

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

SAT 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc0b)

Guards! Guards!. Episode 5 "That dragon isn't going to accept any mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy liberal nonsense.... Do you know what you're getting with a dragon? Unashamed strong leadership."

The dragon strikes. But will Captain Vimes triumph? First published in 1989, the 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Butt.

Starring Martin Jarvis as the Narrator, John Wood as Captain Vimes, Melvyn Hayes as Nobby, Stephen Thorne as Sergeant Colon, Helen Atkinson-Wood as Lady Ramkin, Robert Gwilym as Carrot, Crawford Logan as Lord Vetinari, Brett Usher as Supreme GrandMaster, Jeff Nuttall as Chief Merchant, Michael Roberts as the Librarian and Kate McEnery as the girl.

Director: John Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b05gagcv)

Series 20, Hallelujah! Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' took him years to write. It originally had as many as 80 verses. Recorded for his 'Various Positions' album, it was almost ignored when first released in 1984. Only Bob Dylan saw its true worth and would play it live. John Cale eventually recorded a version which was heard by an obscure musician called Jeff Buckley.

The song has been covered by hundreds of artists including Rufus Wainwright, kd lang and Alexandra Burke.

We hear from those whose relationship with the song is deep and profound: singer Brandi Carlisle listened to it over and over again as a troubled teenager; it became a sound-track to James Taleric falling in love and Jim Kullander made a connection with the song after the death of his wife.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b0377m0d)

Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair, Virginia van Cleeve Part 5 of a new production of a vintage serial from 1946.

From 1938 to 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and his glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. Sadly, only half of Temple's adventures survive in the archives.

In 2006 BBC Radio 4 brought one of the lost serials back to life with Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson as Paul and Steve. Using the original scripts and incidental music, and recorded using vintage microphones and sound effects, the production of Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery aimed to sound as much as possible like the 1947 original might have done if its recording had survived. The serial proved so popular that it was soon followed by three more revivals, Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery, Paul Temple and Steve, and A Case for Paul Temple. Now, from 1946, it's the turn of Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair, in which Paul and Steve go on the trail of the mysterious and murderous Mr Gregory.

Episode 5: Virginia van Cleeve

A sinister shop in the East End may hold a vital clue.

Producer Patrick Rayner

Francis Durbridge, the creator of Paul Temple, was born in Hull in 1912 and died in 1998. He was one of the most successful novelists, playwrights and scriptwriters of his day.

SAT 01:30 The Ice Mountain (b01g65gs)

This haunting soundtrack follows the journey of a fictional iceberg as it travels south into the North Atlantic after calving from a glacier in Greenland. One hundred years ago RMS Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, and more than 1500 people died as a result of this collision. As a result, the International Ice Patrol (I.C.P.) was formed to monitor the ice conditions near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and warn mariners of the dangers that icebergs present to safe navigation.

Since the formation of the I.C.P. no ship which has heeded their warnings has struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Narrated by Adjoa Andoh and with sound recordings by Chris Watson, the ICE MOUNTAIN follows the journey of an iceberg: from creation to destruction and recalls the events which led up to the sinking of RMS Titanic. Each spring, huge numbers of icebergs set off on a 'one way migration' south. How far they travel and in which direction depends on their size, shape, wind direction and strength, currents and tides. During their journey the most astonishing groans, creaks and growls can be heard as they heat up in the sun, crack and melt or roll around in the waves. Writer and broadcaster Tony Soper describes how birds including Glaucous gulls and Kittiwakes, will use them as places to roost and fish. This in turn will attract killer whales which feed on small fish like Capelin. But for mariners, icebergs are to be avoided. One of the most dangerous aspects is that most of the body of the berg is below the surface. About 1/10th is above water and the rest below. "There's nothing, almost nothing you can do to control its behaviour, to determine what it's going to do, and it is just a force of nature."

Producer Sarah Blunt.

SAT 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Betrayal (b00wgzvb)

We Always Find Them Out There are rumours about Gorya's health. As Anna and Andrei are given a warning to try to get out of Leningrad, is it already too late to escape the tightening noose? Helen Dunmore's sequel to 'The Siege' read by Sara Kestelman. Set ten years on, the starvation and bitter cold of the war years of Leningrad have been replaced with fear and suspicion. City residents do their best to keep their heads down and their lives unremarkable in an era of accusations, arrests and the midnight knock at the door.

