

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2020

SAT 00:00 Orbiter X (b0788cuv)

Return to Woomera

Patched up Orbiter 2 heads for Earth - but will CSP realise that the incoming incommunicado ship is friendly?

'Orbiter X' is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Captain Jack Bradley John Witty

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076svp)

All About Me

Matthew Parris talks about the art of biography, with Lesley Scott, Libby Potter and Paul Barber. From July 2005.

SAT 01:00 Falco (b00k8t30)

Venus in Copper

Episode 3

After a short spell in prison, Falco finds half of Rome is having a party but it seems he isn't invited.

One particular gathering comes to an abrupt halt and as a result, the detective's reputation could be at stake.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Titus Caesar Jonathan Keeble

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Viridovix Nick Fletcher

Hortensius Felix Graham Padden

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Pollia Julia Hills

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

SAT 01:30 Simon Schama - Baseball and Me (b00j1zzj)

Episode 2

Living for over 40 years in America - English born historian Simon Schama wonders why he's still bewitched by the ever-popular sport of baseball.

Simon watches the Boston Red Sox take on their arch rivals the New York Yankees. Surrounded by 40,000 baying fans, he wonders why baseball, with its slow pace and low scores, has captured the imagination of artists and artisans alike for the last 100 years.

Producer: Philip Sellars

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 02:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b063dghs)

Episode 5

Claude has asked Paul to help him write his romance with Ariadne, while his imminent report on Royal Irish Bank is revealing all kinds of financial chicanery.

Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.

Read by Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Jenny Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SAT 02:15 A History of the Infinite (b07wm011)

Where does this leave us?

Adrian Moore reaches the end of his journey through two and half millennia of philosophical thought about the infinite.

In this final episode, he comes to the conclusion that his voyage through the worlds of philosophy, theology, mathematics and cosmology has in the end led him to ourselves and our place in the universe.

With the help of writers and philosophers as diverse as Rene Descartes, Ludwig Wittgenstein and Iris Murdoch, Adrian returns to the theme of our finite nature and how that is fundamental to our sense of what is infinite. He considers the relation between the infinite and the transcendent and examines where the desire to look for something beyond ourselves belongs in a secular society.

Throughout the series, Adrian and his cast of philosophers have made connections, performed calculations and looked up at the stars in their attempts to clarify what we mean by the infinite. But, his history tells us, it all comes back to us and how we relate to what surpasses our finite nature.

A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

SAT 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00y8vbb)

Episode 10

Ash is caught in a dilemma. He cannot bear the thought of losing Anjuli, and yet must negotiate her wedding price.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Anjuli Ayesha Dharker

Jhoti Joseph Samrai

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Guard Adeel Akhtar

Rana Kaleem Janjua

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SAT 02:45 Skyfaring: A Journey with a Pilot (b05pr1jd)

Episode 5

Landing, flying blind and coming home.

Mark Vanhoenacker always had a passion for flying, but didn't ever really consider it as a job, until his research as a young academic began to frustrate him and the tug of the skies once more made its presence felt.

Today he is a long distance pilot for one of the world's major airlines.

Concluded by William Hope

Producer: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2015.

SAT 03:00 Peter Tinniswood (b05xgv09)

Crossing the Frontier

Jean is 38, attractive and married. She decides to go on a cruise without her husband.

On the first night out, she sees a row of lights sticking straight out to sea. She feels as if she's entering a strange land with different customs, different values. As if she is becoming a different person.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Jean Shirley Dixon

Roy David Buck

Richard Stephen Thorne

Producer: Shaun McLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b2r0jx)

From 20/04/1978

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Barry Took, Derek Roy and Mike Burton recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1978.

SAT 04:30 Dry Slopes (b00lv111)

Series 1

Families and How to Conceive Them

Friendless, jobless Angus breaks free from his sheltered-life shackles to go on a date.

Nick Ball's sitcom about the unemployed son of a high-flying mother.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

SAT 05:00 The Lentil Sorters (b06nq1f8)

Standard Deviation

A sitcom set in the Office of Local and National Statistics which, depending on who you ask, is either where the real power of government resides, or the place where fun goes to die.

In this opening episode, the team uncover an unexpected statistical correlation between eyebrows, strawberries and dangerous dogs.

Meet the team:

Graham Quicks, Head of the People and Places Department of the LNS. There are three things in the world that Graham will always have faith in - statistics, the supremacy of filofaxes over computers and the idea that cardigans will never go out of style.

Audrey Carr is the Survey Researcher. She believes passionately that statistics should be used as a tool to help the man on the street. Fortunately for her, she's never actually met "the man in the street". She's also passionate about Jane Austen, Les Miserables and pretending that she doesn't work in an office with Daniel.

Daniel Porter is the Data Analyst. He used to work in the City, until the City realised he was a colossal waste of space. Daniel divides his time between manipulating statistics to further his vision of capitalism, necking energy drinks and telling people his thighs are really, really strong. He's terrible.

Mrs. Wilkins has worked as tea lady, archivist and maintenance guru for 15 years. She knows where the bodies are buried. We must stress that that is a figure of speech.

Graham Quicks Vincent Franklin

Audrey Carr Rebekah Staton

Daniel Porter Kieran Hodgson

Mrs Wilkins Julia Deakin

Special guests:

Spanner Steve Brody

Candlestick Phil Whelans

Terry Charlie Quirke

Bookie Morgan Jones

With Jo Unwin as The Narrator.

Written by Jack Bernhardt

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2015.

SAT 05:30 The Skewer (m000f088)

Series 1

Episode 5

From the mind of Jon Holmes comes topical satire like you've never heard it before.

SAT 06:00 Michael Robson - Intent to Deceive (b05vtztf)

When wealthy Eva Wilderspin is killed by a hit and run driver, her brother Gregory is under suspicion.

Not only does he deny being involved, he also denies that the body is that of his sister...

Thriller written by Michael Robson.

Gregory Wilderspin Nigel Anthony

Kim Fairless Zelah Clarke

Chief Inspector Turnbull Steve Hodson

PC Newton Stephen Tomkinson

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

SAT 07:30 The Voices of... (b07syrrs)

Annie Briggs

An intimate portrait of the iconic but elusive English folksinger Annie Briggs.

Annie Briggs was a leading figure in the English folk revival of the early 1960s, inspiring Bert Jansch (famously, in Blackwater Side), Sandy Denny, The Watsons and many more. But she was a restless spirit, travelling through the British Isles and Ireland, finding songs and living close to the earth.

As Sandy Denny depicted her in *The Pond and the Stream*: Annie wanders on the land.

She loves the freedom of the air.

She finds a friend in ev'ry place she goes.

There's always a face she knows.

I wish that I was there.

And so she remains, now a grandmother living by the water in the west of Scotland. She's always resolutely resisted celebrity and commercial success, withdrawing from the folk scene in the early 1970s, but her legacy - her voice and her attitude - continue to inspire and to carry a link to life as it was once lived in 'the imagined village'.

Annie talks to Alan Hall about childhood holidays singing along with the waves, writing songs while living on a beach in west Ireland, her garden and the wildlife that she shares it with, and the ballad tradition she discovered as a teenager and that she 'belongs to'.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2016.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00ln0b7)

Soho!

The singer Suggs returns to London's Soho, where he spent much of his unconventional childhood and where his jazz singer mother still lives.

He was introduced to the delights of the Colony Club as a six-year-old, and as a musician he continued to haunt the district. Recording on location and mining the BBC archive, Suggs investigates how this unique community, complete with red-light district and village school, functions today, and whether it is still, or indeed ever was, a source of inspiration or merely a creative vacuum.

For decades, Soho was regarded as Britain's capital of sleaze and vice, but also a place where artists, writers, musicians and actors came to drink and philosophise. Tales of the area and its inhabitants abound, from painter Francis Bacon and George Melly to Muriel Belcher's infamous Colony Club to Jeffrey Bernard and Keith Waterhouse at the Coach and Horses and Dylan Thomas at The French House.

Soho was the birthplace of British pop, with the skiffles, jazzers and early rock 'n' rollers all making their names in the coffee bars of the 1950s. It was also the home of refugees of every type, including political dissidents, foreigners and homosexuals, from Casanova to Karl Marx, and Quentin Crisp to George Melly.

Yet in the 1950s, a new phrase was coined: 'Soho-itis'. It was said that if you enter Soho you will never get any work done, and you will never, ever leave. Many books, poems, songs and indeed careers were washed away with drink, but some artists, musicians and writers did survive the late nights, the fights and the booze, and took great inspiration from the place.

Producer: Justine Willett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SAT 09:00 Howerd's Ways: The Radio Times of Frankie Howerd (b01gvwzh)

The life and BBC radio career of Frankie Howerd - the celebrated King of Titters.

His last agent Tessa Le Bars talks to Peter Reed and shares her memories of this icon of British comedy. Featuring:

* The Frankie Howerd Show:

Doggy doing with the BBC DG and Frankie's memoirs. Titters galore with stand-up and sketches from the legendary comic. With June Whitfield and Ray Fell. (BBC Radio 2 from June 1973)

* Radio Lives - Frankie Howerd:

His highs were high, his lows were low. How did he get to be so funny? Dylan Winter finds out from childhood friends, variety artists and those who knew Frankie very well. (BBC Radio 4 from July 1995)

* Variety Bandbox:

An early radio appearance for Frankie Howerd on a bill with Philip Slessor, Derek Roy, (Alberto) Semprini, Vanessa Lee and Billy Ternent & His Orchestra. (BBC Light Programme from June 1953)

*** Now Listen:**

Gags from Frankie Howerd, plus sketches with Carol Allen, Robertson Hare and Kenneth Connor. (BBC Light Programme from April 1965)

*** Desert Island Discs:**

Frankie Howerd chats to Roy Plomley and makes his castaway choices. (BBC Radio 4 from January 1982)

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2012.

SAT 12:00 Listomania (b0460zm4)

Pilot Episode

Susan Calman hosts the pilot for the series exploring the world of the list – from the magnificent to the mundane – from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list...

