The News Huddlines, Spitting Image, The News Quiz, Weekending, Loose Ends, as well as big names like Bob Monkhouse, Graham Norton, Rory Bremner and Clive Anderson.

Produced by Richard Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1996.

MON 10:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006ltz)

6. An MP for West Lynne

Mr Carlyle faces opposition as he stands for Parliament, while Lady Isabel's misery is deepened by her return to East Lynne Mrs Henry Wood's novel dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Mrs Henry Wood ... Rosemary Leach the Lady Isabel ... Moir Leslie Mr Carlyle ... David Collings Francis Levison ... Anthony Edridge Miss Cornelia ... Maxine Audley Barbara Hare ... Julie Berry Richard ... Kim Wall Justice Hare ... Brian Hewlett Lord Mount Severn ... Stephen Thorne Joyce ... Jo Kendall Dill ... Tim Reynolds Little Isabel ... Bernadette Windsor Little William ... Ben Robb Young Lord Vane ... Sean Arnold Pinner/Dobede ... Colin Starkey Ball ... Peter Acre Bethel ... Stephen Harrold James ... Michael Tudor Barnes Dr Martin ... Tim Munroe

Director: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1987.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000w3f6)

Series 8

Episode 3

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

As Guy Raz says goodbye to the show – he explores how life experiences teach us, and how hindsight can shape our futures. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000w3f8)

Craig Charles

Poet, actor and DJ Craig Charles chooses Billie Holiday's 'Strange Fruit' and Wilson Pickett singing 'Hey Jude'.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007517q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b08crt6p)

The Transition by Luke Kennard

Episode 1

An intriguing and wry debut novel about capitalism, the housing crisis and a generation in debt. Set a few years from now, in an unnamed city, award-winning poet Luke Kennard imagines what life might be like for young people from the squeezed middle-class if our society continues along its current economic path.

Thirty-something couple Karl and Genevieve (he writes copy for online content providers, their combined income is less than their rent and they're falling ever deeper into debt. To help pay off his seventeen credit cards, Karl accepts a job generating 'clickbait' from a stranger online that seems to good to be true. It is. Very soon the messy strands of his and Genevieve's lives are beginning to unravel.

Reader: Bryan Dick

Writer: Luke Kennard

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

MON 14:15 Gudrun (m00055mh)

Series 6

Sigrid

Set in the 11th century, the series follows Gudrun in the New World, and her estranged daughter Sigrid in England. Both mother and daughter have reasons to seek forgiveness as they forge a path through lands of unearthly beauty and uncompromising harshness.

Sigrid has arrived in England to marry a man she has never met.

She must keep her darkest secrets well-hidden if she is to survive in this strange land of Saxons and Danes.

Sigrid Hollie Burgess

The Virgin Marilyn Nnadebe

Silvia Susan Jameson

Sailor (Sc2) / Sailors Chris Harper, Joseph Ayre

Gorm David Hounslow

Canute Aaron Gelkoff

Gunnar Chris Pavlo

Written by Lucy Catherine.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

MON 14:30 Mannequins (b0075zhk)

Sue Limb uncovers the secret world of mannequins, their early history, changing shapes and styles. With Mary Quant. Glamorous, influential, spooky and silent ... they haunt the high streets. Sue Limb uncovers the secret world of the Mannequin, hearing about their early history, their changing shapes and styles as she goes up to her arm pits in clay, glass fibre and papier mache, as the latest designs roll out of the factories.

Contributors:

Michael Southgate

Adel Rootstein

Kevin Alpino

John Taylor

Len Gifford

Mary Quant

Dr. Dee Dawson

Rosemary Harden

Marilyn Dumars

Edward Stammers

Judith Fane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

MON 15:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006ltz)

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MON 16:00 Act Your Age (b00qhrxb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Elephant Man (b007jsfp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dp7lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Nature Table (m000vxcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Planet B (b00jlc4w)

Series 1

6. The Wild Gang

John finds himself in the brutal and violent world of the virtual untamed Wild West, where Chuck's gang rule by gun law...

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Matthew Broughton

John Gunnar Cauthery

Lioba Donnla Hughes

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Chuck Flint David Bedella

All other parts played by Inam Mirza, Jill Cardo, Paul Rider, Dan Starkey and Adjoa Anah.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01dhrn3)

Frances Barber and Grace Dent

Writer Grace Dent and actress Frances Barber talk to presenter Harriett Gilbert about the books they most love.

From BBC Radio 4's More Than Words Listening Festival in Bristol.

Books chosen:

Grace Dent chooses: Love in a Cold Climate by Nancy Mitford.

Frances Barber chooses A Thousand Splendid Suns by Agha-born novelist Khaled Hosseini.

And Harriett Gilbert chooses: Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood.

Producer Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)

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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000w3f6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000w3f8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Nature Table (m000vxcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b03phrws)

Series 9

Grant Morrison talks to Neil Innes

Comic book legend Grant Morrison continues the chain talking to writer, performer, musician and Monty Python collaborator Neil Innes.

Chain Reaction is the long-running host-less chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000vz9b)

Series 105

Episode 5

Andy Zaltzman presents a look back at the week's headlines with Danny Finkelstein, Zoe Lyons, Catherine Bohart and Darren Harriott.

This week, the panel dissect the Queen's Speech, unpick the local election results, and enjoy a rare quickfire round.

Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Alice Fraser, Max Davis, Rajiv Karia and Hannah Platt.

Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies

Production Coordinator: Cheryllyn Andrew-Wilfred

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p03v9)

Series 3

Ever Been Proposed to in a Pub?

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne muses on the merits of matrimony.

Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021

TUE 00:00 Planet B (b00jlc4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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TUE 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsqw)

Bahrain-Sharjah-Dubai

An innocent search for an elusive oilman leads lawyer George Grant into a maze of political intrigue.

Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel adapted in six parts by Rene Basilio.

Starring Tim Munro as George Grant, Robert Rietty as Ruffini, George Roubicek as Otto Smith, David McAlister as Captain Chuck Berry, Garard Green as Sir Philip Gorde, Helena Breck as Susan Whittaker, Nadim Sawalha as the Waiter and Mohammad Sultan as the Driver.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

TUE 06:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6md)

2. What Does it Signify?

Exit Lines by Reginald Hill dramatised in five parts by Betty Davies.

