

## SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2022

SAT 00:00 **Hordes of the Things (b007jqyx)**

4. All Manner of Badness  
Can the assembled forces of Radox the Green win the battle?  
Starring Paul Eddington, Paul Magee and Simon Callow.  
Conclusion of Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic Tolkien parody.

King Yulfric the Wise .... Paul Eddington

The Chronicler .... Patrick Magee

Crown Prince Vegalin .... Simon Callow

Agar .... Christian Rodska

Radox the Green .... Frank Middlemass

Queen Elfreda .... Maggie Steed

The Evil Flesh-Eating Lord of Craam .... Aubrey Woods

Baddedas the Blue .... Ballard Berkeley

Hob-Lob, The Monstrous Spider .... Bob Grant

Xanspur, the Skylord .... Michael Cule

Golin Longshanks .... Jonathan Lynn

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

SAT 00:30 **Sounds Natural (b0b90cgs)**

Sir Martin Furnival-Jones

Former MI5 chief Sir Martin Furnival Jones tells Derek Jones about his love of birdwatching.

The Redshank and Bee Eater are among his choice of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

Sir Martin Furnival Jones CBE (1912-1997) was director general of MI5, the UK's domestic counter-intelligence and security agency, from 1965 to 1972.

Produced in Bristol by John Burton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1975.

SAT 01:00 **Inspector Purbright - Naked Nuns (m000pqhw)**

5. Over-armed and Over Here

Inspector Purbright investigates the murder of Hatch at the medieval banquet.

Colin Watson's serial about vice and violence stirring beneath the surface of the peaceful market town of Flaxborough.

Starring John Rowe.

Dramatised by Christopher Denys.

Inspector Purbright .... John Rowe

Sergeant Love .... Paul Downing

Amis .... Daniel Coll

Mrs Hatch .... Patricia Wilcock

Joxy .... Robin Polley

Hyacinth .... Cathryn Hunt

Chubb .... Geoffrey Banks

Janice .... Sally Whittaker

Tudor .... David Fleeshman

Director: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

SAT 01:30 **Boxer and Doberman (b00wh02c)**

Series 2

2. The Black Widow

Boxer and Doberman investigate the brutal murder of a popular Scottish actor and get entangled (as you do) in a web of intrigue.

Things get even stickier when Boxer seems to fall for the murdered man's widow - seductive breakfast TV star Marion Swann.

Doberman's suspicions are aroused. Boxer is just aroused...

Alastair Jessiman's gritty police comedy drama series.

Featuring grizzled old-school detective, DI Bob Boxer - and his slightly less grizzled and more instinctive young sidekick, DS Shona Doberman.

Starring Finlay Welsh and Anita Vettesse.

Listen out for a blink-and-you-miss-it cameo from one of the stars of the show which "inspired" Boxer and Doberman - ITV's Taggart. Clue: his appearance is a tea-time treat...

DI Boxer .... Finlay Welsh

DS Doberman .... Anita Vettesse

Marion Swann .... Juliet Cadzow

Mackenzie Baxter .... Sean Scanlan

Joe Macnamarra .... Alastair Jessiman

Directed at BBC Scotland by David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.

SAT 02:00 **Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000pfn)**

Episode 5

Heather realises that something is not quite right with the rhythm of Tranquillium House.

She's one of nine guests here for a little restorative break.

It's owned and run by an equally wounded and strange woman who is determined that her guests' lives will never be the same again after their ten-day stay.

Written by Liane Moriarty.

Read by Kerry Fox.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

SAT 02:15 **Jo Clifford - Five Days Which Changed Everything (b0bbtbq)**

Episode 5

On Monday Susie had a fit in her sleep. On Tuesday they scanned her brain and found a tumour.

On Wednesday they confirmed the tumour was malignant and likely to kill Susie within days or weeks.

On Thursday the family said their goodbyes.

It's now Friday, 15 years later...

Conclusion of Jo Clifford's autobiographical drama about love,

loss and the unexpected moments of grace that preserve us.

It's festival time on the streets of Edinburgh, a time John and Susie usually relish. But this year, over the course of several days, their world turns upside down.

Susie ..... Kathryn Howden

John ..... Liam Brennan

Rebecca ..... Melody Grove

Katie ..... Anna Russell-Martin

Director: Kirsty Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

SAT 02:30 **I Was... (b069r80x)**

Series 2

George Orwell's Pupil

Andrew McGibbon presents the series analysing great artists at a significant time in their careers - but from the perspective of someone who worked for them, inspired them, employed them, was taught by them or even did their job for them while no one was looking.

In 1932, George Orwell was still known as Eric Blair and supporting himself by teaching in a private middle school run by tradesmen in semi-rural Hayes in London.

Geoffrey Stevens was one of his pupils during the year that saw him publish his first book - Down and Out in Paris and London - and also change his name to George Orwell.

Geoffrey, now 96, remembers Orwell teaching him French - badly, Orwell's harsh classroom style and reliance on corporal punishment, his avuncular after school country walks to look for puss moth larva and collect marsh gas, and Orwell directing the school play which he wrote himself.

He recalls how Orwell was driven mad by the school owner's wife playing Baptist hymns on the piano late into the night, the curious role of the school parrot during mealtimes and Orwell coming round for tea with Geoffrey's mum and dad and giving him more homework as a result.

It's a fragment of time that reveals fascinating and mundane insights into George Orwell, a powerful sense of early 30s suburban London during the depression and the story of an underperforming pupil who went on to run two businesses and, at nearly 100, still walks 30 miles a week.

Written and presented by Andrew McGibbon.

Reader: Gunnar Cautehy

Producer: Nick Romero and Andrew McGibbon

A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.

SAT 03:00 **Baldi (b007jln9)**

Series 2

3. Schecter's Knot

A talented young mathematics professor is found murdered on campus.

Paolo and Tina wonder if this is merely an extreme case of professional jealousy...

Starring David Threlfall.

Series of murder mysteries about Franciscan priest and philosophy lecturer turned amateur sleuth, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Martin Meenan.

Paolo Baldi .... David Threlfall

Tina Mahon .... Tina Kellegher

Superintendent Rynne .... Owen Roe

Father Troy .... T P McKenna

Mrs Reid .... Margaret D'Arcy

Margaret .... Julia Dearden

Dr Graham .... Gerard McSorley

Charles Powers .... John Hewitt

Oliver Timms .... Jack Lynch

Cecilia Timms .... Anne Byrne

Deirdre .... Katy Gleadhill

Alexander Maher .... Luke Griffin

Format created by Barry Devlin.

Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Directed in Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001

SAT 03:45 **Short Works (b0b6pnm3)**

A Long Silence by Remi Graves

Silence takes on a new shape for Ethel.

In a house that is now too big for her, she waits for her granddaughter Efua to visit.

Short story for radio, written and performed by poet Remi Graves.

Producer: Becky Ripley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2018.

SAT 04:00 **Hidden Treasures (b056pjmr)**

Syon House

From dining habits to the wonders of metamorphic furniture.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz.

From the London home of the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House.

With:

John Bly

Christine Lalumia

Clive Stewart-Lockhart

Max Rutherford

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 04:30 **One Flat Summer (b07wb911)**

The St Leger

Unable to locate the money he liberated as a courier for

'Racecourse Rita', Ken is a wanted man.