Helen Dunmore (1952-2017) was the writer of 12 novels and 10 poetry collections winning several accolades for her work.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 02:15 Student Bibles (b0075nvl)

A History of Architecture/Philippa Budge examines the Banister-Fletcher textbook, used at some point by every architect to check facts or to prop up a drawing board.

SAT 02:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00x958)

The Wedding The Queen proposes to her husband of choice.

Drama based on letters and diaries. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

SAT 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kb9kv)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn, The Melting Pot Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s. As Bartocci's opens its doors to all customers, whatever their colour, Eilis fights the prejudice of her fellow lodgers. Even at Father Flood's Irish dance night, not everyone is Irish.

SAT 03:00 Anthony Trollope - The Pallisers (b007twj9)

Episode 12 Lady Glencora's children must choose between duty and love. Will the family be reconciled? Stars Sophie Thompson.

SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075rh9)

Series 1, Episode 2 Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game.

With Steve Punt, John O'Farrell, Derek Draper and Rhona Cameron. From October 1998.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007k18q)

Series 1, Gossip Rumours abound - as Sarah and her mother unwittingly conspire together.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and John Nettleton as the Vicar.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

SAT 05:00 Hazelbeach (b0082dtq)

Series 1, Wine Returning to England, Nick's life descends into surreal chaos when he discovers the mysterious Ronnie Hazelbeach living in his late Dad's house.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie, Paul Bazely as Nick, Tracy Wiles as Chloe and John Dougall as James.

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SAT 05:30 Mr Muzak (b094hm69)

Series 1, We've Only Just Begun Richie Webb stars as

performance shy cocktail pianist Nigel Penny.

Nigel Penny's attempts to live his life in the background are thwarted by the surprise arrival of his entrepreneurial half-brother, Pav (Paul G Raymond). Pav hooks Nigel up with desperate wannabe singer Rachel (Jess Robinson) and strong-arms the pair onto the books of his fledgling entertainment agency.

With a gig at a Carpenters-themed wedding on the horizon, Nigel has to contend not only with his job at an Italian Restaurant run by a probably-not-an-actual-Italian, but also with Pav's mysterious new Ukrainian friend, Stan (Dave Lamb), and some disturbing news about his new musical partner.

Directed by Jim North and Matt Katz

Written and Produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Horace Walpole - The Castle of Otranto (b04mcf8m)

When Prince Manfred's only son is killed on the morning of his wedding, he decides to marry the bride himself - but the castle ghost seems to be standing in his way.

Horace Walpole's 1764 novel is a dark tale of duplicity and dynastic rivalry in medieval Italy. It's said to be the first ever gothic novel, becoming extremely popular in the 18th and 19th centuries - and the inspiration to authors like Ann Radcliffe, Bram Stoker and Edgar Allan Poe.

Starring David Burke as Father Jerome, Sylvestra Le Touzel as Princess Isabella, Gerard Murphy as Prince Manfred, Alphoncia Emmanuel as Princess Hippolyta, Susannah Corbett as Princess Matilda and Patrick Robinson as Theodore.

Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.

Original music by Andy Roberts.

Director Chris Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SAT 07:30 The Story of Flowers in the Rain (b007zmn7)

"And good morning everyone. Welcome to the exciting new sound of Radio One".

Tony Blackburn recalls the story behind the controversy around the first 45 rpm single that he played on his brand new breakfast show on BBC Radio 1 on Saturday 30th September 1967 - The Move's 'Flowers in the Rain'.

Little did Tony know as he spun the record, that thanks to an infamous PR stunt to promote it, the band were to be sued for libel by the then Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Tony takes us through the controversial story with two of the original band members Trevor Burton and Bev Bevan.

A Tinderbox production for BBC Radio 4 - first broadcast in September 2007.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b04pr1w2)

Art School, Smart School Brian Eno, Grayson Perry and others reflect on the state of the art school.

British art schools have produced some of the world's most successful artists, designers, filmmakers and musicians. Britain has built up a strong reputation for creativity around the world and politicians are interested in capitalising on our creative brand. Brian Eno was at art school at a particularly exciting time. In the sixties, art colleges were independent and experimental; students were challenged to rethink what art and art education were about. Brian relates his memories of Ipswich College of Art under the radical educationalist Roy Ascot, and reflects on the importance of this experience. But he also sounds a warning note - he says art schools are under huge pressures and the effects are threatening creativity.

This programme brings together artists, musicians, art tutors and archive recordings to explore the last half century of art education and the state of Britain's art schools today.