With Lucy Porter, Joe Lycett, Richard Herring and Katherine Ryan.

Written by James Kettle and Gráinne Maguire.

Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2014

SAT 12:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

Alive and Buried

Grumpy Victor Meldrew arrives at work to learn that he's no longer employed and is set to be replaced by a box.

With time passing very slowly in his enforced retirement, Victor gripes about newsmasters and worries about becoming a lavatory junkie.

Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.

Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.

Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle

Nick Swaine Owen Brenman

With Sally Grace and Jeffrey Holland.

Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1995.

SAT 13:00 24 Kildare Road (Omnibus) (m000ffjr)

Episode 2

Two boys out sledding in their local park find the body of an old woman in the snow.

Gradually, through exchanges between members of the woman's family, between friends and between people she has only met briefly, we learn what led her to that point. A moving and entertaining account of modern life and loves.

PC Hayley Morton is desperate to discover the identity of the body.

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes.

Marion Marcia Warren

Lee Neil Dudgeon

Saskia Amelia Bullmore

Joe John Rowe

Hayley Christine Bottomley

Baxter Will Kirk

Mick David Reed

Young Woman Scarlett Courtney

Phil Ian Conningham

Shirley Heather Craney

Directed by Mary Peate

Written by Katie Hims

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000ffjt)

Stephen Hough

Pianist Stephen Hough chooses Chopin's Etude Op25 No 1 played by Alfred Cortot and part of Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b00dwhwy)

Diana Athill

Literary editor and memoirist Diana Athill, shares the rich pickings of a life spent among books.

Her favourites include: Coleridge's Kubla Khan, PG

Wodehouse's inimitable Jeeves, and Jane Austen's unfinished novel The Watsons.

From the 2008 Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Readers: Pauline Munro and William Hope.

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrbn)

Series 2

Dark Satanic Writer

Carter Brandon and his Uncle Mort chew the cud as they tour a museum of northern life.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of Carter Brandon and his curmudgeonly uncle.

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of four series of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV from 1975 to 1979.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Peter Skellern

Harry Hardcastle Norman Bird

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00ln0b7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Michael Robson - Intent to Deceive (b05tvtz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 The Voices of... (b07syrrs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 John Wyndham - The Kraken Wakes (m000ffjx)

Episode 1

Radio reporters Mike and Phyllis Watson are drawn into the story when a Northern Lights cruise spots five fireballs landing deep in the ocean.

A terrifying modern retelling of alien invasion and global flooding.

John Wyndham's 1953 novel dramatised in two parts by Val McDermid.

Floods have recently devastated parts of Britain. But what if the flood waters never subsided? What if an apparent meteor shower was actually the invasion fleet of an alien race?

Mike Watson Paul Higgins

Phyllis Watson Tamsin Greig

Becker Richard Harrington

Denzel Richard Harrington

Dr Emma Chisholm Sally Carman

Aziz Abdullah Afzal

Humza Abdullah Afzal

Bill Gareth Cassidy

Jonah Gareth Cassidy

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon Nicola Sturgeon

Performed 'as live' with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

Conductor: Clark Rundell.

Composer: Alan E. Williams.

Director and Producer: Justine Potter.

A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2016.

SAT 19:00 Howerd's Ways: The Radio Times of Frankie Howerd (b01gvwzh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07sz52p)

Series 1

The Travel System

Josh attempts to buy a pram on the cheap while also trying to convince his mechanic to give him a good deal.

Sitcom in which stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.

Starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

With NeJ Adamson, Gavin Forward and Jo Romero.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2016.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt)

Series 11

Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray

Two heavyweights of stand-up are in conversation as Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray.

Ed tackles Al on a vast array of topics from Thackeray's attitude to the Irish to the thorny issue of offence in comedy via how best to talk to McFly.

Ed Byrne is an Irish stand-up comedian and actor who has been a favourite on the international comedy scene for 20 years. His celebrated observational routines made him a leading light of the UK stand-up circuit in the mid nineties and he went on to tour internationally, playing festivals and theatres across the world. In 1998 he was nominated for the prestigious Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Festival alongside eventual winner Tommy Tiernan, Peter Kay and Al Murray.

After an early foray into stand-up as a character called 'The Murderer', Al Murray created his famous Pub Landlord character in the mid nineties as part of a touring show with Harry Hill. The Pub Landlord went on to tour venues and festivals worldwide before making his own chat show and sitcom for Sky. Outside of the Pub Landlord, Al is well known as a presenter of history documentaries and stood against Nigel Farage in South Thanet during the 2015 UK General Election. Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000flvn)

Alexei Sayle (1/2)

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Alexei Sayle.

SAT 23:00 Colin Houl's Carnival of Monsters (b04wwqcy)

Series 2

Episode 1

Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.

Master character comedian Colin Houl returns with the second series of his sinister sketch show.

A host of characters are the exhibits at the Carnival - all played by Colin himself.

Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as:

Wannabe Hollywood screenwriter Andy Parker; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; plus characters ranging from acid jazz obsessives, to mask workshop coordinators.

Writers Guild Award-winner Colin Houl is best known for his highly acclaimed starring roles in Paul Whitehouse's 'Nurse', 'Being Human', Rickey Gervais' 'Life's Too Short' and 'Derek',

and 'Russell Howard's Good News', as well as his many hit shows at the Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared and written for a number of Radio 4 series including 'The Headset Set' and 'Colin and Fergus' 'Digi-Radio'.

Producer: Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

SAT 23:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076w9l)

Shelley Berman

Famed for his pioneering one-sided phone calls, American icon Shelley Berman brings his unique observational wit to the UK. Series in which Mark Thomas introduces iconic American comedy performers.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 The Voices of... (b07syrrs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus) (b063j4l7)

Episode 2

M M Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Ash returns to camp with the stolen carbines and is given a new mission which will transform his life.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua

Jhota Joseph Samrai

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Biju Ram Inam Mirza

Colonel Sam Dale

Battye Jude Akuwudike

Ambrose Iain Batchelor

Clerk Adeel Akhtar

The second of four omnibuses of this epic drama which spans the years between the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and the Siege of the British Mission in Kabul in 1879.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SUN 07:15 First for Radio (b073bb53)

Series 3

The Wallets

A lad called Doon roams the streets and finds a bar. A spiky encounter ensues and some skulduggery. Then it's time to meet his Mum again.

Caolan McCarthy reads Colin Barrett's short story.

Readings of acclaimed novelists' first stories for radio.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

SUN 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Inade Carefully (b01rfv7)

Series 1

Taking Overs

Following a successful pilot, Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.

Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents.

But when she tried to head back to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village and were refusing to let anyone in or out.

Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself. In the cricket pavilion.

In this episode, the force field around the village is keeping out all the rain, so the villagers can no longer moan about the weather. Uljabaan realises this means they're moaning about him instead.

Whilst he tries to construct a device to simulate rain inside the force field, Uljabaan distracts the village with a cricket match - aliens versus humans, with Richard captaining the humans. Katrina sees an opportunity to sabotage Uljabaan's computer - if she can keep the match going long enough.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.

SUN 08:00 Whack-O! (m000fg0q)

Series 2

The Recording

Headmaster Jim needs to raise £500 for a charitable cause.

Starring 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio,

Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentlefolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a

trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents.

Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the

boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95

pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's

only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr.

Potter, that the school exists at all.

Staff and pupils played by Roddy Maude-Roxby, Frederick

Treves, Roger Shepherd, John Coxall, Philip Leavermore,

David Lott, Kenneth Goodge and John Graham.

Special guest stars: Vera Lynn and Harry Lewis as themselves.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio

by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1962.

SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse

(b09snb0y)

The 10.15 to Gatwick

Harry's off on a trip to Munich, but his journey to the airport

goes off the rails...

Written by David McKellar and David Renwick.

Starring Harry Worth.

With John Baddeley, John Graham and Miriam Margolyes.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1976.

SUN 09:00 How to Argue with a Racist (Omnibus)

(m000fg0s)

Dr Adam Rutherford offers a scientific toolkit to separate fact

from myth in understanding how we are different and how we

are the same.

Adam Rutherford has a PhD in Genetics and a degree in evolutionary biology, is an honorary Research Fellow at University College London and a former audio-video editor at the journal Nature. He is a presenter of BBC Radio 4's Inside Science and also The Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry with Dr Hannah Fry. He has also presented several TV documentaries and written regularly for newspapers and journals. He has published several books related to genetics and the origin of life.

Omnibus of five parts.

Written and read by Dr Adam Rutherford

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b069wth4)

Cian and Naomi – Independence of Mind

Fi Glover with a conversation about how history lessons can challenge the accepted norms, especially when they are being taught in Northern Ireland, recorded when the Listening Project Booth was in in Omagh. Another conversation in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen.

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 (b06j7whr)

Fashion

Betty Jackson

From Ella Fitzgerald to Moby.

Fashion designer Betty Jackson CBE shares her castaway

choices with Sue Lawley and talks about her life and work.

Betty has been at the cutting edge of the British Fashion scene for decades.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000fg0v)

Series 6

What's Left When You're Right

Radiolab explores the benefits - and costs - of seeing something from a different side. 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.

Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in

2014

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 12:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse

(b09snb0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus)

(b063j417)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 First for Radio (b073bb53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 The Secret Guests (Omnibus) (m000fg0x)

Episode 1

In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses

Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from

Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated

rural estate in neutral Ireland.

However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...

Irish police detective Trafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety. However, with a

contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.

But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis

Hall itself?

BW Black's imagined historical adventure and enthralling

mystery read by Sorcha Cusack.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes

BW Black is the pen name of acclaimed Irish author John

Banville. He is the author of several novels, including The Sea, which won the 2005 Man Booker Prize. In 2013 he was

awarded the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in

Irish Literature. He has published a number of crime novels,

most featuring Quirke (an Irish pathologist based in Dublin)

which were adapted into a TV series starring Gabriel Byrne.