Stars Gerard McDermott.

Conclusion of Dave Sheasby's comedy drama series set in the world of horse racing.

Ken .... Gerard McDermott

Margaret .... Gillian Bevan

Curly .... Anthony Ofoegbu

Rita .... Janet Maw

Christine .... Rachel Atkins

Tam .... Tom Georgeson

Super Yankee .... David Brooks

Bank Manager .... Hugh Dickson

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio in September 1997.

SAT 05:00 **Dot (b08rptr4)**

Series 2

Trees

Dot and the gals are tasked with a top secret mission in the countryside.

A German plane crashes nearby; will this be Dot's big chance for promotion?

Rolling back war time comedy by Ed Harris about the staff from the personnel department of the Cabinet Rooms.

Dot ..... Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle ..... Kate O'Flynn

Peg ..... Freya Parker

Millicent ..... Jane Slavin

Hans ..... Nicholas Murchie

Pip Crudely ..... David Sterne

Producer: Jessica Mitic.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

SAT 05:30 **Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m001b3vr)**

Series 1

Hull Liverpool

Author, actor and comedy icon, Alexei Sayle takes his last journey in the series travelling around the country by rail.

Alexei's mission is to break the golden rule of travelling by train and actually talk to his fellow passengers in a quest for conversations that will reveal their lives, hopes, dreams and destinations.

There's humour, sadness and surprise as people reveal what is going on in their lives and, as Alexei passes through familiar towns and cities, he also reveals the stories and memories of his career and childhood.

Alexei has a lifelong ticket to ride in his DNA, as his father was a railway guard and so the Sayle family benefited from free travel in the UK and across Europe. As a boy, Alexei and his family roamed far and wide from the family home in Anfield, Liverpool. At a time when most people thought an exciting trip by train was to Brighton or Blackpool, Alexei travelled thousands of miles to mysterious towns with unpronounceable names in far flung corners of the continent.

In each programme in the series, Alexei embarks on a rail journey, taking pot-luck on who he might meet and inviting them to have a conversation with him. In this episode, Alexei travels on the Hull-Liverpool line and meets Oscar who hopes to become a barrister specialising in human rights cases, Nick and Rachel who have taken up a more simple life after Nick's stressful career as a consulting engineer working on huge projects like the Shard in London, and mother and daughter Jill and Isobel who tell Alexei how their lives have changed after they both lived through the Ariana Grande concert bombing in Manchester.

And finally, as the last episode in the series ends in Alexei's home town of Liverpool, he recalls a moving story about his mum, Molly.

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 **E Nesbit - The Story of the Amulet (b00tn4p7)**

In a quest to achieve their hearts' desire, Anthea, Cyril, Robert and Jane travel through history to discover the whereabouts of an ancient and magical amulet.

E Nesbit's story, first published in 1906.

Dramatised by Malcolm McKee.

Learned Gentleman ..... Clive Francis

Anthea ..... Fiona Christie

Robert ..... Justyn Tower

Cyril ..... James Richard

Jane ..... Lexi Rose

Psammead ..... Simon Carter

Rekhmara ..... Kim Wall

Old Nurse/Queen ..... Sunny Ormonde

Shopkeeper/Sergeant ..... Terry Molloy

Marduk ..... Ian Brooker

Pharaoh/King of Babylon ..... Robert Lister

Monsieur Devant/Nisroch ..... Malcolm McKee

Edith/Amulet ..... Annabelle Dowler

Music composed by Malcolm McKee.

Musicians:

Helen Bool

Audrey Douglas

Paul Arden Taylor

Malcolm McKee

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Rosemary Watts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.

SAT 07:30 **Great Lives (m0004f28)**

Malcolm Lowry, nominated by Ian McMillan

Matthew Parris meets the poet Ian McMillan to find out about the life of his literary hero Malcolm Lowry.

Ian first discovered this 20th century writer's work as a young sixth former searching for literary inspiration. He stumbled by chance upon the writer's most famous novel, Under the

Volcano, and Lowry's lyrical lines have remained with Ian ever since.

Joining Matthew and Ian to discuss the life of this Merseyside writer is the artistic director of Liverpool's Bluecoat Theatre, Bryan Biggs.

Together, they discuss the biography of this complex and intense man, a life that was full of sea-voyaging, shack-dwelling and heavy drinking.

Producer: Camellia Sinclair

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 April 2019.

**SAT 08:00 Booked (b0075lzl)**

Series 3

Episode 2

From unlikely conversation consequences to guess the baddie!

Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:

Mark Thomas

Dillie Keane

Roger McGough

Miles Kingston

Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.

**SAT 08:30 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)**

Series 2

Episode 5

The dawn of the Dickensian festival brings chaos to

Wadenbrook, and Angela has something to tell Frank.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the

residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

John Biggins.....Keith

Mackenzie Crook.....Rod

Kevin Eldon.....Jonathan / Ken

Shelia Hancock.....Narrator

Jessica Henwick.....Helen

Katherine Jakeways.....Esther / Jacqui

Felicity Montagu.....Jan

Geoffrey Palmer.....Norman

Lizzie Roper.....Angela

Penelope Wilton.....Mary

Rufus Wright.....Frank

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

**SAT 09:00 Brian Blessed's Radio Adventures (b07y77x3)**

Arthur Bostrom meets with Brian Blessed to celebrate the

adventurer's remarkable life and career as presented on radio.

A giant of a man accompanied by an eloquent wit and booming,

operatic voice, the boisterous British actor Brian Blessed is

known for his hearty, king-sized portrayals on film and TV.

However, what is often overlooked is his fascinating career in

radio.

There are over 40 years of recordings in the BBC radio

archives, including dramas, poetry readings, panel shows and

hilarious interviews.

Brian was memorably interviewed on BBC Radio 4's Midweek

revealing how he helped to deliver a baby in a south London

park.

With an enthusiastic audience at the BBC Radio Theatre in

London, Arthur introduces extracts and programmes from

Brian's radio years - creating an enthralling and unique insight

into the actor and explorer's life.

In his own irreverent style, Brian reveals a passion for radio

which has rarely been discussed.

Programmes include:

\* DOWN YOUR WAY: STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE \*

Brian was to have gone to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in

Stratford straight after drama school. Instead he joined Z Cars

and was unable to do a season until 1984. He finally returns in

this episode from 1991.

\* SOUNDS NATURAL \*

Brian discusses his interest in wildlife and mountaineering with

Derek Jones - choosing recordings from the BBC's Sound

Archive. From 1975.

\* OUTLOOK - GALAHAD OF EVEREST \*

Brian talks to John Waite about his expedition to climb Everest

in the footsteps of George Mallory

\* THE BRIAN BLESSED SHOW \*

A programme from 1988 sees Brian talk to theatre critic Jack

Tinker about his career.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October

2016

**SAT 12:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Would you provide an alibi to someone you hate?

Would you confront an elderly relative about casual racism at a

family gathering?

And what are the relative merits of Silvio Berlusconi, Vlad the

Impaler, L Ron Hubbard and Amanda Holden?