With Donald Gee and Philip Jackson.

2: What Does It Signify?

Pascoe wonders about the two sudden deaths.

Director Matthew Walters

Cast:

Det Insp Pascoe Donald Gee

Supt Dalziel Philip Jackson

Det Chief Constable Michael Elwyn

Det Insp Headingley Christopher Good

Mrs Escott Barbara Atkinson

Det Con Seymour Paul Downing

Ruddlesdin Danny Schiller

Sgt Price Michael Graham Cox

Abbiss/Sgt Myers John Bull

Corp Gillott 1 Warden Joe Dunlop

Mrs Frostick Anna Cropper

Stella Abbiss Elizabeth Mansfield

Mrs Warsop Susan Sheridan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

TUE 07:00 Beauty of Britain (b010t6yh)

Series 2

Mission Command

Series 2 of this Radio 4 comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures among the cauliflower-cheese eating population as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for those who need it - and occasionally some who don't, but all of whom have relatives with guilty consciences. Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. Until she gets the nod from God about which sector of

the economy would most benefit from her entrepreneurial skills, Beauty will carry on grating the Extra Mature Cathedral City, running the assisted baths and trying to understand the British character.

The series breaks the embarrassed silence about what happens to us when we get old and start to lose our faculties. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

Beauty of Britain is a narrative comedy written by Christopher Douglas (of Ed Reardon fame) and Nicola Sanderson.

Episode 5 'Mission Command'

Beauty Oolonga, a Southern African care worker, shares her quirky view of Britain. Beauty struggles with an irascible gentleman and the Featherdown office struggle with Social Services' new pilot scheme for elder care in which the 'Assessment exercises are based on the battle principles of General von Moltke of the Prussian Army.'

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Derek Oscar James

Nicole/Topaz/Tiffany Morwenna Banks

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Sally Felicity Montagu

Olivia/PhD Student Vicki Pepperdine

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

The producer is Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

TUE 07:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000vvt4)

Series 4

Dead Jews

Award-winning comedian Alex Edelman asks why Jews are still so problematic for so many. With the rise of QAnon and elected members of congress like Marjorie Taylor Greene, antisemitism has somehow crept into the mainstream, especially in America, and a lot of it still seems to go unchecked. As an observant Jew himself, he looks at all the ways his faith, and people's reaction to it, impacts his life and the ways in which society still fails to understand the issues many Jews like him have to live with.

Written by Alex Edelman and Max Davis

With special thanks to

Alfie Brown

Tasha Dhanraj

Rajiv Karia

Mike Birbiglia

and

Danny Jolles

Produced by Sam Michell

It is a BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jq80)

Series 9

The Million Pound Penny

Two tales for the price of one - The Sockjelly Murder and the story of Ned The Miser! With Peter Sellers. From November 1958.

TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jm6n)

Series 3

Under Canvas

Camping proves fun for the children - but will the teachers survive the great outdoors? Stars Karl Howman. From March 1988.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000vz9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmj)

February - Pulling Out all the Stops

Megan awaits news, Mr Bootle considers his position and Mr Jenkins considers Megan. Stars Geoffrey Whitehead. From August 2000.

TUE 10:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006n5p)

7. Until Eternity

Sir Francis Levison has been dramatically arrested for the murder of Hallijohn, while at East Lynne a terrible gloom descends as little William grows weaker daily.

Can the two great mysteries that have befallen the Carlyle family be unravelled?

Conclusion of Mrs Henry Wood's novel dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Mrs Henry Wood ... Rosemary Leach

the Lady Isabel ... Moir Leslie

Mr Carlyle David Collings

Francis Levison Anthony Edridge

Miss Cornelia ... Maxine Audley

Barbara Hare ... Julie Berry

Little William ... Ben Robb

Afy Angela Crow

Richard Hare Kim Wall

Mrs Hare ... Joan Matheson

Justice Hare Brian Hewlett

Lord Mount Severn: Stephen Thorne

Dill: Tim Reynolds

Joyce: Jo Kendall

Ball: Peter Acre

James: Michael Tudor Barnes

Dobede Colin Starkey

Bethel Stephen Harrold

Mr Jiffin Sebastian Stride

Usher Paul Gregory

Rubiny ... Nicholas Goldwyn

Cler David Goodland

Judge Michael Bilton

Director: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1987.

TUE 11:00 The Jon Pertwee Files (m0006lvy)

Sean Pertwee celebrates his father Jon's broadcasting career in this special centenary documentary.

Featuring rediscovered archive material, rare interviews and behind the scenes recordings.

From his radio days playing a disreputable postman and a chief petty officer in The Navy Lark, to his TV portrayals of the dandy Doctor Who and the anarchic scarecrow, Worzel Gummidge.

Producers: Richard Latto and Stuart Manning.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2019.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jq80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jm6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsqw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6md)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwy6q)

The Transition by Luke Kennard

Episode 2

Debut novel set in an unnamed British city, a few years from now. Writer Luke Kennard imagines what life might be like for young people from the squeezed middle-class if society continues along its current economic path.

Thirty-something Karl has avoided a jail sentence for unwittingly aiding a credit card skimmer. Instead, he and his wife Genevieve have been offered a place on The Transition - a six month 'rehabilitation programme' in which they will live rent-free with two mentors, Stu and Janna, who will help them get back on their feet. It's an organisation he's never heard of before but, when they arrive for their first briefing, Karl is surprised to see how large the HQ is, and how well established.

Reader: Bryan Dick

Writer: Luke Kennard

Abridger: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

TUE 14:15 Gudrun (m00057mf)

Series 6

Episode 2: Gudrun

Exiled with two companions, loyal Dag and infatuated Heidr, Guthrun's ship drifts ever west, to a land of new possibilities, and new dangers.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Leif Chris Pavlo

Heidr Helen Clapp

Panuk Kenny Blyth

Dag Joseph Ayres

Freiija Samantha Dakin

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

TUE 14:30 The Grace of Jeff Buckley (b048hxpj)

Since his desperately early death in May 1997, there's been an inevitable mythologising about the life and music of Jeff Buckley. Perhaps it's not surprising that in the posthumous rush to acknowledge his genius, memories have been clouded or, retrospectively, given a silver lining.