Abridger: Neville Teller

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

SUN 15:45 Door Stepping (b08zdlq9)

Rent

Jude Rogers return to the homes she has lived in throughout her life.

She returns to rented accommodation across London in the

1990's - her first flat-share, central and cheap, and occupied

then by a bevy of colourful characters - now empty and being

used as a long term investment.

Then she crosses town to find her former first floor flat in

Hackney in East London, now subsidised by the local council as

an attempt to keep born and bred Londoners close to their

families, despite rocketing rents.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SUN 16:00 Ken Whitmore - The Red Telephone Box

(m000fg10)

Chief Inspector Cockfoster tries to keep his head, while those around him are being decapitated...

Bob Grant stars in Ken Whitmore's comedy drama.

Chief Inspector Raymond Cockfoster Bob Grant

Detective Sergeant Frogman Christian Rodska

Benjamin Dobell John Hollis

Mrs Victrola Patricia England

Doctor Lamb Ronald Herdman

Peter Royle Finetime Fontayne

Angela Victrola Dorcas Morgan

Belinda Ruby Sally Edwards

Best remembered as cheeky cockney bus conductor Jack

Harper in ITV's On The Buses, Bob Grant made numerous

radio appearances including the lead in BBC Radio 3's Don

Quixote.

Director: Alfred Bradley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1986.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000fg12)

Stanza on Stage - Paul Durcan

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and

chooses Stanza on Stage with poet Paul Durcan reading at the

Triskel Art Centre, Cork.

Featuring poems by Paul Durcan:

Tullynoe

The Cabinet Table

Sister Agnes Writes to her Beloved Mother

Michael Mac Liammoir

The Centre of the Universe

Nessa

A Snail in My Prime

Produced by Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1993.

SUN 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b01r0fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Nightfall (m000fg14)

Series 3

How Did You Get My Name? by Don Dickinson & Allan

Guttman

Jim returns home after a stay in a psychiatric hospital. His

friend, Larry, has kept an eye out for him.

Nightfall is a series of supernatural and horror dramas made by

Canada's CBC Radio that ran from 1980-83. It went on to

become one of the most popular shows in the network's history.

During 100 episodes over three seasons, Nightfall featured a

mix of original stories and adaptations of classic tales.

Jim Brent Gordon Thompson

Larry Collins John Stocker

Danny Davidson August Schellenberg

Steve - The Bartender David Hughes

Lieutenant McGraw Sandy Webster

Police Constable Robin MacCullough

Telephone Solicitor Don Mason

Written by Don Dickinson and Allan Guttman.

Directed by Bill Howell.

First broadcast on CBC Canada in August 1980.

SUN 18:30 Brian Aldiss - Hothouse (b00mdx7n)

Episode 2

The tribal elders have gone, leaving the children to face the

Earth's dense jungle alone.

The Earth has stopped rotating and the Sun's output has

increased. Plants are engaged in a constant tropical forest-style

frenzy of growth driving other life forms to extinction...

Brian Aldiss's 1962 sci-fi fantasy read by Gareth Thomas.

Abridged in five parts by Lu Kemp.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000fg0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 How to Argue with a Racist (Omnibus)

(m000fg0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b069wth4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06j7whr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b01r0fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Small Scenes (b04mcw89)

Series 2

Episode 3

A man gets lost in a breakfast buffet and a stag party goes very

wrong.

Symphonious sketch show, starring Daniel Rigby, Sara Pascoe,

Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd and Henry Paker.

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak with additional material from Olly Cambridge.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000fnxp)

Alexei Sayle (2/2)

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats again to

Alexei Sayle.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (m000fv79)

Series 22

Episode 1

Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the

Great British public. Host Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined this

week by Luke Kempner, Mali Ann Rees and George Fouracres

Script Editors: Gemma Arrowsmith and Catherine Brinkworth

Production Coordinator: Mabel Wright

Producers: Suzy Grant, Hayley Sterling and Leila Navabi

Newsjack is a BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b007spsj)

Series 1

Family Fun Day

Dickie Doubleday 'Animal Man' is booked for a celebrity

appearance at the retail village. But it proves to be a barking

idea...

Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of

the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village starring Sarah Lancashire

and Mark Benton.

Sonya.....Sarah Lancashire

Mick.....Mark Benton

Rez.....Emil Marwa

Valerie.....Sarah Hadland

Colin.....Anthony Glennon

Milosh.....John Douglall

John.....Neil Warhurst

Dickie Doubleday.....Paul Barnhill

Tina/Shaz.....Jasmine Callan

Miranda.....Lindsay Allen

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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MON 00:00 Nightfall (m000fg14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Brian Aldiss - Hothouse (b00mdx7n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus)

(b063j417)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 First for Radio (b073bb53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Secret Guests (Omnibus) (m000fg0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000fg12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Falco (b00k8x93)

Venus in Copper

Episode 4

After two murders in one night, Falco is offered a job by the prime suspect.

Meanwhile his social life looks up as he hosts a turbo supper with more than one unexpected guest. But Falco has his sights set on catching a bigger fish.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Falco's Mother Frances Jeater

Petronius Ben Crowe

Titus Caesar Jonathan Keeble

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Pollia Julia Hills

The Parrot Colin Rote

Appius Priscillus Kim Wall

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

MON 06:30 The Lipinski (b04v2lyk)

The startling 300-year journey of a 'golden period' Stradivarius violin - through the lives of geniuses, dictators, refugees, ordinary people and the thieves who stole it violently in 2014. An art crime story is the beginning of a journey around the world - and through varied lives and cultures - tracing the history of the Lipinski Stradivarius violin which left the hands of the master Antonio Stradivari in 1715.

In February 2014, Milwaukee Symphony leader Frank Almond was beaten and tasered after a sell-out performance - and the \$6 million violin was snatched from his hands. National US media overload followed, as the instrument had become the blue-collar city's emblem of accessible high culture. The programme explores its impact not on the musical elite, but on the life of the city and its regular people.

And from the crime scene, we get into the rich international cast and stories.

Memories are shared by Evi Liivak, an Estonian violinist whose father was murdered by the Gestapo and who played in Second World War refugee camps before marrying one of the main translators at the Nuremberg War Crime Trials and coming to America.

Plus Peter Voight the Sussex luthier whose family have been making and repairing violins across Europe since the 17th century, the lawyer of Universal Allah, the Milwaukee barber imprisoned for the 2014 theft, and the local Police Chief who led the investigation.

Producer: Peter Curran

A Foghorn Company production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

MON 07:00 Chambers (b007jntq)

Series 1

The American

When star American lawyer Thurman Berkley arrives in chambers for a week, a culture clash seems inevitable.

But the stuffy John Fuller-Carp will do anything to win a case - even if it means adopting the rapping rhythms Thurman used so successfully in the OK Stimpson trial.

A run-of-the-mill GBH gets the full transatlantic treatment. Clive Coleman's sitcom about the questionable practices of a group of barristers.

John Fuller Carp John Bird

Hilary Tripping James Fleet

Ruth Quirke Lesley Sharp

Vince Jonathan Kydd

Thurman Berkley David Harewood

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

MON 07:30 Nature Table (m000f6m)

Series 1

Episode 1

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 audience, a mix of London Zoo staff and members of the public, 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 a fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.

Episode 1

Recorded at London Zoo, this week Sue Perkins is joined by special guests marine biologist Helen Scales, zoologist Lucy Cooke, ethnobotanist James Wong and Australian comedian Felicity Ward. This week's 'Show & Tell' objects include: the fossilised eardrum of a whale, a flower of broccoli and a beaver's gland.

Written by: Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler & Jon Hunter

Produced by: Simon Nicholls

Music by Ben Mirin. Additional sounds were provided by The Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04wjth2)

Series 1

The Jubilee Concert

Can the dear ladies organise a last-minute royal celebration? Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

The dear ladies reside in the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressell. This was the genteel setting for three Radio 4 series between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on Radio 2 until 1990. In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe

Mr Fewster Duggie Brown

Scripted by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

Series 3

Big Guns

Captain Mainwaring's platoon sparks havoc in Walmington-on-Sea when they try to fire a large naval gun.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Town Councillor/Mr. Upton Julian Orchard

The Pickford's Man Michael Middleton

Announcer/Newsreader ... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

MON 09:00 Whispers (b007kzkz)

Series 2

Episode 3

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Simon Fanshawe and Charles Collingwood join team captains

Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

MON 09:30 Huddwinks (b00fsmz8)

Series 2

Dead Dames Don't Dance with Dancer

Top American cop Bert Chisel is called in to solve a murder mystery for Scotland Yard.

Roy Hudd stars in Laurie Rowley's comic parodies.

With:

Denise Coffey

Chris Emmett

David Gooderson

Fred Harris

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1988.

MON 10:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06pschk)

Blood

Fire

An epic 24 hours of drama inspired by the works of literature's greatest whistle blower, Emile Zola.

Passion, in every sense, is the theme of this episode, dramatised by Dan Rebellato.

Glenda Jackson stars as Dide, 104 years old, the matriarch to a family of wolves - the Rougon-Macquarts.

She is trapped in her small room in the local asylum in Plassans, southern France. Trapped, but omniscient as she broods over her extended family. As a young woman, she gave birth to two dynasties that exemplified French society. One legitimate - rich, powerful, obsessive and corrupt. The other illegitimate - poor, vulnerable, weak and depraved.

France is on the brink of a new empire. Dide's family is a turbulent mix of the good, the bad and the misguided. This episode, Fire, focuses on François and Martha who are happily married, living a quiet, bourgeois life. Abbé Faujas, a charismatic, sinister priest, arrives on their doorstep and announces he has come to live in their spare room. Black comedy and tension ensue as his scheming drives a wedge between the couple, uncovering the darker side of this sleepy provincial town.

Dide Glenda Jackson

François Sam Troughton

Martha Carla Henry

Abbé Faujas David Annen

Rose / Mme Condamine and other society ladies Ursula

Holden Gill

Dr Porquier / The Warder Chris Jack

Sound Design: Eloise Whitmore

Producer/Director: Polly Thomas

Executive Producer: Melanie Harris

Series Producer: Susan Roberts

A Sparklab production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000fg4n)

Series 6

Circular

Guy Raz explores whether wanting the economy to always keep growing is a good thing for our long term survival?