Sue Perkins presents moral and ethical posers to:

Dave Gorman

Richard Herring

Rebecca Front

Dominic Lawson

This is the panel show spotlighting the choices bombarding us

in Britain today, as well as some more theoretical problems.

There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply

damning ones.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SAT 12:30 Yes Minister (b007jl60)**

Series 1

Open Government

Newly re-elected, MP Jim Hacker is summoned to the PM's

office.

Jim learns from his chauffeur that the new St Edwards Hospital

has 300 administrators, cooks and cleaners, but no doctors,

nurses or patients.

How can he cure it?

As usual the Minister doesn't know his ACAS from his

NALGO.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV

between 1980 and 1984.

Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a

collection of civil service underlings headed by the

Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker ..... Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby ..... Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard ..... Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker ..... Diana Hoddinot

Frank Weisel ..... Bill Nighy

Sir Arnold ..... John Nettleton

Chief Whip ..... Edward Jewesbury

Nigel ..... Haydn Wood

Radio Presenter ..... Gordon Clyde

Newsreader ..... Bob Docherty

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

**SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (m00099qw)**

Our Anniversary Obsession

50 years since the Moon landings?

30 years since the publication of The Satanic Verses?

200 years since the Peterloo Massacre?

Turn on the radio any day of the year and it won't be long

before someone mentions an anniversary.

Why are BBC Radio 4 commissioners, news editors, book

publishers and us, the audience, so obsessed with anniversaries?

What impact does our preoccupation with round numbers have

on the way we understand history?

Historian Hannah Mawdsley wrote her thesis on the Spanish flu

pandemic. It's an area of history that felt like a footnote to the

First World War - until we reached its centenary in 2018.

Suddenly there was an explosion of interest in Hannah's work.

She was invited to speak on panels, to curate exhibitions and to

discuss her research on the BBC.

Hannah talks to fellow historians Elisabeth Shipton, Bill Niven

and Chris Kempshall about the power of anniversaries and their

potentially distorting impact on history.

Does marking one day a year give us permission to forget

difficult parts of history for the rest of the year? What about

aspects of history that don't have easily marked anniversaries?

Sociologist Professor Eviatar Zerubavel explains why we're all

so drawn to pattern and repetition, and why time isn't always

linear. And a group of nine-year-olds talk about why numbers

with a zero at the end are so important.

And just in case you were in any doubt how much anniversaries

inform Radio 4's schedule, this was first broadcast on the 10th

anniversary of another programme on exactly the same subject.

Producer: Hannah Marshall

A 7 digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

October 2019.

**SAT 14:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gkw2)**

Series 4

Police, Camera, Milton!

High drama in the line of duty when Milton is asked to form a

Police Corruption Unit and takes it a little too literally.

It's the radio return of the man they call "Britain's funniest

Milton," with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they

think is "Help!".

In this series, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to

help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure.

Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give

you a push.

Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans.

With regulars:

Tom Goodman-Hill as the ever-faithful Anton

Josie Lawrence

Dan Tetsell

Music by Guy Jackson.

Produced and directed by David Tyler.

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

March 2020.

**SAT 14:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On**

(b073j5cg)

Series 1

Hillwalking with Muriel Gray

Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows.

She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up

your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play

Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous

rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to

divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for

four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife,

that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going

to be unbearable.

So Susan is looking at her options to try and immerse herself in

the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen

and outer tranquillity.

Can she ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new

Susan Calm?

For her first attempt, Susan tries to learn how to unwind, by

going hillwalking with Muriel Gray.

Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which

Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing

and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a

handful of illustrative clips from her efforts.

It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary

in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in

them.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

**SAT 15:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b08tfyqj)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Comedian and quizzer Paul Sinha returns to shine a light on the

important historical moments that you never got taught at

school.

He also explains why so much of what you did learn is wrong.

There will also, as ever, be puns.

He begins with a look at the sheer volume of history created

since series two, including Brexit, every celebrity in the world

seeming to pass away, and the election of Donald Trump.

He also assesses the contributions to American culture of

immigrants, including iconic clothing, iconic entertainment, and

iconic icons.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

In previous series, Paul revealed how Portugal's invasion of

Morocco in 1415 lead directly to the 2014 World Cup; how the

1909 launch of an Austro-Hungarian submarine prevented Dr

Zhivago winning an Oscar; and the story of the black woman

who refused to give up a seat on an Alabama bus ended up

changing the law - no, it wasn't Rosa Parks.

Paul Sinha's History Revision won the 2016 Rose d'Or for 'Best

Radio Comedy'.

Producer: Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

June 2017.

**SAT 15:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b03fdh2c)**

Series 1

Time to Celebrate

Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with

his Mum, Dad and Gran.

This gives us a fascinating and hilarious glimpse into his

background and influences shaping his temperament, opinions

and hang-ups.

During his first call, we discover why he hates celebrations, why

his mum can't stop organising them and why his father needs an

electric whisk...

As the conversation unfolds, Tom takes time out to explain the

situation, his parent's reactions plus anecdotes from the past

illustrating his family's views.

So get underneath the skin of Tom and the Wrigglesworth

family in a 30 minute totally legal bit of phone hacking.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle

Additional Material by Miles Jupp.

Tom ..... Tom Wrigglesworth

Granny ..... Judy Parfitt

Dad ..... Paul Copley

Mum ..... Kate Anthony

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

**SAT 16:00 E Nesbit - The Story of the Amulet (b00tn4p7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Great Lives (m0004f28)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

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**SAT 19:00 Brian Blessed's Radio Adventures (b07y77x3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b043x48z)**

Series 3

Marcus Brigstocke

Stand-up Alex Horne and his five-piece band explore fashion and trends through live music and comedy.

This week there's a ceilidh and songs about Alex's car and the first dance at his wedding amongst others.

With special guest comedian Marcus Brigstocke and singer Vula Malinga.

Band: Joe Auckland, Mark Brown, Will Collier, Ben Reynolds, Ed Sheldrake

Producer: Charlie Perkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b008z74b)**

Series 4

Catherine Tate interviews David Tennant

Two Doctor Who stalwarts meet. Catherine Tate takes the host's chair as she talks to - or mercilessly teases - David Tennant.

Chain Reaction is the tag talk show with a twist where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next show.

Based on the original 1991 BBC Radio 5 programme of the same name, Chain Reaction is a simple idea of big name stars from the world of entertainment interviewing others whose work they appreciate and admire.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

**SAT 23:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717j1y)**

Series 1

Cricket with Andy Zaltzman

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This time, in a typically British leisure pursuit, Susan goes to a cricket match with comedian and author, Andy Zaltzman.

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Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

**SAT 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jpt2)**

Series 2

Too Far

Satan instructs Scumspawn to perform the most gross and humiliating act of all time.

Has the Prince of Darkness finally gone too far?

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan ..... Andy Hamilton

The Professor ..... James Grout

Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan

Other characters played by:

Philip Pope

Felicity Montagu

Nick Revell

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022****SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (m001bb8z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (m00099qw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

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**SUN 06:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty****(Omnibus) (b0bn57wf)**

Episode 1

Nine strangers with a variety of differing emotional and physical needs find themselves thrown together at a very remote and unconventional health resort - Tranquillum House.

Romantic novelist Frances Welty, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego.

The other eight guests, though seemingly fine on the outside, are all harbouring ghosts or pain of some kind and they arrive for a little restorative break.