The quiet, uncertain foundations of his reputation were laid on a solo tour of Europe three years earlier, in March 1994 - and, in particular, during one day. On the 18th March, Buckley was scheduled for a photo shoot (with Kevin Westenberg), an appearance on BBC GLR and his first proper London concert, at a folk club called Bunjies.

In 'The Grace of Jeff Buckley', those who were there speak for the first time about the man and his music: Buckley's American manager Dave Lory, record company owner Steve Abbott, booking agent Emma Banks and photographer Kevin Westenberg share intimate memories that have so far not featured in the Buckley biography.

And the programme also includes rare archive: the GLR radio session that has not been heard since that live broadcast in 1994 - including an astonishing version of 'Grace' - and, exclusively, a private interview that Buckley recorded on the eve of this tour but decided not to release.

Together, these glimpses offer a portrait of a young man whose voice and musicianship, as well as his irresistible charisma and the trauma of his early death, touched millions.

Produced by Alan Hall.

A Falling Tree production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 15:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006n5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Rest is History (b04vk0c1)

Series 1

Episode 3

Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. This comedy discussion show with celebrity guests promises to help him find out more about it.

With John Lloyd, Katy Brand and historian in residence Dr Kate Williams

Frank and company navigate their way through the annals of time, picking out and chewing over the funniest, oddest, and

most interesting moments in history.

Producers: Dan Schreiber and Justin Pollard

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.

TUE 16:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Beauty of Britain (b0106ybh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000vvt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Planet B (b00j1hzf)

Series 1

7. Catharsis

John captains a battleship in a world so real that he forgets who he is. Can Medley make him remember?

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Dawn Webb.

John Gunnar Cauthery

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Lioba Donnlá Hughes

All other parts played by Robert Lonsdale, Janice Acquah, Inam Mirza, Jill Cardo, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Adjoa Andoh.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0137vtp)

Series 12

Mendelssohn's Octet

This exploration of the impact that Mendelssohn's Octet has had on different people's lives, demonstrates the healing power of music in a variety of situations around the world.

Mendelssohn wrote his Octet for double string quartet in 1825 when he was only 16 years old. Despite his youth, this is a mature and brilliant piece of music described in this programme by the interviewees as "carnavalesque", "a romp", "a party". Choreographer Bill T Jones describes the way in which the Octet showed his company how to keep living during the onslaught of AIDS in the 80's. Cellist Raphael and violinist Elizabeth Wallfisch talk about falling in love whilst learning this music in the 70's. South Korean Lisa Kim tells a story about going on tour with the New York Philharmonic to North Korea and her intense fear and mistrust being replaced by wonder when they played the Octet with a North Korean Quartet. And Matthew Trusler describes the importance of playing this work after the death of his son.

The recording of the Mendelssohn Octet featured in the programme is by the Emerson String Quartet on Deutsche Gramophon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000vvt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b00fkx2m)

Series 2

Some More Trying Times

Sergeant McGurk takes up spying, Samuel enters showbiz and Ezekiel gets stuck.

Comedy set just before the American Revolution.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Stars Jay Tarses as Samuel Oliphant, Andy Hamilton as Sergeant McGurk, James Fleet as Captain Brimshaw, Jan Ravens as Mary, Hugh Dennis as Ezekiel Spriggs, Penelope Nice as Cora Oliphant, Tony Maudsley as Joshua Oliphant and Susie Blake as Elizabeth Oliphant.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

TUE 23:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04awnh8)

Series 2

Episode 1

Bridget is back asking who has the best sexism in the world, deconstructing a yoghurt advert and taking a look at what happens when a perfectly normal woman appears on TV.

With token man, Fred MacAulay who reveals a hitherto unsuspected penchant for certain kitchen cleaning products. As she hasn't managed to single-handedly eradicate sexism, Bridget Christie returns in her multi-award winning series about modern feminism.

Bridget thought that she'd be able to put her feet up assuming her last series would bomb. Sadly it was a huge success and she's had to bang on about feminism ever since.

Written by Bridget Christie.

Producers: Alison Vernon-Smith and Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

TUE 23:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00k9dc3)

Series 1

Lust

Mark Watson investigates lust as he continues his quest to free

us from the seven deadly sins via stand-up comedy. Tim Key and Tim Minchin provide sketches, songs and distractions.
Producer: Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021

WED 00:00 Planet B (b00j1hzf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b0137vtp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6md)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwy6q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Gudrun (m00057mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Grace of Jeff Buckley (b048hxpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Mrs Henry Wood - East Lynne (m0006n5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Rest is History (b04vk0c1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Beauty of Britain (b010t6yh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000vwt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsr5)

Escape to Saraiifa

A flight into the desert - and a first encounter with a living legend.

Arabian adventure for English lawyer George Grant, based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel adapted in six parts by Rene Basilio.

Starring Tim Munro as George Grant, Bernard Horsfall as Colonel Whittaker, George Roubicek as Otto Smith, Farouk El-Demerdash as Sheikh Makhmud, Raad Rawi as Prince Khalid, Garard Green as Sir Philip Gorde, Geoffrey Hinsliff as Jack Entwistle, Ali Refaie as the Sheikh's Messenger and Mohammad Sultan as the Palace Guard.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

WED 06:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mx)

3. Bugger Bognor. Who killed Robert Deeks?

Exit Lines by Reginald Hill dramatised in five parts by Betty Davies.

With Donald Gee and Philip Jackson.

3: 'Bugger Bognor' Who killed Robert Deeks?

How did Parrinder die?

Director Matthew Walters

Cast:

Det Insp Pascoe Donald Gee

Supt Dalziel Philip Jackson

Deputy Chief Constable Michael Elwyn

Det Insp Headingley Christopher Good

Dr Sowden Ben Onwukwe

Det Con Seymour Paul Downing

PC Hector Stephen Garlick

Sgt Wield Michael Graham Cox

Mrs Frostick Anna Cropper

Mr Frostick Michael Kilgarriff

Sgt Myers John Bull

Andrea Jane Slavin

Major Kassell Vincent Brimble

Sir William Brian Miller

Customs man Date Rapley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

WED 07:00 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b08h0c9k)

Series 2

The Neck

In 19th-century Whitby, a magician prepares to compete with Harry Houdini at a major international magic convention. When a ship carrying a cargo of fifty coffins runs aground on the town's beach, he suspects Houdini of pulling a huge publicity stunt.