This hour, TED speakers explore circular systems that regenerate and re-use what we already have.

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

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2018, **MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07hpg67)**

Rachael Stirling

Acclaimed actress Rachael Stirling chooses 'Lay Lady Lay' by Bob Dylan and 'Too Darn Hot' by Ella Fitzgerald.

MON 12:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04wjth2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Falco (b00k8x93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Lipinski (b04v2lyk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b063zz88)

Episode 6

After Igor and Paul's disastrous help in Claude's pursuit of Ariadne, the writer has a new idea to court the waitress, and it's all to do with Claude's wealth.

Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.

Continued by Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Music: Money by The Flying Lizards and Je Veux by Zaz

Producer: Jenny Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

MON 14:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08erf65)

A Potted History

Professor David Rothkopf speaks to decision makers from Tony Blair to Malcolm Rifkin, and from Zbigniew Brzezinski to General Wes Clark, to chart the rapid and radical transformation of modern diplomacy.

At the heart of each episode is one seminal event or turning point, through which Professor Rothkopf discuss how diplomacy has evolved and - in some cases - lastingly changed. The Cuban Missile crisis, for example, is a familiar story of brinkmanship but we discover how subsequent accounts of that event were manipulated to create a narrative about strong coercive leadership - one which was not only at odds with the facts but which sent out the wrong messages about the conduct of diplomacy.

We also hear how dancing with the back of a chair honed the diplomatic skills of one of the 19th century's most prominent foreign ministers, and how hot drinks by a log fire in Norway broke the stalemate in middle east negotiations. A former spy reveals how espionage and diplomacy can be frequent if uncomfortable bedfellows.

And finally, we discover how so called twittocracy is replacing conventional etiquette and laying foundations for the invention of a new diplomacy.

A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

MON 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj26c)

Episode 11

Leaving the Karidkote party, Ash rejoins the Guides in Rawalpindi.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Jhoti Joseph Samra

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Wally Jonathan Forbes

Zarin Christopher Simpson

Khoda-Daad Sam Dastor

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

MON 14:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b05rnx7h)

Episode 1

Memoir by the world-renowned composer of symphonies, operas and film scores, Philip Glass.

'If you go to New York City to study music, you'll end up like your uncle Henry.' Glass's mother warned her incautious and curious nineteen-year-old son. It was the early summer of 1956,

and Ida Glass was concerned that her precocious Philip, already a graduate of the University of Chicago, would end up an itinerant musician, playing in vaudeville houses and dance halls all over the country, just like his cigar-smoking, bantamweight uncle. One could hardly blame Mrs. Glass for worrying that her teenage son would end up as a musical vagabond after initially failing to get into Juilliard. Yet, the transformation of a young man from budding musical prodigy to world-renowned composer is the story of this memoir.

From his childhood in post-Second World War Baltimore to his student days in Chicago, at Juilliard, and his time in Paris, where he studied under the formidable Nadia Boulanger, Glass movingly recalls his early mentors while reconstructing the places that helped shape his artistic consciousness. Then, to the gritty streets of New York in the 1970s, where the composer worked as a cabbie, leading the life of a Parisian bohemian artist transported to late-twentieth-century America. Yet even after Glass's talent was first widely recognized with the sensational premiere of Einstein on the Beach in 1976, even after he stopped renewing his hack license and gained international recognition for his operatic works, the son of a Baltimore record store owner never abandoned his earliest universal ideals, all of the highest artistic order.

Read by Kerry Shale.

Abridger: Laurence Wareing

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

Music details:

Track: "Opening"

CD: Glassworks

Label: CBS

Track: "Bebop"

CD: Charlie Parker, The Original Bird: The Best Of Charlie Parker 1944-1949

Label: Savoy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

MON 15:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06pschk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Whispers (b007k2zk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Huddwinks (b00fsmz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Chambers (b007jntq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Nature Table (m000f6tn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Orbiter X (b078cv0k)

A Flight Against Time

With the Commonwealth Space Project now aware of Unity's plans, Britton, McLelland and Hicks return to Orbiter X. First broadcast in 1959, a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' is underway.

Captain Bob Britton..... John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Max Kramer Gerek Schjelderup

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

Captain Knight John Graham

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00ls65w)

Imelda May and John Hegley

Kate Mosse and her guests - singer, Imelda May and poet, John Hegley - discuss favourite books by Ernest Hemingway, Matsuo Basho and Erich Maria Remarque.

Two wartime classics and a poetic Japanese travelogue.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Publisher: Vintage Classics

The Narrow Road to the Deep North & Other Travel Sketches

by Matsuo Basho, translated by Nobuyuki Yuasa

Publisher: Penguin Classics

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque,

translated by Brian Murdoch

Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

MON 19:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04wjth2)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07hpg67)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Nature Table (m000f6tn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00vy38l)

Series 4

A Now Spoiled Life Smashed Some More

Pip and Harry must journey to the Underworld to rescue Ripely, but Mr Gently Benevolent has got there first and is

planning to unleash the demons of Hell on the streets of London, making them even worse than usual. Meanwhile Ripely seems to be enjoying the company of some Greek Heroes a little too much.

Can Pip prevent a demon invasion of the streets of London?

Can Harry win back the affections of his wife Pippa who has fallen for Benevolent's evil charms? Can anything be more terrifying the Clive the massive cake dragon? And will Mr Benevolent be in trouble with the Devil when she gets back from maternity leave?

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m000fg4s)

Series 28

Episode 6

An extended version of the News Quiz as Nish Kumar and his team of panellists unpick the week's news, including Boris Johnson's increased spending on infrastructure including a potential bridge from Scotland to Ireland, Trump weighing in on the Roger Stone case, the Irish election, Ofcom regulating social media and strange radio messages emanating from space - could there be life out there? Joining Nish to discuss this and other hot topics are comedians Kerry Godliman, Elis James, Fern Brady and Andy Zaltman.

The producer is Sam Michell. The News Quiz is a BBC Studios production.

MON 23:45 What to Do If You're Not Like Everybody Else (b00tq0p4)

Series 1

Work

Andrew Lawrence explores the pressure we all face to do a full-time job and earn sufficient money to live a respectable life. A four part mini-series of short comedic monologues taking a light-hearted look at various aspects of conventional living and the pressure we feel to conform to social norms and ideals.

From the Edinburgh Comedy Festival.

Written by Andrew Lawrence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Falco (b00k8x93)

Venus in Copper

Episode 5

A battered and bruised Falco discovers the best way to win back the affections of his girlfriend.

Helena proves that she too can play detective, but the intriguing murder case is put on hold when Falco discovers his world crashing down around him.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Petronius Ben Crowe

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Appius Priscillus Kim Wall

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

The Maid Emily Chemistry

The Cake Seller Laurence Saunders

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

The Parrot Colin Rote

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

TUE 06:30 The Little Stamp that Became the Most Valuable Thing in the World (b0477j4d)

Joshua Levine explores the psychology of collecting through the life of a very expensive stamp.

A smudgy reddish little stamp, 1856 British Guiana 1-Cent Magenta - is the only one of its type in existence. Its sale in 2014 [where it achieved a US auction price of nearly

\$10,000,000] followed the death of its most recent owner, American multi-millionaire John Du Pont, who died in a secure mental hospital in Pennsylvania, while serving a life sentence for the murder of his closest friend, Dave Schultz, an Olympic gold medal winning wrestler.

Writer and historian Joshua Levine charts the life of the stamp - something of a checkered history - and tells a parallel story of the psychology of collecting.

Discovered by a 12-year-old Scottish boy in 1873, he sold the 1-Cent Magenta for a few shillings. Five years later it was bought by the Austrian, Philipp Von Ferrary, the owner of the greatest stamp collection the world has ever seen. His entire collection was stolen by the French government, who sold it in 1919.

The stamp then passed through several hands, including those of Arthur Hind, an English textile dealer living in New York, who legend has it acquired the only other 1-Cent Magenta in existence - which he set alight, exclaiming 'Now there's only one again!'.

Why do humans feel the need to collect, categorise and classify?

As we examine these stories of bitterness and misfortune, should we attribute a curse to the little stamp? Or should we, instead, blame it on the irresponsibility, greed and sense of entitlement which so often accompanies great wealth and privilege.

Producer: Gemma Newby

A Goldhawk production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

TUE 07:00 HR (b00j1dvv)

Series 1

A Leaving Party

Peter meets Sam on his way to a leaving party. But they suffer a mishap...

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Elevator voice Sam Dale

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

TUE 07:30 A Normal... (b09r4qdm)

Love

Part three in an occasional series in which the occasional writer Henry Normal uses poetry, storytelling and comedy to tackle those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.

Last year Henry brought us his acclaimed show - 'A Normal Life', which was awarded a Silver ARIA for Best Comedy / Entertainment production at the 2017 Radio Academy Awards. This time Henry returns with his new show for Valentine's Day - 'A Normal Love', exploring love, romance and other unreasonable expectations.

Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, The Mighty Boosh, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.

Written and performed by Henry Normal

Produced by Carl Cooper

This was a BBC Studios production.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)

The Case of the Missing Heir

As a Dimberger, Neddie Seagoon sets out to dethrone a

Heidelberger...

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1955.

TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b00mrhjp)

Series 3

Episode 13

Kenneth Horne blows his own trumpet in 'Young Horne with a Man', plus Julian and Sandy's bona psychic gift of a second vada

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street,

London. Announcer: Douglas Smith
Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.
Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m000fg4s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:45 What to Do If You're Not Like Everybody Else (b00tqp4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]
TUE 10:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06q72qp)
Blood
Fury
Dide follows her great-grandson Jacques, a train driver. Jacques loves his train more than any woman he's ever met.
But Dide is aware of the terrifying, murderous desires that Jacques harbours within. The drama continues in 'Trains'.
Starring Glenda Jackson as Dide, 104 year old matriarch to a family of wolves...
Written by Martin Jameson
Dide Glenda Jackson
Jacques Will Ash
Séverine Christine Bottomley
Roubaud Sean Gallagher
Grandmorin/Lamotte Seamus O'Neill
Misard/Denizet Ian Bartholomew
Aunt Phasia Olwen May
Flore Rosie Fleeshman
Producer/Director: Pauline Harris
A Sparklab production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.
TUE 11:00 Keeping Watch by David Park (b0790c4v)
Surveillance work is always difficult but for one dutiful cop it is too important an operation to put anything at risk.
Read by Ciarán McMenamin.
Writer David Park's previous books include The Big Snow, Swallowing the Sun, The Truth Commissioner, The Light of Amsterdam, The Poets' Wives and Gods and Angels.
He's won the Authors' Club First Novel Award, the Bass Ireland Arts Award for Literature, the Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize, the American Ireland Fund Literary Award and the University of Ulster's McCrea Literary Award, three times. The Truth Commissioner was made into a feature film starring Roger Allam.
Producer: Gemma McMullan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
TUE 11:15 Betrayal - The Trial of William Davidson (m000fg9k)
Tanika Gupta's play based on the Cato Street conspiracy of 1820 and the ensuing trial.
William 'Bill' Davidson is opposed to an oppressive Government that is contemptuous of civil liberty.
When he becomes acquainted with the radical Spencian Philanthropists, he must decide whether to betray his principles - or his country...
William Davidson Ray Fearon
George Edwards Danny Webb
Arthur Thistlewood Jeremy Clyde
(Narrator) Charles Malcolm Frederick
Sarah Davidson Natasha Pyne
Mr Gurney John Rowe
Richard Tidd/Ellis/Lad David Holt
Judge Garard Green
Director: Pam Fraser Solomon
Originally broadcast as part of the Hidden History season for Black History Month.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Round the Horne (b00mrhjp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Falco (b00k9dbx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 The Little Stamp that Became the Most Valuable Thing in the World (b0477j4l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0640tzv)
Episode 7
Claude and Ariadne are united by their love of French philosophy until he learns she is in love with another. Meanwhile Paul looks for investment in a business for the lovesick.
Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.
Read by Peter Serafinowicz.
Abridged by Sara Davies.
Producer: Jenny Thompson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
TUE 14:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of

Diplomacy (b08crx11)
Cuban Missile Crisis: The Wrong Lessons
Professor David Rothkopf discovers how White House narratives about the Cuban missile crisis resulted in the wrong lessons for diplomacy.
The Cuban Missile crisis was said to be a textbook example of how strong unwavering leadership can resolve existential crises. But new evidence reveals that the narrative promoted at the time by the White House was flawed. In fact, the Kennedy administration embarked on a strategy of secret diplomacy which involved missile swaps. It also resulted in behind the scenes negotiations including none other than the lawyer James Donovan, featured in the recent Hollywood spy film The Bridge.
Using interviews with academics and members of the national security archive, Professor David Rothkopf separates the fact from fiction surrounding this apocalyptic event which brought the world closer than ever before to annihilation.
He argues that the real lessons for diplomacy are very different from the ones we have been fed for years.
A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
TUE 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00y25z)
Episode 12
Confronting the bigotry of a fellow officer lands Ash in trouble, and he's sent away to Gujarat to cool his heels.
MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.
Narrator Vineeta Rishi
Ash Blake Ritson
Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua
Wally Jonathan Forbes
Stiggins Sean Baker
Commander Sam Dale
Gobind Sam Dastor
Raikes Jude Akuwudike
Sarji Sagar Arya
Crimpley Iain Batchelor
Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
TUE 14:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b0517k4c)
Episode 2
Funding himself by working in a Baltimore steel mill, the young Glass secures a place at Juilliard and begins his music studies in earnest. New York City in the late 1950s was a heady place, offering a range of creative opportunities. He soon found himself immersed in the city's vibrant contemporary art scene.
In this memoir, Philip Glass recalls his early mentors while reconstructing the places that helped shape his artistic consciousness.
Read by Kerry Shale
Abridger: Laurence Wareing
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron
Music details:
Track: "Metamorphosis One"
CD: Philip Glass: Solo Piano Music
Label: Sony
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
TUE 15:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06q72qp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06wscnl)
Series 8
Dodd, Fry, Jenner
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah Millican welcome:
* Singer, photographic playboy and failed accountant Ken Dodd
* The University College London lecturer who took up mathematical modelling to get to grips with the dating scene, Dr Hannah Fry
* The man with the enviable task of overseeing the historical accuracy of over 1,200 songs and sketches that make up Horrible Histories, Greg Jenner
The Museum's peripatetic scholars reveal how the first ever alcoholic drinks were guzzled from a spittoon; why the equation $Wt+I = a + r.W + IHW(H)$ and $HI+I = b + r2H + IWH(Wt)$, is the formula for a happy marriage; and why you can tell a joke in Liverpool that that won't get a laugh in London.
Researchers: Anne Miller and Molly Oldfield of QI.
Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.
A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
TUE 16:30 Hopes and Desires (b0076f3l)
Series 1
Toad Squad
Bitter (at being retired prematurely, Reg finds a toad crushed on the road as it was crossing to mate.
Now Reg has a mission. In future none of the toad's fellow creatures will end up looking like flattened gardening gloves...
Hopes and Desires is a series of comedies about unconscious yearnings.
Philip Jackson stars in Nick Warburton's comedy drama.
Reg Philip Jackson
Bel Amanda Root
Mr Topping Jonathan Coy
Director: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
TUE 17:00 HR (b00j1dvv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 A Normal... (b09r4qdm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Orbiter X (b078dqbe)
Building the Space Station
Britton, McLelland and Hicks play along with Unity's evil plan to commandeer space station, Orbiter X.
A bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' continues...
Captain Bob Britton John Carson
Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup
Gelbin Arthur Lawrence
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins
Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook
Written by BD Chapman.
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.
TUE 18:30 Pioneers (b014gh85)
Series 2
Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri
One of the world's pioneers of 'keyhole' surgery, Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri, chats to Clare English about how the technique revolutionised the medical profession.
Producer: Philip Sime
First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2011.
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TUE 22:00 A Normal... (b09r4qdm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Irish Micks and Legends (b052jxk8)
Series 2
Diarmuid and Grainne
Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram get romantic (not like that) to tell the tale of the famous young lovers Diarmuid and Grainne. It's an affair which ended like most Irish stories - terribly.
Series two of the duo's unique comedic, highly irreverent take on Irish folklore.
Still the very best pals, Aisling and Yasmine take their role explaining Irish legends to the British nation very seriously indeed. That said, it would appear that they haven't had the time to do much research, work out who is doing which parts, edit out the chat or learn how to work the sound desk.
With a vast vault of fantastical myths, mixed with 21st century references to help you along, prepare for some very silly lessons in life, love and the crazy shenanigans of old Ireland and modern Irish.
Producer: Raymond Lau
A Green Dragon Media production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.
TUE 22:45 Terry Alderton: More Crazy Now (b084xrdf)
Who's Dr Vet?
Terry Alderton flexes his comedy muscles with more craziness and nonsense. Street Kid, Victor, Ed and The Bear and, this week, some careless hunters, a nonsense song and of course a long and baffling list of animals from Dr Vet.
It's more Terry, more crazy and happening right now. No frogs, hat wearers or tall people were harmed in the making of this programme.
Written by and starring Terry Alderton.
Featuring Johnny Spurling
Additional material from Johnny Spurling and Richard Melvin.
Producers: Johnny Spurling and Sean Kerwin
Executive Producer: Richard Melvin
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000fgy)
Alex Edelman (1/2)
From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Laura Lexx chats to Alex Edelman.
TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00p1jb7)
Series 1
Get Up, Stand Up
Grandad's part-time career as a DJ is in jeopardy.
The collisions of life for Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie living crammed together over an old record store in Birmingham.
Generational comedy written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell from an original idea by Lenny Henry.
Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry
Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs
Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker
Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon

Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
 DJ Karel Andrew Brooke
 Landlord Gresby Nash
 Diabolical Adam de Ville
 Producer: Lucy Armitage.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.
TUE 23:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 John Shuttleworth invites Clare Grogan from Altered Images to his Sheffield home to perform one of her songs and also, more importantly, one of his.
 The timing of her visit couldn't be better as it's Doreen Melody's birthday and John is hoping that Clare will go along and sing Happy Birthday to Doreen - after all it's one of her biggest hits. But he's most disappointed when Clare starts singing the wrong tune!
 Surprisingly, it's Ken Worthington who saves the day by offering to take Clare on a date, hoping that she'll become Ken's Girl rather than Gregory's!
 John will have to console himself with top tips on the telephone from Nick Lowe, who he hopes will solve the problem of Dolby hiss.
 Written and Performed by Graham Fellows.
 Special guests Clare Grogan and Nick Lowe.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

WED 00:00 Orbiter X (b078dqb6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Pioneers (b014gh85)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Falco (b00k9dbx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 The Little Stamp that Became the Most Valuable Thing in the World (b0477j4l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0640tzw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08crx11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj25z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b0517k4c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06q72qp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06wcnsl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 Hopes and Desires (b0076f3l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 HR (b00j1dvv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 A Normal... (b09r4qdm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Falco (b00kf0yz)
 Venus in Copper
 Episode 6
 Falco begins to understand the lengths that a lover will go to for revenge.
 The case is still unsolved, but Falco has a couple of ideas that may lead to the culprit...
 Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in the gripping conclusion of Lindsey Davis's best seller.
 Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser
 Helena Justina Ann Madeley
 Petronius Ben Crowe
 Appius Priscillus Kim Wall
 Pollia Julia Hills
 Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles
 Cossus Jonathan Tafler
 Thalia Chip Chung
 The Parrot Colin Rote
 Dramatised by Mary Cutler.
 Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.
WED 06:30 Emerald Noir: The Rise of Irish Crime Fiction (b00z5c85)
 Writer Val McDermid explores how crime writing has been influenced by peace in Northern Ireland, and the economic boom and bust in Southern Ireland.
 Val looks at how real life violence has been dealt with in the work of authors including Tana French, Eoin McNamee, Ruth Dudley Edwards, Stuart Neville and Declan Hughes.
 She meets David Terrans - whose bookstore in Belfast has been fictionalised in Colin Bateman's series of crime novels.
 And Declan Burke - author of the blog Crime Always Pays - takes us on a tour of Dublin locations featured in crime novels from the modern Docklands offices which inspired Alan Glynn's novel Winterland to the hotels and shops of 1950s Dublin featured in the crime fiction of Booker winner John Banville - who writes under the name Benjamin Black.