Tranquillum House, however, is no ordinary health resort. It's owned and run by an equally wounded and strange lady who is determined that these nine perfect strangers' lives will never be the same again after the ten days that lie ahead.

Written by bestselling author Liane Moriarty.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Robin Brooks.

Read by Kerry Fox.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0001sh6)**

Stephen Mangan

Stephen Mangan chooses 'I Recall A Gypsy Woman' by Don Williams and 'Who Knows Where The Time Goes?' by Fairport Convention.

**SUN 07:20 Jo Clifford - Five Days Which Changed****Everything (Omnibus) (b0bcg5wm)**

It's festival time on the streets of Edinburgh, a time John and Susie usually relish.

But this year, over the course of several days, their world will be turned upside down.

Jo Clifford's autobiographical drama about love, loss and the unexpected moments of grace that preserve us.

Omnibus of five parts.

Susie ..... Kathryn Howden

John ..... Liam Brennan

Rebecca/Doctor ..... Melody Grove

Katie ..... Anna Russell-Martin

Director: Kirsty Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

**SUN 08:30 Home to Roost (m001bb6g)**

Father's Little Problems

William's hypochondria results in a visit to the hospital.

Stars Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler.

Olive and William Wheeler are a crusty old married couple, who call each other 'Mother' and 'Father'.

He's still adapting to his retirement after 40 years in the same office, while she's trying to cope with him being under her feet all day.

Sitcom written by Anne Jones.

William Wheeler .... Deryck Guyler

Olive Wheeler .... Mollie Sugden

Jack Bailey .... Norman Rossington

Kath .... Patricia Greene

Nev .... John Badddeley

Theme music composed and played by Alex Walsh and his Band.

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.

**SUN 09:00 Take It From Here (b00dywt)**

From 24/08/1948

A song for a musical, a look at leisure time and a musical twist in a medical drama.

Long-running classic comedy written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

Joy Nichols

Clarence Wright

Alan Dean

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Frank Cantell.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1948.

**SUN 09:30 Coming Alive (b00h3ngz)**

Series 2

Big Trouble

Terry is plagued by smugglers with big ideas - and Sandra has a stalker.

Starring Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan.

Jim Eldridge's sitcom about ex-convict Terry King's efforts to run a community centre.

Terry King ..... Karl Howman

Sandra Gaines ..... Phyllis Logan

Steve Addison ..... Ben Crowe

Marlene .... Hetty Baynes

Andy Edwards .... Tom George

Annie .... Alison Pettitt

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001bb6k)**

Comedians

Micky Flanagan

From Bruce Springsteen to The Jam.

Comedian Micky Flanagan shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

Micky found mainstream success as a comic in 2007 with his

autobiographical What Chance Change? show at the Edinburgh Fringe, where he was nominated as best newcomer.

Raised in London's East End, he left school at 15 with no qualifications and followed his dad into work as a fish porter at Billingsgate fish market. When he quit that job, he spent a summer working in a kitchen in New York, and then returned to London to spend much of the 1980s working in the furniture trade. When his business collapsed, he worked as a window cleaner and decorator.

He played truant through much of his secondary school career, but in his mid-20s he studied for a GCSE in English, and later gained a place at City University, London, graduating with a social sciences degree. He trained to become a teacher, and then discovered comedy through night classes.

Sell-out UK tours and appearances on Mock the Week and Would I Lie to You followed, and he's made two TV series for Sky - Detour De France and Micky Flanagan: Thinking Aloud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

**SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00kr7bp)**

Series 1

Sloths

Sir David muses on the natural history of the sloth - perhaps the most lethargic beast in the animal world, and one that he has admitted to wanting to be.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

**SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m001bb6m)**

Series 10

Hello, My Name Is

Radiolab explores the importance of names and our need to name everything around us. With Lulu Miller and Latif Nasser. Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity.

Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

Lulu Miller, Latif Nasser and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.

From WNYC. First broadcast on national public radio in the USA in 2022.

**SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0001sh6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m001bb6p)**

Between the Ears - Dreyer, Ligo

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses Between the Ears - Dreyer, Ligo - Robert Crawford's poetic meditation on the Scottish physicist Ronald Drever, and his role in the search for Gravitational Waves.

The detection of Gravitational Waves in 2015 was hailed as an astounding breakthrough in the world of physics and a triumph for the LIGO project, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. But the discovery was also a triumph for the men and women who had worked at LIGO during tumultuous times.

Music by Jeremy Thurlow.

Producer: David Stenhouse.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

**SUN 12:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000g6tb)**

Series 4

The Art Dealer

Milton's attempt to become an international art dealer leads to a deadly brush with danger.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!".

In this series, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans.

With regulars:

Tom Goodman-Hill as the ever-faithful Anton

Josie Lawrence

Ben Willbond

Music by Guy Jackson.

Produced and directed by David Tyler.

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.

**SUN 13:00 No Place to Lay One's Head by Francoise Frenkel (Omnibus) (b09qhsy0)**

Francoise Frenkel's real-life account of flight from Berlin on the 'Night of Broken Glass'.

The author had a thriving bookshop in Berlin, selling French editions, newspapers and magazines.

Society types and celebrities would drop by to browse, buy and socialise.

Then 1935 heralded a dark dawn..

Translated by Stephanie Smee.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams.

Read by Samantha Spiro.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018

**SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06sb17d)**

Rick Stein

Chef Rick Stein chooses 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely' from My Fair Lady, and 'Afternoons And Coffee Spoons' by the Crash Test Dummies.

**SUN 14:20 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07gry2w)**

Still Life

AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.

'The Frederica Quartet' comprises:

'The Virgin in the Garden' [1978]

'Still Life' [1985]

'Babel Tower' [1996]

'A Whistling Woman' [2002].

This omnibus covers the conclusion of 'Still Life' - episodes 3 to 7 episodes.

The arrivals of a new baby and a singular new vicar have big impacts on the lives of the Potter family.

Dramatised by John Harvey.

Older Frederica ..... Rosemary Leach

Middle Frederica ..... Indira Varma

Hugh Pink ..... Mark Umbers

Pippy Mammott ..... Deborah Findlay

Nigel ..... Mark Bazeley

Leo ..... Jack Langan

Ginnie ..... Hannah Dee

Ruth ..... Jasmine Hyde

Mary ..... Ruby Williams

Will ..... Alex Etchart

Bill/First Caller ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Daniel ..... Shaun Dooley

Steelwire/Jude Mason ..... Mark Heap

Winifred ..... Barbara Flynn

Male Voice ..... Ian Masters

Alexander ..... Adam Kotz

Alan ..... Kenny Blyth

Begbie ..... Ben Onwukwe

Producer: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

**SUN 15:30 Frinton Forever (b04thhpd)**

Every Summer season, Frinton Summer Theatre stages weekly rep with seven plays performed back to back in the Essex seaside town.

To celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2014, Richard Wilson agreed to perform in a new play by Jon Canter - The Dog - preceded by two weeks rehearsal.

Follow his progress from first day through to the last night - from rehearsing in the local scout hut and line runs in a beach hut, to the Friends of Frinton Summer garden party and the ever popular performance raffle.