In this second series, the comedy troupe Peepolykus assume the roles of minor characters in great works of fiction and derail the plot of the book through their hapless buffoonery.

Peepolykus (pronounced people-like-us) has exported its brand of irreverent comic theatre to over 100 towns and cities across four continents, often under the auspices of the British Council. The company's varied CV includes two tours of Bangladesh, winning the audience award at the Tehran Arts Festival, performing to royalty in Brunei, to Indian statespeople in the Himalayas, a truly disastrous run in Barbados, an unforgettable stunt on The Price is Right in Australia and other occasional bits of telly for the BBC. Their theatre scripts are licensed world wide and their award-winning musical with NYMT:UK is pencilled for re-launch. The company has also played for 3 months in the West End and collaborated with numerous

organisations including Neal Street Productions, Aardman, NT, The Kevin Spacey Foundation and currently with Brunel University on Stuck - working with schools to adopt improvisation into the curriculum. Past forays on Radio 4 have included a co-penned series with Rik Mayall, a star-studded adaptation of A Christmas Carol and a live recording of The Hound of the Baskervilles. Peepolykus is produced by Eleanor Lloyd Productions.

Director Sasha Yevtushenko

By John Nicholson and Richard Katz

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 07:30 Alone (m000vx3w)

Series 3

Best Man Wins

A sitcom about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London - written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, Abigail Cruttenden, Pearce Quigley, Kate Isitt and Bennett Arnon. Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother. Elsewhere in the building are schoolteacher Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is shy, nervous and holds a secret candle for Mitch. Overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett Arnon) complete the line-up of mis-matched neighbours.

In the sixth and final episode, Best Man Wins, Mitch turns down Ellie's request to partner her to a wedding and Will offers to accompany her instead. This causes Mitch to regret his decision and panic, as Ellie and Will seem to really hit it off while preparing for their big day out.

Cast:

Angus Deayton- Mitch

Abigail Cruttenden- Ellie

Pearce Quigley- Will

Kate Isitt- Louisa

Bennett Arnon- Morris

Created and Written by Moray Hunter

Script Edited by Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Directed by Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy

Recorded and Edited by Jerry Peal

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy Productions

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

Produced by Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jz69)

Series 1

A Trip to France

The lad's longing to sample life across the English Channel, but Sid's got other ideas.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

WED 08:30 No Commitments (b007jmvh)

Series 2

The Big Break

Charlotte's keen to show off her new TV director boyfriend Dan, who's got her a job. Stars Josie Lawrence. From August 1993.

WED 09:00 Whispers (b007k2kg)

Series 1

Episode 1

What is the rather inflammatory connection between Salman Rushdie and The Beatles?

Celebrating our fascination with gossip, rumour and controversy. Gyles Brandreth hosts the panel game with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Regular team captains writer and critic Anthony Holden and writer and actor Stella Duffy are joined by broadcaster Rosie Millard and best-selling author Jenny Colgan to test their wits, and wit against the most notorious figures in history.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k0d2)

Series 1

Survival of the Fittest

Rosie's company hosts a management team building course. It all goes well until the murder mystery dinner, but it isn't Rosie who makes a killing.

Prunella Scales stars in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Lee Simpson as Barry, Chris Pavlo as Alex and David Holt as Dick.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 10:00 RD Wingfield - Deadfall (b0084hrk)

Demolition expert Harry Davis is a retired British special agent. In his service days he was part of a disastrous plot to assassinate

an African leader.

Now, many years later, there's to be another attempt.

Reluctantly, Harry is drawn into the plot.

RD Wingfield's thriller stars Bob Peck as Harry Davies.

With Julie Berry as Jenny Brown, Aubrey Woods as Tom Crossland, Peter Howell as Colonel Travers, Tim Reynolds as Reynolds, Alan Dudley as Joe and Stephen Thorne, Michael Tudor Barnes and Paul Gregory as the Police and Secret Service Agents,

Director: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987

WED 11:00 Lauren Laverne: Acting the Rock Star (m000w2zt)

1. David Bowie, Velvetens & The Monkees

From The Beatles and David Bowie to Spinal Tap and beyond, across three programmes Lauren Laverne showcases how rock stars lives have been portrayed on radio and screen.

In the first part of this lovingly compiled long-playing retrospective we'll hear...

"The Final Take: Bowie in the Studio" - Jon Culshaw's portrayal of David Bowie during the recording of his final album Blackstar.

"Queens of Noise: Get It On" - An episode from the drama about a fictional female group chasing rock stardom in the late 1980s written by The Farm's Roy Boulter and Louise Wener from Sleeper.

"Witness History: The Monkees" - A look at how a group of actors in the 1960s, who were originally hired to play wannabe pop stars, became the world's first 'manufactured' boy band.

In addition to this, the broadcaster, music journalist and Radio Times Film Editor Andrew Collins offers his thoughts on the phenomenon of the rock biopic.

Produced by Stuart Ross.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jz69)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 No Commitments (b007jmvh)

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WED 13:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsr5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwy7v)

The Transition by Luke Kennard

Episode 3

Bryan Dick reads Luke Kennard's debut novel, inspired by 'Generation Debt', set a few years from now in an unnamed British city.

Mentors Janna and Stu lay down The Transition's ground rules, as Karl and Genevieve slowly adjust to life as protégés of the six-month 'rehabilitation' programme.

Reader: Bryan Dick

Writer: Luke Kennard

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

WED 14:15 Gudrun (m000570d)

Series 6

Episode 3: Sigrid

Set in the 11th century, the series follows Gudrun in the New World, and her estranged daughter Sigrid in England. Both mother and daughter have reasons to seek forgiveness as they forge a path through lands of unearthly beauty and uncompromising harshness.