We hear the perspectives of high profile figures in art and design - Grayson Perry, Richard Wentworth, Eileen Cooper, Peter Kindersley, and Jay Osgerby to name a few.

Britain depends on its art schools if it's to sustain its reputation for creativity. But are art schools becoming too much like universities and excluding those very people who will produce the innovations of the future?

Produced by Isabel Sutton

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 The Golden Age of American Radio (b095tv33)

The decades between the end of the silent film era and the rise of TV, were golden years for the medium of radio in America. In this three hour special programme, Toby Hadoke will introduce some classic radio shows from the 1930s, 40s & 50s to the 4

Extra audience for their very first broadcasts on British radio. The radio work of established stars such as Joan Crawford, Jack Benny and Vincent Price will feature, as well as some lesser known, but no less important shows from the time. The Golden Age of American Radio will feature: Vincent Price in an episode of The Saint called The Horrible Hamburger from 1950

The Columbia Workshop presents Meridian 7-1212 by Irving

Reis from 1939

An episode of The Jack Benny Program from 1950 in which Jack Give 50 cents to a Bum

Zero Hour by Ray Bradbury, dramatised for X Minus One in

1956

A 1946 polemic from Jack Webb for One Out of Seven - Senator Theodore Bilbo

Joan Crawford stars in The Ten Years on Suspense in 1949

(And listen out for the first radio appearances of two Hollywood legends in the days before they were famous).

SAT 12:00 The 99p Challenge (b007iw52)

Series 3, Episode 5 Crazy panel show capers as Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Peter Baynham, Armando Iannucci and Nick Frost. From August 2001.

SAT 12:30 Our Man at Wembley (b0075j2s)

Episode 2 As the FA Cup final looms, will budding commentator Eric Halliday get inside the stadium? Stars Alistair McGowan. From June 1998.

SAT 13:00 Just a Girl: Omnibus (b095tvpv)

News of a petition about Amy breaks. The continuing journey of a 13-year-old transgender teenager. Starring Cassie Campbell.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b095tw0v)

Engelbert Humperdinck Singer Engelbert Humperdinck chooses 'Harbour Lights' by The Platters and 'The Living Years' by Mike and The Mechanics.

SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kfq8)

Series 2, Jersey Pam's on the largest Channel island to learn about black butter, visit an underground hospital and try unusual cake. Poet and raconteuse, Pam Ayres is back on the open road, visiting nine more places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.

Producer: Jill Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2001.

SAT 14:45 Peter Tinniswood - Tales From the Backbench (b0076181)

Tales From the Backbench - Series 1, The Great Snitcher Ineffective and forgetful MP, Sir Plympton Makepeace recalls his one great hero - and his own dalliance with a Russian spy whose antecedents were definitely not Soviet...

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b04pr1w2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SAT 16:00 Horace Walpole - The Castle of Otranto (b04mcf8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 The Story of Flowers in the Rain (b007zmn7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Twilight Zone (b00h6v32)

Series 2, The Chaser A lovesick suitor buys a guaranteed love potion from a mysterious soul - a love potion that works all too well...

Robert Presnell Jr's TV script based on John Collier's short story adapted for radio by Dennis Etchison

Starring Stephen Tobolowsky, Michele Graff, Roderick Peeples, JoBe Cerny, Doug James, Jeff Lupetin, Carl Amari, Roy