Val asks whether the Noir novel is a protestant art form and hears how writers are trying to find new villains in a place where violence has - until recently - been part of everyday life.
 Producer: Robyn Read
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
WED 07:00 The Change (b0076czk)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 George and Carol are trying to find a way to make their marriage work - the answer comes from a most unlikely source. George is pleased but will Carol approve or even find out?
 Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol who kicked out her mechanic husband George when he revealed he's a transvestite.
 Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.
 Carol Lynda Bellingham
 George Chris Ellison
 Violet Sylvia Syms
 Maureen Maureen Beattie
 Ken James Vaugnan
 Sonia Emma Kennedy
 Jerry Barnaby Kay
 Dave Mark Powley
 Linda/Man Andrew Westfield
 Amanda Paul Chhadhi
 Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 07:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f77v)
 Series 3
 Bubbles
 Award-winning comedian Alex Edelman discusses the different bubbles he lives in and how he tries to break out of them. With help from his "peer group" at the University of Arts London, he examines how living in bubbles defines us all, and how sometimes they need to be burst.
 Alex Edelman's Peer Group is written and performed by Alex Edelman, with additional material from Alfie Brown, Rebecca Nicholson, David Burstein, Catherine Brinkworth and Kat Sadler.
 It is produced by Sam Michell and is a BBC Studios Production.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4m9)
 Series 4
 The Bolshoi Ballet
 The lad's hopes for a night of dance at London's Covent Garden don't quite go to plan.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Sidney James, Bill Kerr 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 October 1956.
WED 08:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)
 Timeless Time
 Following his enforced retirement, grumpy Victor Meldrew's insomnia keeps Margaret awake.
 Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.
 Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.
 Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson
 Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie
 Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.
 Producer: Diane Messias
 First broadcast in January 1995 on BBC Radio 2.
WED 09:00 Listomania (b09xk5rb)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the list - from the magnificent to the mundane - from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...
 With Katherine Ryan, Dane Baptiste, Elis James and Aisling Bea.
 Written by James Kettle and Gráinne Maguire with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.
 Producer: Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2015
WED 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nvphb)
 Series 1
 Stories Before Bed
 The ups and downs of a second class writer. Woodhouse attempts to write children's fiction.
 CAST:
 Woodhouse Tim Piggott-Smith
 Gila Zoe Wanamaker
 Seamus Stephan Rea
 Wilhelmina Susie Bran
 Henrietta Masterson Miriam Karlin
 Hamish McVomitory Bill Wallis
 Mark Grimshaw Geoffrey Whitehead
 Benjamin Witrow Gila's Father
 Joan Matheson Gila's Mother
 Charlotte aged 17 Susan Sheridan
 With Eva Stuart and Shaun Prendergast as the other members of the Creative Writing Class
 Written by Ronald Hayman.
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: Piers Plowright.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1989.
WED 10:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06qgp5k)
 Blood
 Trains
 Jacques has finally fallen in love but his murderous desires resurface, with terrible consequences.
 Glenda Jackson stars as Dide, 104 years old, the matriarch to a family of wolves - the Rougon-Macquarts - in this final drama of the series.
 Dramatised by Dan Rebellato, inspired by literature's greatest whistle blower - Emile Zola.
 As society changes around her, Dide is still trapped in her small room in the local asylum, but omniscient when it comes to her extended family. As a young woman, she gave birth to two dynasties that exemplified French society. One legitimate - rich, powerful, obsessive and corrupt. The other illegitimate - poor, vulnerable, weak and deprived.
 France is on the brink of a new Empire. Her family is a turbulent mix of the good, the bad and the misguided.
 The brand new railway system was a powerful force. Dide's great-grandson Jacques, a train driver, has fallen in love with Sevrine, the first time a woman has come close to challenging his love of trains. As her marriage collapses under the weight of the murderous secret she and her husband share, she seeks her freedom to be with her new love. The pressure on Jacques becomes unbearable.
 Dide.....Glenda Jackson
 Jacques.....William Ash
 Sevrine.....Christine Bottomley
 Roubaud.....Sean Gallagher
 Pecquex.....Tachia Newell
 Sound Design: Eloise Whitmore
 Producer/Director: Polly Thomas
 Executive Producer: Melanie Harris
 Series Producer: Susan Roberts
 A Sparklab production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.
WED 11:00 Writing Yorkshire (m000fh4x)
 1: From Barnsley to Sheffield
 Poet, Radio presenter, and Yorkshireman Ian McMillan has been on 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, and brings us the following programmes from the BBC Archives:
 A Kestrel For A Knave
 Episode 1 of the 2008 Book at Bedtime 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
 Presenter: Ian McMillan
 Producer: Jessica Treen
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2018.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4m9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Falco (b00kf0yz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Emerald Noir: The Rise of Irish Crime Fiction (b00z5c85)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0643vfn)
 Episode 8
 Paul tries to interest Claude in his waitress surveillance business when he meets his former editor who mistakes Claude for Paul's lover.
 But who knows where the charade will lead?
 Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.
 Read by Peter Serafinowicz.
 Abridged by Sara Davies.
 Producer: Jenny Thompson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
WED 14:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08cswz)
 Embassy Spooks
 In 1971, 105 Soviet diplomats were expelled from Britain in the biggest ever action taken against Moscow by any Western Government.
 The diplomats were accused of spying in a notorious example of the frequent blurring of the lines between diplomat and spy. Professor David Rothkopf hears from George Walden, the foreign office diplomat who spearheaded Operation Foot, the plan to get rid of the diplomats. He examines the diplomatic ramifications of taking actions like this.
 We also hear from former covert CIA Operative Marti Petersen on what it was like operating in the American embassy in

Moscow while playing courier to one of the Cold War's greatest spies.

A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj261)

Episode 13
Ash's peace is shattered by news from Bhihthor, where the Rana is dangerously ill.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi
Ash Blake Ritson
Street Vendor Kaleem Janjua
Bukta Adeel Akhtar
Commissioner Sam Dale
Gobind Sam Dastor
Sarji Sagar Arya
Manilal Christopher Simpson

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

WED 14:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b05t7kbz)

Episode 3
Philip Glass recalls his early mentors while reconstructing the places that helped shape his artistic consciousness.
In the mid-1960s, and keen to expand his musical knowledge further, Glass went to Paris to study with the acclaimed teacher of musical composition Nadia Boulanger. While there, and working with the likes of Samuel Beckett, he developed his life-long interest in composing music for theatre.

Memoir read by Kerry Shale.
Abridger: Laurence Wareing

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

Music details:

Track: "Facades"

CD: Glassworks

Label: CBS

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

WED 15:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06qgp5k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Listomania (b09xk5rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nvpbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Change (b0076czk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f77v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Orbiter X (b078jrj3)

The Net Closes

Can some quick thinking by Britton, McLelland and Hicks lead the Commonweath Space Project to locate Unity's HQ on Earth?

Penultimate episode of BD Chapman's space thriller.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Max Kramer Geric Schjelderup

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Captain Knight John Graham

Greta Ravel Irene Prador

Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.

WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b0084hvl)

Series 2

Ayr Gaiety Theatre

Geoffrey Wheeler probes the west coast venue's unique staying power and its connection to Scotland's best-loved bard Robert Burns.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4m9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Writing Yorkshire (m000fh4x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f77v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000fp86)

Alex Edelman (2/2)

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Laura Lexx chats again to Alex Edelman.

WED 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00kkfk6)

Series 1

Envy

Mark Watson investigates envy 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 jealous glances.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

WED 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mqg6h)

Series 2

Kognitia

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.

More memories as Brian relives his experiences in Kognitia where selective memory is taken to a new extreme.

Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson
Rachel Gulliver Mariah Gale
Kalmena Debra Stephenson

Lamet Duncan Wisbey

Door Harry Livingstone

PA Amaka Okafor

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

WED 23:30 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b07hj87)

Series 1

D.A.P.H.N.E.

Jason has an out-of-this-world plan to increase the show's listenership.

Join critically-acclaimed sketch trio, Daphne, as they pull out all the stops in a dazzling array of peculiar characters, whacky scenarios, doggy remarks, curious observations, minor altercations and major peacemaking - served on a bed of catchy little numbers with a live nine-piece band.

Written by and starring Jason Forbes, Phil Wang and George Fouracres

Featuring Sir Willard White, Emma Sidi and David Elms

Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter

Orchestrator: Simon Nathan

Musical Director: Freddie Tapner

Piano: Jeff Carpenter

Drums: Ben Hartley

Bass: Rob Grist

Percussion: Ben Burton

Trumpet: Michael Maddocks

Tenor Sax: Greg Sterland

Trombone: Elliot Pooley

Violin: Hannah Bell

Cello: Nick Squires

Production Coordinator, Hayley Sterling

Producer, Matt Stronge

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2016.

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020

THU 00:00 Orbiter X (b078jrj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 The Palace of Laughter (b0084hvl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Falco (b00kf0yz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Emerald Noir: The Rise of Irish Crime Fiction (b00z5c85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0643vfn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08csnwz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj261)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b05t7kbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Blood, Sex and Money by Emile Zola (b06qgp5k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Listomania (b09xk5rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nvpbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Change (b0076czk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f77v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Colvil and Soames (b007j94)

Bad Apples

Episode 1

Is a disturbing murder on a Brighton beach a drug-related killing - or a case of something more sinister..?