Sigrid has arrived in England to marry a man she has never met. He is a bore and a brute, and she must keep her darkest secret hidden from him.

Sigrid Hollie Burgess

The Virgin Marilyn Nnadebe

Silvia Susan Jameson

Priest Michael Bertenshaw

Gorm David Hounslow

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Produced by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

WED 14:30 The Man Who Made Mock Turtle Soup (b0076pxb)

Bill Lloyd investigates the life of Alexis Poyet, the first Victorian celebrity chef. With Michel Roux and AN Wilson. Alexis Soyer was Britain's first celebrity chef, 150 years before Jamie Oliver. He opened England first public restaurant, wrote bestselling cookery books and created relishes that his friends, Mssrs Crosse and Blackwell, marketed. He invented the soup kitchen as a means of alleviating the Irish Potato Famine and revolutionised army catering.

Michel Roux tries out one of his most famous recipes while Ruth Brandon, Martin Jarvis and AN Wilson tell his remarkable story.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

WED 15:00 RD Wingfield - Deadfall (b0084hrk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Alone (m000vx3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Planet B (b00j1z95)

Series 1

8. Retreat

John and Medley arrive in a strange religious retreat. Is it a cult or can it offer real enlightenment?

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Thomas Crowe.

John Gunnar Cauthery

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Lioba Donlla Hughes

All other parts played by Robert Lonsdale, Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Stephen Critchlow, Manjeet Mann, Malcolm Tierney and Adjoa Andoh.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m0005f10)

Series 19

Desire Lines

Looking for love online, the desire lines we walk to a lover's house and the untethering of a breast-feeding baby from its mother - Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound about being drawn towards the ones we love.

Desire Lines

Featuring Laura Barton

The Real Tom Banks

Produced by Jesse Cox

Sound Engineer Timothy Nicastrì

Originally made for Radiotonic on ABC Radio National

Untethered

Featuring Nell Frizzell

Production Team: Andrea Rangelcroft and Alia Cassam

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2019.

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WED 20:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Lauren Laverne: Acting the Rock Star (m000w2zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Alone (m000vx3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00nw3rs)

Series 3

A Horrible Life Un-Ruined and Then Re-Ruined a Lot Pip, Harry, Pippa and Ripely are reduced to abject poverty on the banks of the Thames. Will Pip and Harry be able to find work, or will they have to end their days eating mud and listening to the gloating of Mr Benevolent?

Comedy Victorian adventure by Mark Evans.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Barker Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Vegetarian Lion Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009

WED 23:00 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b007qs2d)

Series 1

Mobiles

You can answer a mobile phone anywhere, including a cinema. Should you say anything if somebody does?

Adam Bloom attempts to tackle this tricky situation.

With the help of Rob Rouse, Stefano Paolini and Sarah Kennedy

Written by Adam Bloom.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

WED 23:15 Tina C (b01bb7qh)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Europe

Country legend Tina C challenges the secretary for the US Treasury, the chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs that where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the global recession, and sets off on a six country tour to prove it.

This week she visits Europe

Tina C ...Christopher Green

With Paul Mason and Victoria Inez Hardy

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and Christopher Green

Director Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

WED 23:30 Bunk Bed (b07jzxdl)

Series 3

Episode 6

Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place. Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be followed like balloons escaping onto the air. Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.

This is the nearest faraway place for Patrick Marber and Peter Curran. Here they try to get the heart of things in an entertainingly vague and indirect way. This is not the place for typical male banter. From under the bed clothes they play each other music, and archive of Angela Carter, ex-Prime Ministers, a Castrato singer, and an elephant playing the piano.

Work, family, literature, and their own badly-scuffed dreams are the funny, if warped conversational currency.

A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

WED 23:45 Fabulous (b00j6jkj)

Series 1

Episode 6

Sitcom by Lucy Clarke about a woman who wants to be Fabulous but can't cope.

With Daisy Haggard, Adam Buxton, Joanna Scanlan, Joanna Neary, Matthew Holness, Eve Dallas, Katy Brand, Olivia Colman.

Music by Osymyso.

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021**THU 00:00 Planet B (b00j1z95)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Short Cuts (m0005f10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsr5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwy7v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 Gudrun (m000570d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Man Who Made Mock Turtle Soup (b0076pxb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 RD Wingfield - Deadfall (b0084hrk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Whispers (b007k2kg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k0d2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b08h0c9k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Alone (m000vx3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrj)

The Doomed Oasis

A celebration and a shattered dream, as English lawyer George Grant continues his hunt for a missing client.

Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel

adapted in six parts by Rene Basilio.

Starring Tim Munro as George Grant, Bernard Horsfall as Colonel Whittaker, Raad Rawi as Prince Khalid, John Malcolm as Alexander Erkhart, Garard Green as Sir Philip Gorde, Ali Refaie as Yousif, Farouk El-Demerdash as Sheikh Makhmud and Adam Hussein as Sheikh Abdullah.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

THU 06:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mz)

4. All My Possessions for One Moment of Time

Exit Lines by Reginald Hill dramatised in five parts by Betty Davies.

With Donald Gee and Philip Jackson.

4: 'All My Possessions for One Moment of Time'

Helped or hindered by his boss Andy Dalziel, Pascoe is no nearer a solution to the three deaths.

Director: Matthew Walters

Cast:

Det Insp Pascoe Donald Gee

Supt Dalziel Philip Jackson

Mrs Escott Barbara Atkinson

Det Con Seymour Paul Downing

Sgt Wield Michael Graham Cox

Charlesworth David King

Mrs Soper Anna Cropper

Mr Soper Michael Kilgarriff

Andrea Jane Slavin

Charley Charles Simpson

Ellie Tara Dominick

Abbyss John Bull

Warden Joe Dunlop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 07:00 Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century Addiction (b09czrbc)

Why Are Some More Susceptible Than Others?

Mae Martin is kicking the habit.

Award-winning stand-up and Edinburgh comedy award nominee 2017 Mae Martin presents a brand new series for

Radio 4.

Mae's exploring how we as a society think about addiction, and on a personal level, trying to understand who she is now she's no longer addicted to anything. Through the lens of her own experience, Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century Addiction follows Mae chronologically through a lifetime of obsessive behaviour and addiction with all her characteristic wit and levity.