And meet some of the key people who make Frinton's rep season happen every year, plus Sir Antony Sher who owes his Equity card and first ever professional job to Frinton.

With many thanks to The Friends of Frinton Theatre.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2014.

\*\*\*\* Check 4 Extra's schedule for 18th August 2022 - if you'd like to hear Richard Wilson star in the radio version of The Dog.

**SUN 16:00 Roald Dahl (b01479m0)**

Matilda

Episode 2

Matilda is determined to save the school and her favourite teacher Miss Honey from the vicious grip of its terrifying head Miss Trunchbull.

Narrator ..... Lenny Henry

Matilda ..... Lauren Mote

Miss Trunchbull ..... Nichola McAuliffe

Mrs Wormwood ..... Claire Rushbrook

Mr Wormwood ..... John Biggins

Miss Honey ..... Emerald O'Hanrahan

Michael ..... Ryan Watson

Lavender ..... Sinead Michael

Nigel ..... Bertie Gilbert

Directed by Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001bb6p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b007jpvj)**

Series 1

The Fruit at the Bottom of the Bowl

Murder is the ultimate crime.

Acton realises it's important - vitally so when committing the murder - to pay attention to detail.

Ray Bradbury introduces his own dark tale.

Dramatised by Brian Sibley.

Acton ..... Nigel Anthony

Huxley ..... John Hartley

Police Officer ..... Roger May

Director: Martin Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

**SUN 18:30 Earthsea (b0bnfqwx)**

Series 2

The Mender

Alder, a man tormented by his dreams, seeks out the reclusive Archmage on the island of Gont.

Ursula Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel The Other Wind adapted by Judith Adams.

Published between 1968 and 2001, the five novels and short story collection of Ursula Le Guin's Earthsea cycle (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, Tehanu, The Other Wind and Tales from Earthsea) are re-told across

twelve episodes.

Series 2 takes in the action of Tehanu, The Other Wind and the short story Dragonfly from Tales of Earthsea.

Set on a vast archipelago of islands, where magic is a central part of life, they tell the stories of Tenar and Ged.

Tehanu ..... Laura Elphinstone

Ged ..... Robert Glenister

Azver ..... Narinder Samra

Alder ..... Tom Vanson

Thorion ..... Sam Dale

Woman ..... Elizabeth Counsell

Sailor ..... Ryan Early

Fishwife ..... Emma Handy

Lily ..... Lauren Cornelius

Doorkeeper ..... Stephen Hogan

Original music by Jon Nichols.

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0001sh6)**

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**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001bb6k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00kr7bp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b01cws2l)**

Series 1

About Work

Despite his comedy career, Nathan's family try persuading him to take a job at Dad's office.

This is the story of young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who becomes the first in his family to graduate from university - only to opt for a career in comedy - much to his family's annoyance who want him to get a 'proper job' using his architecture degree.

Each episode shows the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his family as he pursues his career against their wishes.

A mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with scenes from his family life.

Written by: Nathan Caton.

Additional material by: Ola and Maff Brown.

Nathan ..... Nathan Caton

Grandma ..... Mona Hammond

Mum ..... Adjoa Andoh

Dad ..... Curtis Walker

Mr Brimson ..... Don Gilet

Paul ..... Ola

Lingerie Customer / Boss ..... Chizzy Akudolu

Script Editor: James Kettle

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

**SUN 22:45 Mastering the Universe (b00sjw5l)**

Series 1

Party On Down

Professor Joy Klamp explores the miserable world of partying.

Starring Dawn French.

Written by Nick Newman and Christopher Douglas.

With:

Christopher Douglas

Sally Grace

Lucy Montgomery

Dan Tetsell

Ewan Bailey

Geoffrey McGivern

Brian Perkins

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

**SUN 23:00 We Are Klang: Amazing Lives (b007k3vt)**

Musical

On its 25th anniversary, writers and performers reflect on

Gummy Monkey: The Musical.

It was - its creators claim - one of the most controversial shows in the history of Broadway.

Improvised mockumentary series in which Klang examines the career of four living legends.

Starring:

Greg Davies

Steve Hall

Marek Larwood

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

**SUN 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00hg82b)**

Series 3

The Expo

Marvel at the meerkats, visit a new theme park... and one man must face 'The Curator'.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

**MONDAY 22 AUGUST 2022**

**MON 00:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b007jpvj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 Earthsea (b0bnfqwx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 No Place to Lay One's Head by Francoise**

**Frenkel (Omnibus) (b09qhsy0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06sb17d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

**MON 02:20 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus)**

**(b07gry2w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 Frinton Forever (b04thhpd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Roald Dahl (b01479m0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m001bb6p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Naked Nuns (m000pt45)**

6. A Question of Postage

Inspector Purbright finally learns the identity of the Naked Nuns.

Conclusion of Colin Watson's serial about vice and violence stirring beneath the surface of the peaceful market town of Flaxborough.

Starring John Rowe.

Dramatised by Christopher Denys.

Inspector Purbright ..... John Rowe

Sergeant Love ..... Paul Downing

Lucy Teatime ..... Ann Rye

Bernard ..... Joseph Alessi

Pook ..... Peter Rylands

Chubb ..... Geoffrey Banks

Amis ..... Daniel Coll

Tudor ..... David Fleeshman

Director: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

**MON 06:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jnj4)**

1. The Arrival

Mountfern is a quiet rural village in Ireland until the arrival of an ambitious Irish-American called Patrick O'Neill.

Starring David Soul.

Maeve Binchy's novel, first published in 1987.

Dramatised in six episodes by Jane Cassidy

Patrick O'Neill ..... David Soul

Kate Ryan ..... Anna Healy

John Ryan ..... Lorcan Cranitch

Fergus ..... Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill ..... Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill ..... Melissa Smith

Dr White ..... Denys Hawthorne

Marion ..... Stella McCusker

Mrs White: ..... Helen Norton

Judy ..... Farrell Fleming

Shelia ..... Marie Jones

Jack Coyne ..... Ray McBride

Mr Murphy ..... Maurice Ceheo

Matt Foley ..... Fergal McElherron

Mrs Doyle ..... Brenda Winter

Dara ..... Audrey Dempsey

Michael ..... Brendan Lennon

Eddie ..... Ken Farmer

Declan ..... Paul Fitzpatrick

Other parts played by the cast.

Music composed by Jane Cassidy.

Music performed by Rod McVey (piano) and Kate O'Brien

(violin)

Directed in Belfast by Pam Brighton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

**MON 07:00 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000xt0)**

Series 2

The Playgroup

Stand-up comic Josh and his wife battle to come to terms with the arrival of their first child.

Monique has work so Josh has to take their son to his playgroup

single-handed.

What could possibly go wrong?

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

Josh ..... Josh Howie

Monique ..... Pippa Evans

With:

Donal Cox

Julian Deane

Stephen Hagen

Jonathan Kemp

Debra Tammer

Wendy Wason

Producer: Ashley Blaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001b3zh)**

Series 77

Episode 6

Back for a second week at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham, panellists Fred MacAulay, Jon Culshaw, Vicki Pepperdine and Milton Jones compete amongst one another, with Jack Dee the unimpressed umpire. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

**MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00lvz50)**

Series 3

Episode 6

Kenneth Horne heads a Bohemian Paris romp, while bona jours Julian and Sandy report the latest goings on for the Daily Polari.