Christopher Lee's six-part murder-mystery starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alex Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Joan Davies

Miranda Peel Sheila Reed

DCS Evans John Hartley

Sidney Carpenter Neil Conrich

Doctor Stuart Organ

Police Constable Brian Bowles

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

THU 06:30 Roger's Rabbits (b016k6xl)

In his spare time, satirist Roger Law used to breed rabbits, but sadly none of them ever came up to the exacting standards of the British Rabbit Council. Now he's determined to find out the secret of breeding the perfect English rabbit.

A portrait of this bunny underworld is long overdue. Roger will be looking at his favourite, the Old English Spot, one of the country's oldest breeds. A drawing of the perfect English Rabbit was made by Victorian artist Robert Wippell circa 1838. To breed pedigree Old English for exhibition, their spots must accord with Wippell's drawing as closely as possible. The judges mark the spots to a total of 100 points. Unfortunately some judges like small spots, others large ones. Famous breeder of English rabbits, Fred Haslam, commented on the process, "Only he who attempts the absurd is capable of achieving the impossible." The perfect English Rabbit is yet to be born. Roger will be visiting Thirsk in Yorkshire and Sandringham in Norfolk to talk to the best breeders. He'll find out what drives someone to set up hutches for a mind boggling 100 rabbits in their back garden, and how some people live, breathe and dream rabbits. The ultimate dream is the ultimate rabbit: a perfect English Spot. But is it really possible? Roger burrows into the facts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

THU 07:00 Millport (b008h51h)

Series 1

Derek Dodds Is Dead

An unexpected death makes all the islanders question their priorities in life in some very surprising ways...

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Dita/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty/Diane Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

Minister Robert Paterson

Producers: Lucy Bacon and Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m0007cwj)

Episode 7

Sarah Millican hosts a new panel show using surveys to discover who is the most Average Jolene, and who is the most Maverick Matilda. This week's panel features Jo Caulfield, Emma Kennedy, Jessica Fostekeew and Mark Watson. Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from, the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected anecdotes are revealed along the way.

The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be the most different, the furthest from the norm.

A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of the spoons.

A Choppy production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05wsjdf)

From 24/8/1975

Professor Chuckabutt lectures on great leaders and inventors - and Laurel's got a surprise for Hardy.

Starring Ken Dodd.

With Jo Manning Wilson, Miriam Margolyes, Tal Fryn Thomas, Chris Emmett and Michael McClain.

Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Dave Dutton, David McKellar, Norman Beadle and Terry Ravenscroft.

Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in August 1975.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmm)

Series 3

Episode 13

Merry cross the Mersey - the team poke fun at Liverpool. More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Bill Oddie and Eric Idle.

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 Dave Lee, Bill Oddie and Leon Cohen.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000ff8v)

Series 4

Harold Pinter

James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Jane Thynne and Jonathan Myerson.

Author of the week: Harold Pinter

Reader: Becky Hindley

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

THU 09:30 Married (b007v2sz)

Series 1

Episode 3

Grumpy bachelor Robin Lightfoot is feeling a little warmer towards his adopted "wife" - until his doppelganger's other woman turns up to rock the boat.

With a new wife and kids, Robin learns more about his parallel

universe.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Linda Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Dirk Steve Frost

Lord Reith Lewis MacLeod

Ned Sam Bradley

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

THU 10:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)

The Picture of Dorian Gray

Episode 1

"I would give my soul to stay young".

A vain aristocrat - a gilded and spoiled hedonist - makes a dangerous pact to preserve his youth.

Jamie Glover stars in Oscar Wilde's classic 1890 novel dramatised in two parts by Nick McCarty.

Dorian Gray Jamie Glover

Lord Henry Wotton Ian McDiarmid

Basil Hallward Steven Pacey

Sybil Vane Tilly Gaunt

Jim Vane Harry Myers

Mrs Vane Elizabeth Mansfield

Lord Fermor Brett Usher

Aunt Agatha Mary Wimbush

Butler Gavin Muir

Mrs Vandelaar Elizabeth Bell

Lady Harley Tessa Worsley

Servant Tom George

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2000.

THU 11:00 Here's the Thing (m000ff8x)

David Letterman/Michael Douglas

More in depth interviews from WNYC Radio in New York hosted by Alec Baldwin.

Alec gives the listener a unique insight into the lives of artists, policy makers and performers, sidestepping the predictable by taking listeners inside the dressing rooms, apartments, and offices.

Specially curated for BBC Radio 4 Extra, the series continues with Alec talking to a legendary US TV interviewer, and a member of a Hollywood dynasty.

David Letterman began his Late Night gig as a self-described "gap-toothed, unknown smart ass." He began his television career as a weatherman, but moved rapidly up to anchorman and talk show host. He left for L.A. and, after only three years on the comedy scene there, he found himself guest-hosting the Johnny Carson's Tonight Show. He got his own show in 1982, where he developed his off the cuff comedy style, often featuring ludicrous live challenges to the studio audience and members of the public, his "10 Ten Lists", as well as interviewing the famous and not so famous. In 2012 he spoke to Alec about how a quintuple by-pass and the birth of a child have dramatically shifted his priorities.

David Letterman retired from his TV show in 2015.

In 2011 Alec spoke with a Hollywood star who'd lived in the same apartment overlooking New York's Central Park for decades. Michael Douglas talks about what makes a great director and why playing the villain is so wonderful. Douglas reveals how competition with his father, legendary actor Kirk Douglas (103 in December 2019), shaped both his career and his life as a parent. He talks about his marriage to another acting star, Catherine Zeta Jones, and being much more honest with his young daughter than he ever thought he'd be. Douglas explains how his father's early brush with death, and his own cancer diagnosis affected them each in different ways.

Produced by WNYC in the USA

Acquired for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First heard on the Here's The Thing podcast in 2013.

THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05wjsdf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Colvil and Soames (b007jt94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Roger's Rabbits (b016k6xl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0644194)

Episode 9

To Claude's bafflement Paul still resists writing a new novel.

At the Bank of Torabundo trader Howie has worked out how to monetize failure but the market will have its say...

Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.

Read by Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Jenny Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

THU 14:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08csw19)

Taking the Middle East Shuttle

Professor David Rothkopf discovers how the fallout from the Yom Kippur war in 1974 resulted in the development of Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy.

In January 1975, the US Secretary of state Henry Kissinger embarked on an exhausting timetable of talks, shuttling between Egypt and Israel and negotiating a disengagement agreement in the aftermath of the so called Yom Kippur war. This was the first time such a tactic had been used and has since become the hallmark of diplomacy where two sides cannot or will not sit down with each other.

We hear how Kissinger navigated the delicate negotiations, second guessing and often wooing the warring nations leasers into accepting a dramatic result, the like of which had never yet been seen in this most bitter of international disputes.

But, as Professor Rothkopf discovers, shuttle diplomacy can only work in the hands of a deft negotiator.

A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yt263)

Episode 14

Ash's plan is diverted at the last minute, and he has to decide whether pity justifies the same terrible deed as love.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Bukta Adeel Akhtar

Anjuli Ayesha Dharker

Gobind Sam Dastor

Sarji Sagar Arya

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 14:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b05t7kdv)

Episode 4

After decades working day jobs to fund his music, Philip Glass finally broke through with the opera "Einstein on the Beach". Collaborating with director Robert Wilson, the five-hour production sold out each night during its 1976 European and American tour and made the pair's careers.

American composer, Philip Glass's memoir read by Kerry Shale.

Abridger: Laurence Wareing

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

Music details:

Track: "Knee Play 1"

CD: Glass: Einstein on the Beach

Label: Sony Classical

Track: "Knee Play 3"

CD: Glass: Einstein on the Beach

Label: Sony Classical

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

THU 15:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000ff8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Millport (b008h51h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m0007cwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Orbiter X (b078jwxl)

The Final Round

The battle is on. Can the Commonwealth Space Project thwart

Unity's plan for world domination?

Conclusion of BD Chapman's space-station thriller.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Captain Knight John Graham

Greta Ravel Irene Prador

Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1959.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b042ztr7)

Series 33

John Craven on Brunel

Countryfile presenter John Craven proposes Victorian

Engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, as a great life. He's joined

by engineering historian Julia Elton and presenter Matthew

Parris.

And where better to discuss Brunel's achievements than by the harbour in Bristol in the shadow of his magnificent steam ship the SS Great Britain. But should his creator of great machines himself be considered a great man or is finest achievement the engineering of his own reputation?

Recorded at the Food Connections Festival in Bristol.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05wjsdf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Colvil and Soames (b007jt94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Roger's Rabbits (b016k6xl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Here's the Thing (m000ff8x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m0007cwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (m000ff90)

Series 22

Episode 2

Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public. Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean.

THU 23:00 The Skivers (b007jwrv)

Series 1

Rodney Bewes

Fathers' Mastermind, and a new-style triathlon.

Nick Golsion and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with

special guest Rodney Bewes who reveals his specialist subject.

Written and performed by Nick Golsion and Tim de Jongh.

With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

THU 23:30 Sam Simmons is Not a People Person (b086s95h)

Magicians

Comedian. Writer. Ex-Zoo Keeper. Bird Watcher. Definitely

NOT a people person.

Sam and Henry are making a series about birds, and armed with

Sam's 'Big Book of Birds' they're looking out for a different

species in each episode.

Sadly, and despite Henry's very best efforts, Sam keeps being

distracted by the people they run into. Each encounter sparks an

investigation into Sam's past, because once they've sorted out

his issues, then they'll really be able to focus on the bird-

watching.

Now they're on the island of Patos, trying to find a very rare

heron.

The unique talents of the multi-award winning Sam Simmons

have landed.

Written by and starring Sam Simmons

With:

Henry Paker

Sarah Kendall

Mike Wilmot

Freya Parker

Sound design by Craig Schuftan.

Producers: Joseph Numery and Alexandra Smith.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

January 2017.