Episode 2 - Why are some people more susceptible to addiction than others? And what can we do about it?

Sober, un-obsessed, and single for the first time in her life, Mae is asking: Who am I when I'm NOT addicted? And what's next? Mae looks at how society views addiction and recovery, and what connections we can make between identifying why people

feel the need to self-soothe, and helping them on the road to recovery in a compassionate way.

Written by and starring Mae Martin

With Dr Gabor Mate

Producer Alexandra Smith

Production Coordinator Beverley Tagg

A BBC Studios Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000vypf)

Series 9

Episode 2

The ninth series of John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is very different to the previous eight. It's still written by John Finnemore, "one of our best sketch writers", (The Observer), and performed by him with "a great supporting cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan" (The Telegraph), and there are still sketches and songs. But, with no live studio audience this year, John has taken the opportunity to try something completely new

Every episode in this series of Souvenir Programme is made up of scenes from one person's life, played in reverse order.

There's no narrative to the episode; it's still a sketch show, not a sitcom... but the sketches in each episode all happened to one person, played by one member of the cast, over the course of their lifetime.

Episode two is all about Deborah, and takes place between a catchup Zoom in lockdown one, and a bedtime story she was told in 1962.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme started in 2011 and quickly established itself as "One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" (The Guardian), and "One of the funniest and most inventive new radio comedy shows of recent years" (The Daily Mail).

Written and performed by ... John Finnemore

Deborah ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Ensemble ... Lawry Lewin

Ensemble ... Simon Kane

Ensemble ... Carrie Quinlan

Recorded and edited by ... Rich Evans at Synbox Post

Production coordinator ... Beverley Tagg

Producer ... Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010mztj)

Series 7

Episode 4

Investigating hobbies - and Professor Prune's Electric Trousers end up deep in the briny.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch and Jo Kendall.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie with John Junkin and John Cleese.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

THU 08:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv9c)

The Prisoner

Tony goes on the run and the spaniel's secret is revealed. Nick Revell's epic saga with Peter Serafinowicz. From May 1997.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000w551)

Series 7

Samuel Pepys

James Walton's literary quiz.

Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by Nicholas Lezard and Nigel Williams.

Author of the week is Samuel Pepys.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

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THU 09:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

Series 2

Episode 3

When Daniel's brother suggests a night in the pub and Lucy's best friend meets a new man, their plans for a week away from other people's problems come seriously unstuck.

The second series of David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Starring David Tennant as Daniel, Liz Carling as Lucy, Nasreen Hussain as Amanda, Joanna Brookes as Alison, Robert Harley as Peter and Polly Frame as Caroline.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 10:00 Drama (b095pjks)

That'll Be the Day by Ray Connolly

It's 1959 and young Jim MacLaine seems to have it all. He's good looking and destined to go to a good university. But he's haunted by the father that abandoned him and his mother when he was small. Is he ready for the normal life mapped out for him? Or is he restless like his old man? Based on the seventies hit film.

Jim Jack Gordon

Mother/Landlady Emily Pithon

Father/History Teacher Conrad Nelson

Terry Chris Hannon

Linda Verity Henry

Jeanette Natalie Grady

Mike Greg Wood

Director/Producer: Gary Brown.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wxcj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010mztj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwyg0)

The Transition by Luke Kennard

Episode 4

Bryan Dick reads Luke Kennard's 'Generation Debt' inspired debut novel, set in an unnamed British city a few years from now.

To prevent him going to jail for his part in a card skimming scam, Karl and Genevieve have signed up to a six-month 'rehabilitation' programme run by a mysterious organisation The Transition. Forced to give up their bedsit and move in with their mentors, the pair are slowly adjusting to life as 'protégés'.

Exercise is a key part of the course and mentor Stu tests Karl's physical and emotional mettle with a punishing gym workout.

Reader: Bryan Dick

Writer: Luke Kennard

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

THU 14:15 Gudrun (m00057sk)

Series 6

Episode 4: Gudrun

Rescued from the Thule by Leif Ericsson, Gudrun's gratitude leaves her open to his attempts to convert her.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Leif Chris Pavlo

Heidr Helen Clapp

Dag Joseph Ayres

Freija Samantha Dakin

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

THU 14:30 Burrell's Bequest (b0457snm)

In 1944 William Burrell gifted his extraordinary art collection to the City of Glasgow. Alvin Hall reveals the story of the shipping magnate who made a huge cultural impact in Glasgow, yet remains himself a shadowy figure, a 'Victorian magpie' eclipsed by the splendour of his collection.

Burrell amassed the most outstanding range of Degas' works anywhere in Europe; a huge range of Chinese and Islamic Art; plus tapestries and sculptures to rival the collections of the world's top museums. 70 years ago, he stipulated in his bequest that the collection should never be loaned overseas. Debate is currently raging over whether this highly unusual collection should be allowed to travel to other museums and galleries around the world.

The imposing Pollock House sits in parkland 3 miles from Glasgow. Here again, the terms of Burrell's request were challenged. He insisted that the collection shouldn't be located within 14 miles of Glasgow, concerned about the effects of air pollution on the exhibits. After his death, this was overturned when the Pollock site became available - the conclusion being that air pollution is less of a factor nowadays. A similar argument is being used in the current debate, with air travel and cutting edge techniques for the transportation of art minimising the risks.

This raises interesting legal questions - and also provides a peg to dig deeper into the little-known life of the man behind the collection, and the fine art of transporting art. Financier and art collector, Alvin Hall visits Glasgow's much-loved Burrell Museum in Pollok Park and, by tracing the journey of the objects of the collection, gains an insight into the character of an extraordinary man, who helped transform the fortunes of the city where he'd amassed his own fortune.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 15:00 Drama (b095pjks)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000w551)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century Addiction (b09czrbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000vypf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Planet B (b00j250y)

Series 1

9. The Fast Track

Still stuck in a virtual world, it's John's last chance to save Lioba by navigating an escape path.

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Paul May.