Packed full of colourful characters, parodies, memorable catchphrases, and double-entendres.

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Bill Pertwee

Announcer: Douglas Smith

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

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman wrote the brilliantly inventive - and sometimes outrageous - scripts for four series between 1965 and 1968.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1967

**MON 08:30 Yes Minister (b007j89)**

Series 1

Big Brother

MP Jim Hacker crosses swords with Sir Humphrey over civil liberties.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.

Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker .... Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby .... Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard .... Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker .... Diana Hoddnott

Frank Weisel .... Bill Nighy

Tom .... Fulton McKay

Godfrey Finch .... Gordon Clyde

Floor Manager .... Haydn Wood

Richard Linley .... Himself

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 1983.

**MON 09:00 Dilemma (b017c9pp)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Would you take part in a sham marriage?

Would you let an annoying colleague take credit for your work if it meant they would get a job elsewhere?

Sue Perkins presents moral and ethical posers to:

Dave Gorman

Richard Herring

Rebecca Front

Dominic Lawson

Plus the panel try to solve some Dilemmas from the audience.

This is the panel show spotlighting the choices bombarding us in Britain today, as well as some more theoretical problems.

There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**MON 09:30 Heated Rollers (b007rn40)**

Episode 5

Wartime heroines - and Oliver with a twist.

The first ever all-women sketch show made for BBC Radio 2.

Starring:

Lynda Bellingham

Gwyneth Strong

Joanna Monro

With music supplied by the Lorraine Bowen Experience.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1999.

**MON 10:00 Baldi (b007jnl)**

Series 2

4. Not for Life

The suicide of a young girl sends the priestly sleuth on an internet murder trail...

Starring David Threlfall.

Series of murder mysteries about Franciscan priest and philosophy lecturer turned amateur sleuth, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Simon Brett.

Paolo Baldi .... David Threlfall

Tina Mahon .... Tina Kellegher

Father Troy .... T P McKenna

Carl Bradley .... Robert Bathurst

Elaine .... Lucie McAnespie

Peter McCabe .... Alan McKee

Willie Dolan .... Des Nealon

Kieran Banks .... Conor Delaney

Maureen .... Alice Barry

Format created by Barry Devlin.

Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Directed in Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001

**MON 10:45 Short Works (b0bdrz8)**

The Strandline by Lucy Wood

A message in a bottle on a Cornish beach provides unexpected answers.

Alex Tregear reads Lucy Wood's story.

Writer: Lucy Wood is the author of a critically acclaimed collection of short stories based on Cornish folklore Diving Belles.

She has been longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize, shortlisted for the Edge Hill Prize and was a runner-up in the BBC National Short Story Award.

Producer: Justine Willett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m001bb70)**

Series 9

What Leadership Looks Like

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores what it takes to be a leader. How can they solve complex problems with humility and bravery?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2022.

**MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m001bb74)**

Karin Slaughter

American crime writer Karin Slaughter chooses 'You May Be Right' by Billy Joel and 'We Got The Beat' by The Go-Go's.

**MON 12:00 Round the Horne (b00lvz50)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Yes Minister (b007j89)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Naked Nuns (m000pt45)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jnj4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qwf)**

Episode 6

The Tranquillium House guests discover they are being drugged as part of the unconventional programme.

Nine strangers are thrown together at a remote health resort where their lives will change forever.

Written by Liane Moriarty, the bestselling author behind Emmy and Golden Globe-winning HBO series 'Big Little Lies', this is a tale of nine strangers with a variety of emotional and physical needs, gathered at a health-and-wellness retreat that hides a dark agenda beneath its glamorous façade.

Romantic novelist Frances Welty, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego. The other eight guests, though seemingly fine on the outside all harbour ghosts or pain of some kind as they arrive at Tranquillium House for a little restorative break. However, it's no ordinary health resort. It is owned and run by an equally wounded and strange woman who is determined that these guests' lives will never be the same again after their ten day stay.

Kerry Fox reads Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Writer: Liane Moriarty

Abridger: Robin Brooks

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**MON 14:15 Following Pappano (b09526h6)**

Episode 1

All major opera houses rely on well established productions of repertoire classics. Puccini's La Bohème is a permanent fixture in the list of the world's top five operas as measured by performance numbers and John Copley's 1974 staging at Covent Garden was a familiar and much loved favourite.

However the time has come to replace it with a new production and the challenge to do that with a fresh staging falls to the team of Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano and stage director Richard Jones.

The series follows Maestro Pappano as the new production takes shape. We hear him working with singers, discussing the particular challenges of operating at the very highest level of operatic performance and expectation and giving candid insights into the often perilous journey to an opening night.

We also hear from the team both on and off stage who work alongside Pappano, including the young cast who are acutely aware that the production they are replacing opened with singers like Plácido Domingo and Sir Thomas Allen. There are also stage directors, set-builders, movement directors and Maestro Pappano's trusted répétiteur.

But at the heart of it, in the weeks leading up to opening night and as the curtain rises, is the Music director himself,

combining the orchestral brilliance of Puccini's score and the dazzling qualities of the singers on stage to produce what they all hope will be a worthy addition to the Royal Opera House's Puccini tradition. "He is" as one orchestra member says, "more of a storyteller than a conductor. Everything he tells us is about the drama and the dramatic purpose of what's happening on stage."

Produced by Tom Alban.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**MON 14:30 Speak Spirit Speak (b00xmv2b)**

Voices of the dead, aliens or from our own minds? Writer Ken Hollings probes the mysteries of electronic voice phenomena. The writer Ken Hollings tries to explain the mysteries of EVP: voices of the dead, alien transmissions or a product of our own inquisitive minds?

The programme includes examples of EVP never heard before.

Contributors:

Edith Cass

Ian Astbury

Tina Laurent

Keith Batty

Justine Picardie

Dr Jane Lewty

Erik Davis

Niall Johnson

Tina Laurent EVP - private recordings

Producer: John Calver

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**MON 15:00 Baldi (b007jnl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 15:45 Short Works (b0bdrz8)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001b3zh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b0952xvg)**

Episode 1

Two children on holiday in the North of England encounter perilous magical forces.

Alan Garner's fantasy novel starring Robin Bailey.

Dramatised in four parts by David Wade.

Cadellin ..... Robin Bailey

Gowther Mosscock/Narrator ..... James Tomlinson

Susan ..... Andrea Murphy

Colin ..... Mark Kingston

Selina Place ..... Rosalind Knight

Bess ..... Patsy Byrne

Guard/Ticket collector ..... George Parsons

Farmer/Porter ..... Ronald Herdman

Crow ..... Anne Jameson

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04n3384)**

Eliza Manningham-Buller and Elif Shafak

Former head of MI5, Eliza Manningham-Buller, and Turkish author Elif Shafak discuss their book choices with Harriett Gilbert.

BOOKS DISCUSSED:

Eliza Manningham-Buller's choice - 'Americana' by

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Harriett Gilbert's choice - 'The War Between the Tates' by

Alison Lurie

Publisher: Vintage

Elif Shafak's choice - 'Gentlemen of the Road' by Michael

Chabon

Publisher: Sceptre

Producer: Sally Heaven.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

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**MON 22:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01n0wj1)**

Series 2

Episode 5

Justin's still living with his father-in-law, still working with his ex-wife and still calling on his Gran for her words of wisdom.