Millonzi, Meg Thalken, Jennifer Litterio, Linda Reiter, Peggy Roeder and Craig Harris.
 Stacy Keach (best known here as US TV detective Mike Hammer) takes Serling's original TV role as narrator.
 Created by Rod Serling, cult sci-fi and horror series 'The Twilight Zone' was first broadcast in the USA on CBS from 1959 to 1964 and electrified the new medium of television.
 Armed with a licence from CBS and the Serling estate, Carl Amari's slick adaptations are based on the original TV scripts - adapted from 2002 as a 40-minute radio drama series, with a full cast, music and sound effects.
 Produced and directed by Carl Amari for the Falcon Picture Group.
SAT 18:40 James Follett - The Pentworth Trilogy (b007jsky)
 The Silent Vulcan, Episode 2In a new development, the town of Pentworth's mystery wall appears to have vanished at Sister Mary's cottage. Detective Sergeant Mike Malone continues to keep the whereabouts of Ellen, Vikki and Claire secret from cult leader Adrian Roscoe. Meantime the morning starts quietly...
 After a UFO crash landed, the Sussex town of Pentworth was cut off by a mysterious invisible and impenetrable wall.
 'The Silent Vulcan' is the final book in James Follett's sci-fi trilogy of the same name.
 Read by Nigel Anthony.
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard.
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2004.
SAT 19:00 The Golden Age of American Radio (b095tv33)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jlw6)
 Series 2, Lord ByronThe comic examines the life and times of the 'mad, bad and dangerous to know' Romantic poet. From March 2001.
SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01g7nrv)
 Series 2, HolidaysThe award-winning comic tackles the stress of going on holiday. With Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard. From August 2009.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b096n571)
 Danielle Ward 2/2From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Danielle Ward.
SAT 23:00 Mark Thomas: My Life in Serious Organised Crime (b007760g)
 Stories from comedian Mark Thomas's campaign against the Serious Organised Crime and Policing Act that requires anyone wishing to protest around the Houses of Parliament to obtain a police permit. Thomas has done exactly that; hundreds and hundreds of times.
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2007.
SAT 23:30 Two Episodes of Mash (b01mx27s)
 Series 2, Episode 4In Episode 4: Diane, Joe and David have to do 30 minutes of community service as punishment for their crimes against radio.
 You can see an animation by Tom Rourke on the Radio 4 website: www.bbc.co.uk/radio4.
 Credits: Diane Morgan, Joe Wilkinson, David O'Doherty, Aled Jones, Paul Harry Allen, Bobbie Pryor and Gary Newman.
 Producer: Clair Wordsworth.

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SUN 06:00 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xlw19)
 Omnibus, part 1The reflections of the young Victoria as she turns sixteen...
 Scripted by Juliet Ace, based on the letters and diaries of the young Queen Victoria, this portrait of her younger life and the happy years of her marriage, reveals some of the remarkable and long-lasting achievements of this extraordinary queen.
 Starring Imogen Stubbs as Victoria.
 With Anna Massey as the Duchess of Kent, Adrian Lukis as Prince Albert, Selina Cadell as Baroness Lehzen, John Rowe as Sir John Conroy/MP/Lord Aberdeen, Christopher Cazenove as Melbourne, Andrew Wincott as WAG/Prince Ernest/Page/Anson/Cubitt, Terence Edmond as William IV/Stockmar/Peel, Thomas Arnold as the Prince of Wales

Bertie/Paxton, Clare Corbett as Princess Vicky/Helena and George Alonby as Prince of Wales Bertie as a child.
 Producer: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
SUN 07:15 Tessa Hadley - Deeds Not Words (b03b6s40)
 Tessa Hadley's short story 'Deeds Not Words' tells how two teachers at the same girls' school follow very different paths during the troubled years of the early 20th century. The reader is Harriet Walter
 The girls at St Clement's School had been swept along by crazes before. Like the time when automatic writing from the subconscious was the fashion, or that phase when everyone devoured the novels of Marie Correlli. But this time, it's the radicalism of the Suffragette movement that has everybody talking, and girls are pinning pictures of the Pankhursts inside their desk lids, and distributing angry pamphlets. Whilst the smouldering English teacher Laura Mulhouse acts as a beacon for their fervour, the Latin Mistress Edith Carew has baser needs. But both of their paths lead them in unexpected directions.
 Producer: Sarah Langan.
SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
 Series 4, Coach TripSpoof reminiscences of a former variety star. Count Arthur Strong is an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origins of the species, all false starts and nervous fumbling, poorly concealed by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance.
 After an attempted coach trip to Bridlington goes terribly wrong, Arthur decides the only way out of a sticky situation is to go 'native'.
 With Steve Delaney, Mel Giedroyc, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.
SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b014gp01)
 Three Blind DatesThe Lyon family have to entertain father Ben's boss - but will they all get along?
 Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Barbara and Richard.
 With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, Richard Bellaers, Gwen Lewis, Dennis Arundell and Bob Block.
 Life With the Lyons was one of the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.
 Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury.
 BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenouhlt.
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.
SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b04cfpy2)
 The FlatDavid Bliss prepares to move back into his flat, but with warnings from Tony ringing in his ears.
 Starring George Cole as David Bliss, Diana Churchill as Ann, Colin Gordon as Tony, Percy Edwards as Pysche the dog and Sarah Lawson as Maxine.
 Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss began in 1953 on the BBC Home Service and ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 when a TV series was made. Sadly only 6 radio episodes survived in the BBC archive.
 For the first 7 episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of The St Trinian's films, destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - George Cole.
 The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenouhlt.
 Producer: Leslie Bridgmont
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.
SUN 09:00 Following Pappano: Omnibus (b095vggq)
 Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano's team prepare for Royal Opera's first production of Puccini's La boheme in over 40 years.
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b04g8q57)
 Elsie and Netta - Home Is Where the Heart IsFi Glover introduces two Jamaican-born women who both settled in Cardiff after the war and now reflect on their lives here and what they miss from Jamaica.
 The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject
 Producer: Marya Burgess.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b095vgqj)
 Rock & Pop Stars, Alison Moyet4 Extra Debut. From Cilla Black to Talk Talk. Singer-songwriter Alison Moyet shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From May 2014.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b095vh40)
 Series 2, The Good ShowRadiolab asks is 'survival of the fittest' compatible with animals helping each other out? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
 Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
 First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