John Gunnar Cauthery

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Lioba Donnla Hughes

All other parts played by Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Stephen Critchlow, Inam Mirza, Paul Rider and Adjoa Andoh.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b07wby0q)

Series 40

Cyrus Todiwala on Dadabhai Naoroji

Chef Cyrus Todiwala chooses Dadabhai Naoroji, the 'Grand Old Man of India' who in 1892 became Britain's first Asian MP for Finsbury Central. He later returned to India and petitioned for the country to be self-governing. Ghandi, who was Dadabhai's mentee, would later refer to him as the Father of the Nation. Matthew Parris presents and Zerbano Gifford is the expert.

Producer: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010mztj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wxcj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000vypf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b098n4vk)

Series 4

The Last Day

It's Miss Cavendish's last day at school and retirement looms but surely it can't go completely unmarked, that's enough to send even the most sensible woman over the edge.

The first in a series of by Jenny Eclair's comic monologues where four women reach a crisis in their lives.

Vicki Pepperdine is one of the country's leading comic actors. She co-wrote and starred in the sit-com 'Getting On' and can currently be seen in The Windsors.

Jenny Eclair is a comedian, novelist and actress. She blazed a trail for female comedians and is now a stalwart of the comedy circuit.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

THU 22:45 Brian Appleton's History of Rock 'n' Roll (b00fvg6h)

Eight Miles Low

In a series of lectures, rock musicologist and part-time media studies tutor Brian Appleton attempts to assert his rightful place in the music history books.

Charting the beginnings of Brian's influence on the rock world when, as a young boy, he met apprentice gravedigger Rod Stewart in Highgate cemetery and, with the help of a maggot,

gave him the idea for Maggie May...

A six-part comedy series written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

THU 23:00 1966 and All That (b01phm54)

The 1980s and 90s

Neil Knock-Knock becomes leader of the Labour Party; Jeffrey Archer reveals he's won the Nobel Prize; Loads of London goes pear-shaped; and John Minor stands against himself . . .

and loses.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1980s and 90s.

Stars Joss Ackland, Eleanor Bron, Rory Bremner, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and John Humphrys.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THU 23:30 Safety Catch (b00fgq18)

Series 1

A Wanting Man

Arms dealer Simon struggles to understand why other people hold his job against him. Stars Darren Boyd. From October

2007.

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FRI 00:00 Planet B (b00j250y)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrw)

The Empty Quarter

As his quest continues, lawyer George Grant is led into an inhospitable desert - and into the heart of a long-standing conflict.

Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel adapted in six parts by Rene Basilio.

Starring Tim Munro as George Grant, Bernard Horsfall as Colonel Whittaker, Raad Rawi as Prince Khalid, George Masri as Salim, Christopher Guard as David Whittaker, Ali Refaie as Ali, Mamdouh Ashour as Hamid and Yasmin Abdul Rahman as the Arab Boy.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

FRI 06:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w6lw)

5. The Comedy is Over

Exit Lines by Reginald Hill dramatised in five parts by Betty Davies.

With Donald Gee and Philip Jackson.

5: 'The Comedy Is Over'

Three old men dead. Two unsolved problems. Has Pascoe got one answer?

Director Matthew Walters

Stereo

Cast:

Det Insp Pascoe Donald Gee

Supt Dalziel Philip Jackson

Charley Charles Simpson

Mrs Escott Barbara Atkinson

Det Con Seymour Paul Downing

Sgt Wield Michael Graham Cox

PC Hector Stephen Garlick

Abbyss John Bull

Cpl Gillott Joe Dunlop

Major Kassell Vincent Brimble

Sir William Brian Miller

Charlesworth David King

Elite Tara Dominick

Ruddlesdin Danny Schiller

Moody Dale Rapley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 07:00 The Break (b07gf4s6)

Series 1

Sunday, Flipping Sunday

Dawn breaks on a beautiful Sunday morning in Flamford.

Uncle Jeff is on a quest for spiritual comfort and persuades his nephew Andy to join him by bribing him with the promise of a proper roast dinner.

They find that the local church has installed a new vicar, the Reverend Beverley, who invites Jeff to her bible class that evening. The words "bring a bible" strike a chill to Jeff's heart.

He has never owned a bible, and neither has Andy. They spend the rest of the day trying to find a bible on a Sunday, with Andy's stomach rumbling as he pictures his dinner slipping further away. On their quest they encounter Derek Horrox The Mayor, Peter Humfriss, The Town Crier, and a slightly unnerving bookseller.

Jeff Philip Jackson

Andy Tom Palmer

Reverend Beverley Shobna Gulati

Derek Horrox The Mayor Rasmus Hardiker

Peter Humfriss, The Town Crier Mark Benton

Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.

FRI 07:30 The Confessional (m000w3mf)

Series 1

The Confession of Marian Keyes

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week Stephen invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions'. This is a cue for some remarkable storytelling, and surprising insights. We're used to hearing celebrity interviews where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements and talk about their proudest moments. Stephen is not interested in that. He doesn't want to know what his guests are proud of, he wants to know what they're ashamed of. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick. Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on things like why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

This week the prolific novelist and writer Marian Keyes confesses, from her home in Dublin, details of a disservice she did that still haunts her 20 years after the event. She also tells tales of a lost glove and of Joan of Arc at a fancy dress ball. Other guests in this series include Dr Phil Hammond, Ciarad Lloyd, Joan Bakewell, Suzi Ruffell, Phil Wang and Alastair Campbell.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Devised with Dave Anderson and produced by Frank Stirling A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)

Series 1

Under Fire

On fire-watch with Godfrey, Frazer thinks a local resident of Walmington-on-Sea is signalling to the enemy... Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Geoffrey Lumsden as Colonel Square, Avril Angose as Mrs Keene and David Goodison as Murphy. With John Snagge as the announcer.

Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.

FRI 08:30 Semi Circles (b007jx11)

Series 1

A Nice Area

An action committee is formed when a foreign owner applies to open a new restaurant in the area.

The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.

Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as Ben

Written by Simon Brett

Helen Paula Wilcox

Ben David Wood

Mrs Kelly Pat Heywood

Alastair Bruce Alexander

Roger Ben Aris

Mo Penelope Nice

Mr Mukerjee Tariq Yunis

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1982

FRI 09:00 Counterpoint (b00s7vtk)

Series 24

2010 Heat 7

Paul Gambaccini is in the chair for the latest heat of the general knowledge quiz, with amateur music enthusiasts bidding for a chance to become musical mastermind of 2010.