Now he also has to cope with a chance of his big break.

Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.

Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poysyer

Justin ..... Justin Moorhouse

Gran ..... Anne Reid

Lisa ..... Christine Bottomley

Bryn ..... Lloyd Langford

Ray ..... Paul Copley

Tanya ..... Victoria Elliott

Charlie ..... Mark Chatterton

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

**MON 23:00 Party's Over (m001b4g8)**

Series 2

Sister Act

What happens when the Prime Minister suddenly stops being prime minister? One day you're the most powerful person in the country, the next you're irrelevant, forced into retirement 30 years ahead of schedule and find yourself asking 'What do I do now?'

"I can't just disappear like Gordon Brown. They say he barely gets out of bed now. Just sits there doing word searches and eating Kit Kat Chunkies. Miserable. I hate the chunky ones."

Former British Prime Minister Henry Tobin

This week, Henry receives an unwanted family visit.

Starring Miles Jupp, Ingrid Oliver, Emma Sidi, Justin Edwards and Ruth Bratt.

Written by Paul Doolan and Jon Hunter

Producer: Richard Morris

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Sound recordist and designer: David Thomas

A BBC Studios Production

**MON 23:30 The Wilson Dixon Line (b00kdnj9)**

Words of Wisdom

Cowboy philosopher Wilson Dixon shares his viewpoints on life, love and relationships through songs and anecdotes.

Introduced by Johnnie Walker. Wilson's affectionate tribute to the philosophy of country music begins with his observations of society and the differences between the UK and Cripple Creek. Saddled up with sidekick Snake Wizzelteats, his observations on everyday life draw the audience into world full of larger than life characters and situations.

Wilson Dixon is the creation of Jesse Griffin; an award winning comedian, actor and founding member of the acclaimed comedy trio The 4 Noels. Since his creation, Wilson Dixon has performed extensively around Australia and New Zealand as well as the UK comedy circuit.

Sidekick Snake Wizzelteats is performed by Jesse Budd.

Written and performed by Jesse Griffin.

Recorded with an audience at BBC Maida Vale, London.

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 2009.

## TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2022

**TUE 00:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b0952xvg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b04n3384)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Inspector Purbright - Naked Nuns (m000pt45)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jnj4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qwf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Following Pappano (b09526h6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Speak Spirit Speak (b00xmv2b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Baldi (b007jlnl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 03:45 Short Works (b0bdbrz8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Dilemma (b017c9pp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Heated Rollers (b007rn40)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000xx0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001b3zh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Falco (b007wfp1)**

The Silver Pigs

1. Illegal Trade

Rome, AD 70: Roman sleuth Marcus Didius Falco chances upon an illegal trade in precious metal (the silver pigs) after mounting a rescue from a kidnap gang.

Anton Lesser brings the popular detective to life in Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventures set in the days of the Roman Empire.

Dramatised in four parts by Mary Cutler.

Falco .... Anton Lesser

Sosia .... Felicity Jones

Lenia .... Gillian Goodman

Petronius .... Ben Crowe

Decimus .... Robert Lister

Publius .... Richard Derrington

Pertinax/Julius .... Sean Connolly

Falco's Mother .... Frances Jeater

Marcia .... Helen Monks

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**TUE 06:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)**

2. The Plans

An American, Patrick O'Neill, has arrived in Mountfern - the Irish village that his impoverished grandfather emigrated from many years before.

O'Neill has bought the ruins of Fernscourt, the big house, and plans to rebuild it as a hotel, but how will the locals feel?

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised by Jane Cassidy.

Kate Ryan ..... Anna Healy

John Ryan ..... Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel ..... Susan Slot

Fergus ..... Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill ..... Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill ..... Melissa Smith

Porter ..... John Keegan

Father Minchan ..... John Hewitt

Rev Williams ..... Trevor Moore

Sheila Whelan ..... Marie Jones

Jack Coyne ..... Ray McBride

Mr Murphy ..... Maurice Kehoe

Brian Doyle ..... Conleth Hill

With Audrey Dempsey, Brendan Lennon, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer

Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

**TUE 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)**

Series 2

Episode 6

Norman may have stopped the parade, but the festival must go on. Meanwhile Helen has news for Jan and Frank, and love blossoms for a most unlikely couple.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

John Biggins.....Keith

Mackenzie Crook.....Rod

Kevin Eldon.....Jonathan / Ken

Shelia Hancock.....Narrator

Jessica Henwick.....Helen

Katherine Jakeways.....Esther / Jacqui

Felicity Montagu.....Jan

Geoffrey Palmer.....Norman

Lizzie Roper.....Angela

Penelope Wilton.....Mary

Rufus Wright.....Frank

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

**TUE 07:30 Alone (m001b41s)**

Series 4

Episode 1- Best Upstairs Neighbour Ever

A sitcom, written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus

Deayton, Abigail Cruttenden, Pearce Quigley, Kate Isitt and

Bennett Arron, about five, mainly single, middle aged

neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.

Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist

who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single

and living with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more

volatile half-brother. Mitch is currently in a new relationship

with Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is a somewhat shy, nervous

and sensitive schoolteacher. Overly honest, frustrated actress

Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett

Arron) complete the line-up of mis-matched neighbours.

In the series opener, Best Upstairs Neighbour Ever, Mitch and

Ellie are trying to work out ground rules for their relationship,

with matters such as the frequency of present-giving, meeting

up and overnight stays on the agenda. Morris meanwhile fancies

a group Sunday roast, if someone else will cook it, and Will and

Louisa are just trying to get used to the fact that Mitch and Ellie

are now a thing.

Cast:

Angus Deayton - Mitch

Abigail Cruttenden - Ellie

Pearce Quigley - Will

Kate Isitt - Louisa

Bennett Arron - Morris

Written by Moray Hunter

Directed by Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy

Script Edited by Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Edited and Studio Managed by Jerry Peal

Production Manager - Sarah Tombling

Production Runner - Kareem Elshehawy

Recorded at The Shaw Theatre, London

Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy

Productions

Producer - Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)**

Series 6

The Mighty Wurlitzer

Neddie Seagoon propels his mighty organ across the Sahara

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 1956.

**TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jn8j)**

Series 7

Witch Hunt

A peeved parent asks whether teacher knows best, and Mrs

Rudd won't take no for an answer.

Created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Ten series of this comedy about King Street Junior School ran

between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from

2002 to 2005.

CAST:

Mr Sims .... Karl Howman

Mr Beeston .... James Grout

Mr Holiday .... Tom Watson

Mrs Stone .... Margaret John

Mr Long .... Paul Copley

Mrs Patterson .... Deirdre Costello

Mrs Rudd .... Vivienne Martin

Miss Lewis .... Marlene Sidaway

Mr Hammond .... Crawford Logan

Justin .... Rikki Belsham

Samantha .... Caroline Dandeker

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

**TUE 09:00 Party's Over (m001b4g8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Chambers (b007jyzz)**

Series 3

Outward Bound

A legal firm invites Fuller-Carp, Ruth and Hilary to take part in

an outward-bound weekend - with disastrous results...