THU 23:45 The Future of Radio (b062zxon)

Series 2

Mashup Heaven

These programmes reveal the secret work of the Institute of

Radiophonic Evolution in South Mimms - drawing on

conference calls, voice notes and life-logs, to tell a compelling

and strange story of the technological lengths to which the

researchers will go to push forward the boundaries of the

emerging digital technologies.

Each week a jiffy bag of sound files arrives at BBC Radio 4.

We listen to the contents to discover what backroom boffins

Luke Mounie and Professor Trish Baldoock (ably assisted by

Shelley – on work experience) have been up to.

In this episode, they help audio graffiti artist Skanksy to

mashup BBC Radio 4 – and try to unmask his secret identity at

the same time.

Luke.....William Beck

Trish.....Emma Kilbey

Shelley.....Lizzy Watts

Felix.....David Brett

Prunella.....Sarah Badel

Pontius.....Chris Stanton

Written by Jerome Vincent & Stephen Dinsdale

Producer David Blount

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February

2016.

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FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m0007cwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9c)

Bad Apples

Episode 2

After an unexpected twist in his latest murder investigation,

Inspector Guscott has asked his old friends from MI6, Colvil and Soames for their discreet assistance.

Christopher Lee's six-part murder-mystery starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alex Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

FRI 06:30 Beckett in Brooklyn (b04v30zx)

A disembodied mouth hovers 8 feet above the stage and appears to oscillate wildly around the pitch-black auditorium.

Blindfolded, her head strapped into a harness, Irish actor Lisa Dwan delivers the frenetic, roller-coaster stream of consciousness that is Samuel Beckett's 'Not I'. Alongside 'Footfalls' and 'Rockaby', the play forms one part of a trilogy of intensely demanding one-woman Beckett works which Lisa has been performing to packed houses across the UK & Ireland.

Now, as Lisa takes her Beckett trilogy across the Atlantic to the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Harvey Theatre, we find her immersed in a whirlwind of rave reviews, TV appearances and a US theatre-going public heavily preoccupied with Ebola, Isis and the uncertainty of our times.

As the curtain prepares to fall for the last time, we discover the true extent of Lisa's commitment to these dark and challenging roles, what the impact of performing them has been on her and if, 25 years after the Irish playwright's death, she may have shown us that Samuel Beckett's work matters more than ever.

Producer: Conor Garrett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

FRI 07:00 The Lentil Sorters (b06pbw9x)

Multi-Parameter Database Search

A sitcom set in the Office of Local and National Statistics which, depending on who you ask, is either where the real power of government resides, or the place where fun goes to die.

In this episode, a database linking of Ribena and MI5 makes Graham reach for his Stress Cardigan. Also, Jane Austen and a brick.

Meet the team:

Graham Quicks, Head of the People and Places Department of the LNS. There are three things in the world that Graham will always have faith in – statistics, the supremacy of filofaxes over computers and the idea that cardigans will never go out of style. Audrey Carr is the Survey Researcher. She believes passionately that statistics should be used as a tool to help the man on the street. Fortunately for her, she's never actually met "the man in the street". She's also passionate about Jane Austen, Les Miserables and pretending that she doesn't work in an office with Daniel.

Daniel Porter is the Data Analyst. He used to work in the City, until the City realised he was a colossal waste of space. Daniel divides his time between manipulating statistics to further his vision of capitalism, necking energy drinks and telling people his thighs are really, really strong. He's terrible.

Mrs. Wilkins has worked as tea lady, archivist and maintenance guru for 15 years. She knows where the bodies are buried. We must stress that that is a figure of speech.

Graham Quicks Vincent Franklin

Audrey Carr Rebekah Staton

Daniel Porter Kieran Hodgson

Mrs Wilkins Julia Deakin

Special guests:

Akif Ray Panthaki

Black Firebird X Matt Green

With Jo Unwin as The Narrator

Written by Jack Bernhard

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2020.

FRI 07:30 The Skewer (m000f783)

Series 1

Episode 6

From the mind of Jon Holmes comes topical satire like you've never heard it before.

FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jshz)

Series 5

Love Big Brother the Burkiss Way

It's Big Brother with a twist as the team spoof George Orwell's '1984'.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1980.

FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080jzp)

Series 2

Episode 1

Shady lawyer, Waldorf T Flywheel needs patients - in his latest scam as a doctor.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravellii. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellii Frank Lazarus

With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.

Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.

FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

From 23/07/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Sid Colin, Barry Cryer and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1979.

FRI 09:30 Dry Slopes (b00ly7c2)

Series 1

Dry Wit

Friendless, jobless Angus writes a requiem to himself. He is really a genius, you know

Nick Ball's sitcom about the unemployed son of a high-flying mother.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

FRI 10:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnnk)

The Picture of Dorian Gray

Episode 2

Aristocrat Dorian Gray is living a life of selfish pleasure. But is retribution on the horizon?

Jamie Glover stars in the conclusion of Oscar Wilde's classic novel dramatised by Nick McCarty.

Dorian Gray Jamie Glover

Lord Henry Wotton Ian McDiarmid

Basil Hallward Steven Pacey

Woman Tilly Gaunt

Jim Harry Myers

Duke Geoffrey Edward de Souza

Thornton Stephen Critchlow

Campbell Geoffrey Bevers

Lord Gavin Muir

Woman in Opium Den Elizabeth Bell

Lady Narborough Tessa Worsley

Francis Tom George

Duke John Brett Usher

Duchess Alice Arnold

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2000.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000fh8d)

Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.

FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jshz)

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FRI 14:00 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b06445xm)

Episode 10

The bank fails, a heist is attempted and Claude the Everyman banker makes a choice that will change everyone's lives...

Paul Murray's madcap novel of institutional folly - a stirring examination of the deceptions carried out in the names of art, love and commerce.

Concluded by Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Jenny Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

FRI 14:15 Friends & Foes - A Narrative History of Diplomacy (b08ctz6x)

Small Nation, Big Diplomacy

Professor David Rothkopf discusses the pivotal role of a small nation in negotiating a landmark Middle East peace agreement - the Oslo accords.

In 1973, a single handshake on the White House lawn between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders marked the end of decades of confrontation and conflict. But this breakthrough was brokered not through superpower intervention but with the help of Norway.

Crucially it was done through secret informal communications called 'back channel diplomacy'.

Professor Rothkopf hears from the negotiators about how they brought the two sides together under the cover of an academic conference and how, ultimately, their careful diplomacy resulted in the landmark Oslo accords.

But, as he discovers, back channel diplomacy does not always work.

A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

FRI 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj265)

Episode 15

Safe and with the woman he loves, Ash cannot work out how to marry her.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua

Bukta Adeel Akhtar

Anjuli Ayesha Dharker

Stiggins Sean Baker

Zarin Christopher Simpson

Mrs Vicary Joanna Monro

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 14:45 Philip Glass - Words without Music (b05t7kpz)

Episode 5

Asked to write the score for visionary 1982 documentary Koyaanisqatsi, Glass discovered a new avenue for his musical composition.

He later worked with Martin Scorsese, writing the soundtrack for Kundun (1997).

Conclusion of the memoir by Philip Glass, the world-renowned composer of symphonies, operas and film scores.

Read by Kerry Shale.

Abridger: Laurence Wareing

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

Music details:

Track: "Evening Song" (from Satyagraha)

CD: The Essential Philip Glass

Label: Sony

Track: "The Grid"

CD: Koyaanisqatsi

Label: Island

Track: "Closing"

CD: Glassworks

Label: CBS

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

FRI 15:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Dry Slopes (b00ly7c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Lentil Sorters (b06pbw9x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Skewer (m000f783)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Ray Bradbury - The Veldt (m000fh8j)

A futuristic cautionary tale about the perils of smart technology, where danger prowls in the nursery...

Ray Bradbury's gripping sci-fi story first published in 1950.

Lydia/Witch... Diana Olsson

George... John Cazabon

Peter... Jon Hewitt

Wendy/Grethel... Nina Ludlow

David... Bruce Wightman

Adapted by Jack Pulman.

Producer: Frederick Bradnum.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1959.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076s2z)

Nowt So Queer as Folk

Matthew Parris considers what is and what is not normal. With Amanda Mitchison, Jude Collins and actor Mat Fraser. From July 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jshz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080jzp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Beckett in Brooklyn (b04v30zx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000fh8d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Skewer (m000f783)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Harpoon (b00k3gv0)

Series 1

Episode 3

'Laughing through the Depression' - with a slightly budget issue of your nostalgic bumper golden weekly.

With Julian Dutton, Peter Baynham, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson and Bryonie Pritchard.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

FRI 23:00 Love in Recovery (b07378df)

Series 2

Starting Over

Second series of the award-nominated comedy drama by Pete Jackson, set in Alcoholics Anonymous and inspired by his own road to recovery. Starring Sue Johnston, John Hannah, Eddie Marsan, Rebecca Front, Paul Kaye and Julia Deakin.

It follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Taking place entirely at their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and - most importantly - tell their stories.

In this first episode, Fiona has a problem she thinks only Danno can solve. But Danno has his own problems - and he's on the run.

Marion Julia Deakin

Fiona Rebecca Front

Simon John Hannah

Julie Sue Johnston

Danno Paul Kaye

Andy Eddie Marsan

Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found support from the unlikely group of disparate souls - with one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.

There are lots of different kinds of AA meetings. Love in Recovery is about meetings where people tell their stories.

There are funny stories, sad stories, stories of small victories and milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and those stories that you really shouldn't laugh at - but still do, along with the storyteller.

Written and created by Pete Jackson.

Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2016.

FR/ 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00czc0j)

Series 1

Episode 6

A popular TV detective series comes to film at the museum and its super-suave star takes a fancy to Prunella, leaving Rod and Julian feeling marginalised.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Jeremy Noone Hugh Dennis

Clive Neil Fitzmaurice

Arabella Eve Dallas

Nick Jot Davies

Charlie Tattle Barry Cryer

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.