This week's trio come from London, Gosport in Hampshire and Brighton in East Sussex. As usual, there are musical extracts ranging across many styles and eras, to keep them on their toes.

Producer Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

FRI 09:30 Bristol (b007tdnn)

Series 3

Of Moles and Men

The office rebel returns with some inside information which must surely lead to promotion.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Gert Liz Frazer

Daisy Joan Sims

Fred Stokes David Battley

Miss Glocking Carol Starks

Teacher Jane Booker

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Fudge Jon Glover

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

FRI 10:00 Drama (b096fsmx)

Stardust by Ray Connolly

Show me a boy who never wanted to be a rock star and I'll show you a liar. Following on from the events of 'That'll be the Day', it's the early sixties and Jim Maclaine is now an aspiring pop musician. He seeks out his old mate Mike, because every pop star needs a road manager. Based on the seventies film of the same name.

Mike Greg Wood

Jim Jack Gordon

Stevie / Barnacle Tim Chris Hannon

Sally / Mrs Porter-Lee Fiona Clarke

Danielle / Air Stewardess Verity Henry

Porter Lee / Johnny Stephen Marzella

JD / Colin Day Jason Done

Directed by Gary Brown.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000m6c4)

Steve Coogan on Alan Partridge's return to audio

First broadcast in September 2020.

It's been 29 years since the character of Alan Partridge made his debut in the Radio 4 satirical radio show On The Hour. Since then Steve Coogan's inept Norfolk broadcaster has seen huge success with various TV shows and even a feature film, Alpha Papa.

This week Alan makes a return to audio with a brand new podcast 'From The Oasthouse' - available to download from Audible.

Steve Coogan chats to Amanda Litherland about the benefits of making comedy that's for ears only, and shares some of the secrets behind Alan Partridge's 30 year success.

Later, Amanda is joined by the writer and critic Scott Bryan to recommend more of the latest new listens, including:

Poppy Hillstead Has Entered The Chat

Futile Attempts At Surviving Tomorrow - (Kim Noble and Novel)

My Year In Mensa (Jamie Loftus)

The Bomb (BBC World Service)

Media Tribe (Shaunagh Connaire)

On Things We Left Behind (Acast)

Book Off (Joe Haddock)

The Two Shot Podcast (Craig Parkinson)

Chasing Charlie (Freemantle Australia)

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Semi Circles (b007jx11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w61w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b08dwyb9)

The Transition by Luke Kennard

Episode 5

Bryan Dick reads Luke Kennard's 'Generation Debt' inspired debut novel, set in an unnamed British city a few years from now.

Transition mentors Jaana and Stu confront Karl and Genevieve with the stark facts of their situation: heavily in debt and no prospect of that changing if they continue with their current jobs and expectations. Karl is becoming increasingly suspicious about the true motives behind the secretive organisation's 'rehabilitation' programme.

Reader: Bryan Dick

Writer: Luke Kennard

Abridger: Robin Brooks

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

FRI 14:15 Gudrun (m00057rq)

Series 6

Episode 5: Sigrid

Set in the 11th century, the series follows Gudrun in the New World, and her estranged daughter Sigrid in England. Both mother and daughter have reasons to seek forgiveness as they forge a path through lands of unearthly beauty and uncompromising harshness.

Sigrid's intended husband has discovered her terrible secret and now her life hangs in the balance.

Sigrid Hollie Burgess

The Virgin Marilyn Nnadebe

Silvia Susan Jameson

Saxon Joseph Ayre

Gorm David Hounslow

Canute Aaron Gelkoff

Gunnar Chris Pavlo

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Produced by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

FRI 14:30 Be My Guest (b0b520pj)

Patrick Cargill

'Father Dear Father' TV sitcom star Patrick Cargill says 'Be My Guest' as he shares highlights from his varied acting career in TV, film and on stage - and plays some of his favourite songs. Inviting a variety of guests from the world of entertainment - Be My Guest ran for several series spanning the 1960s and 80s.

Producer: Richard Burwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1974.

FRI 15:00 Drama (b096fsmx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Counterpoint (b00s7vtk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Bristol (b007tdnn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Break (b07gf4s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Confessional (m000w3mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Planet B (b00j2j7k)

Series 1

10. Death's Door

John and Lioba aim to meet in the real world, but can they really escape their virtual reality?

Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.

Written by Matthew Broughton.

John Gunnar Cauthery

Medley Lizzy Watts

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Lioba Donnla Hughes

All other parts played by Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Stephen Critchlow, Paul Rider, Manjeet Mann, Matthew Broughton and Adjoa Andoh.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00p93sw)

How's My Driving?

Having a driving licence used to be proof you'd grown up and could move about on your own; now it is almost a guilty pleasure.

Dominic Arkwright borrowed a car to get to the studio to meet entrepreneur Alison Larkman (who walked), broadcaster Chris Serle (on his motor scooter) and actor Patrick Field (bike, train and bike) to consider the point of driving in the 21st century. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 20:30 Dalziel & Pascoe - Exit Lines (m000w61w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000m6c4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m000w3mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b060qsl2)

Series 4

Episode 3

Galileo is too busy to party with the Pope. Award-winning comedy with Justin Edwards and Neil Edmond. From November 2005.

FRI 23:00 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b012qtv1)

Series 2

Episode 1

The human chameleon's host of characters from a chatty schoolgirl to a decrepit charwoman.

Multi-paced, one-woman fast show showcasing the exceptional talent of Lucy Montgomery.

With Philip Pope, Sally Grace, Waen Shepherd and Natalie Walter.

Written by Lucy Montgomery with additional material by Steven Burge, Jon Hunter, Fay Rusling and Barunka O'Shaughnessy.

Script Editor: Dan Tetsell

Music by Philip Pope

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

FRI 23:30 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00f2zsd)

A Working Society

Charting our bumpy evolution, Chris Addison explains why he chose to spell civilisation with a Z.

Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, the thinking-idiot's anthropologist explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

With Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGovern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.