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SUN 14:30 Rachel Joyce - The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy (b04mbwdy)
 Omnibus edition. A dying woman writes her life secrets down for a man who is trying to see her before it is too late. Stars Sophie Thompson.
SUN 15:45 What Is a Story? (b060z9s1)
 First TimesMarina Warner - in the company of leading contemporary writers - looks at the world of contemporary fiction. In each programme, she considers a story and story writing from a different angle.
 Marina is the Chair of the Man Booker International Prize 2015 and the series draws on the expertise of this year's International Booker judging panel, the views of the shortlisted writers, as well as other key literary talent.
 Marina speaks with writers as diverse as Julian Barnes, Michelle Roberts, Fanny Howe, Marlene van Niekerk, Alain Mabanckou, Lydia Davis, Edwin Frank, Elleke Boehmer, Wen-Chin Ouyang, Daniel Medin, Nadeem Aslam and Laszlo Krasznahorkai.
 There are questions around the boundaries between fact and fiction which Marina believes are central to any consideration of storytelling, since readers' pleasure depends so much on trust built up between the storyteller or writer and the audience.
 Over ten episodes, there are discussions on the reasons for writing, writers as witnesses and political interaction.
 In episode one Marina looks at early experiences of stories.
 Producer: Kevin Dawson
 A Whistledown production for BBC Radio.
SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b0144pw7)
 John Godber - September in the RainJack and Liz are in Blackpool for one last time. John Godber's classic stage play tells the touching and funny story of a marriage through a lifetime of holidays together.
 Directed by Toby Swift
 John Godber is one of the country's most successful and prolific playwrights. Famously he was identified as the third most performed playwright in the UK after Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn. September in the Rain, written very early in his career, dates from 1983 and drew heavily on his grandparents' relationship. A play for two actors, it was originally performed by the author and his now wife, Jane. They resume their partnership for this radio production many years after last performing it together.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b095vdy5)
 Time For Verse - Liz Lochhead: Episodes 1 and 2BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Time for Verse': showcasing Liz Lochhead.
 Presenter: George MacBeth.
 Reader: Janette Foggio
 Producer: Alec Reid
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.
SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jlpk)
 A Journey and a FuneralRetired solicitor Arthur Kipps recalls his visit to the remote market town of Crythin Gifford - and the isolated house of the reclusive Mrs Drablow...
 Susan Hill's chilling ghost story dramatised in 4-parts by Jon Strickland.
 Stars Robert Glenister as Young Kipps, John Woodvine as Old Kipps, Paula Tilbrook as Esme, Rod Arthur as Samuel, Christopher Kent as Tomes, Stuart Richman as Bentley, Jane Marlow as Isobelle and Jason Done as Oliver.
 Music composed by Derek Pearce.
 Directed at BBC Manchester by Chris Wallis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1993.
SUN 18:30 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b095w197)
 Episode 2With Weirdstone lost, can Colin and Susan protect the sleepers who could save the world?
 Alan Garner's fantasy novel dramatised in 4 parts by David Wade.
 Stars Robin Bailey as Cadellin/Grimmer, Andrea Murphy as Susan, Mark Kingston as Colin, James Tomlinson as Gowther/Narrator, Patsy Byrne as Bess, George Parsons as Fenodyree and Rosalind Knight as Selina.
 Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith
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SUN 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm43)
 Series 1, UtilitonThe consultants tackle some call centre problems, and Ryan moves to a 'war zone'. Stars Emma Kennedy.
 From November 2001.