Clive Coleman's sitcom set in perhaps the country's least

spectacular set of chambers.

John Fuller Carp ..... John Bird

Hilary Tripping ..... James Fleet

Ruth Quirke ..... Sarah Lancashire

Vince ..... Jonathan Kydd

With Chris Pavlo, Simon Greenall, Tracy-Ann Oberman and

Natalie Walker.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

**TUE 10:00 Baldi (b007k01n)**

Series 2

5. Scratching the Surface

The priest-cum-sleuth gets embroiled in mystery and death on a

pot-holing expedition.

Paolo Baldi .... David Threlfall

Tina Mahon .... Tina Kellegher

Stella .... Maggie Shevlin

Gillian .... Eva Birthington

Jack O'Brien .... Brian McGrath

Danny Armstrong .... Frank O'Sullivan

Coops .... Jo Savino

Garda Sergeant .... Kieran Hurley

Director: Lawrence Jackson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001

**TUE 10:45 Short Works (b0b84nt)**

Edinburgh by Kieran Hurley

It's a dreich August morning during Edinburgh Festival and a 22

year-old student is home for summer, handing out flyers.

What does it feel like to have your home town turned into a

stand-up comedy theme park for tourists every August? It's a

story of soggy flyers, disappointing encounters and splitting

headaches. It's also about that transient moment when teenage

memories and adult hopes are as raw as each other.

Edinburgh is an original short work for radio written and

performed by Kieran Hurley.

Kieran Hurley is a writer, performer and theatre maker based in

Glasgow. His Fringe First-winning play Heads Up won Best

New Play at the Critics' Awards 2017 for Theatre in Scotland.

Other plays include Rantini: a ceilidh-play with music; Hitch: an

autobiographical story with a live band, and Beats: a monologue

performed with a DJ, which is currently being adapted into a

screenplay.

Produced by Eliza Lomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (m000b7s6)**

Here's Looking at You, Parents!

At home, surrounded by their own parenting paraphernalia,

comedy couple Josie Long and Jonny Donahoe leap into the

fictional and factual world of parenting to discover what lessons

we can learn or loose from our TV and Radio counterparts.

Script writers from every generation have embraced parents,

and the misadventures of mums and dads have kept TV and

Radio in business for decades. In the early days, putting parents

on TV and Radio was all about showing us how it 'should' be

done, but in recent years writers have reflected back to us what

we're really like!

And as family set ups have evolved from mum and dad, to mum

Presented by Josie Long and Jonny Donahoe

Produced by Nicola Humphries

Featuring TV Writer and Critic Michael Hogan, Jennifer Traig, author of *Act Natural: A Cultural History of Misadventures in Parenting*, and Dr Charlotte Faircloth, Lecturer in Sociology of Gender at UCL.

**TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jn8j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Falco (b007wfp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qrj)**

Episode 7

The owner of Tranquillum House decides to play a very dark game and her guests' futures remain uncertain.

Nine strangers are thrown together at a remote health resort where their lives will change forever.

Written by Liane Moriarty, the bestselling author behind Emmy and Golden Globe-winning HBO series 'Big Little Lies', this is a tale of nine strangers with a variety of emotional and physical needs, gathered at a health-and-wellness retreat that hides a dark agenda beneath its glamorous façade.

Romantic Novelist Frances Welty, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego. The other eight guests, though seemingly fine on the outside are all harbouring ghosts or pain of some kind and they arrive at Tranquillum House for a little restorative break.

Tranquillum House, however, is no ordinary health resort. It is owned and run by an equally wounded and strange lady who is determined that these nine perfect strangers' lives will never be the same again after the ten days that lie ahead.

Kerry Fox reads Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Writer: Liane Moriarty

Abridger: Robin Brooks

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**TUE 14:15 Following Pappano (b0952ph2)**

Episode 2

The second in the series of programmes following Sir Antonio Pappano and his team as they prepare for a new production of Puccini's *La Bohème*.

All major opera houses rely on well established productions of repertoire classics. Puccini's *La bohème* is a permanent fixture in the world's top five Operas as measured by performance numbers and John Copley's 1974 staging at Covent Garden was a familiar and much loved favourite. However the time has come to replace it with a new production and the challenge to do that with a fresh staging falls to the team of Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano and stage director Richard Jones.

Five programmes across the week follow Maestro Pappano as the new production takes shape. He works with singers, discusses the particular challenges of operating at the very highest level of Operatic performance and expectation and gives candid insights into the often perilous journey to an opening night.

We also hear from the team both on and off stage who work alongside Pappano, including the young cast who are acutely aware that the production they are replacing opened with singers like Plácido Domingo and Sir Thomas Allen. There are also stage directors, set-builders, movement directors and Maestro Pappano's trusted répétiteur.

But at the heart of it, in the weeks leading up to opening night and as the curtain rises, is the Music director himself, combining the orchestral brilliance of Puccini's score and the dazzling qualities of the singers on stage to produce what they all hope will be a worthy addition to the Royal Opera House's Puccini tradition.

Produced by Tom Alban.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**TUE 14:30 Scallop (b03hvn5q)**

Maggi Hambling's controversial sculpture *Scallop* was unveiled on Aldeburgh beach in Suffolk in 2003.

It was the artist's gift to the town and intended to commemorate Benjamin Britten - the composer inspired by this stretch of the East Anglian coast and who created a music festival that brought the town international recognition.

Maggi explains the origins and development of the piece and why *Scallop* is, in her view, 'the most beautiful thing' she's made and the work by which she would like to be remembered. We tell the story of that making with the Peggs, the local metal fabricators, and of the extreme difficulty she had securing permission to site the sculpture on the beach.

We also consider the strong opposition it stirred in Aldeburgh. Why was the piece daubed with graffiti 13 times in the years after its unveiling? The row raises questions about public consultation, about whether the planning system is the appropriate way to make decisions about public art, and about public attitudes to Britten himself.

In Britten's centenary year, *Scallop* became a focal point of many people's visit to Aldeburgh, but it still raises hackles. With contributions from Mel Gooding, Simon Loftus, Jonathan Reekie, Dennis Pegg, Ray Herring and Humphrey Burton.

Producer: Susan Marling

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2013.

**TUE 15:00 Baldi (b007k01n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 15:45 Short Works (b0bf84nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000111g)**

Series 13

Episode 6

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Lee Mack welcome:

\* Comedian and writer Bridget Christie

\* Writer and historian Andrea Wulf

\* Oscar-winning documentary-maker Vikram Jayanti

The Museum's Guest Committee discover the therapeutic value of spontaneous crying, look hard into the mirror and make neat little labels for their herbs and spices.

Researched by QI and Mike Turner.

Produced by Richard Turner and Anne Miller.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.

**TUE 16:30 Chambers (b007jyzz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Alone (m001b41s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b095w197)**

Episode 2

With *Weirdstone* lost, can Colin and Susan protect the sleepers who could save the world?

Alan Garner's fantasy novel starring Robin Bailey.

Dramatised by David Wade.

Cadellin ..... Robin Bailey

Grimmer ..... Robin Bailey

Susan ..... Andrea Murphy

Colin ..... Mark Kingston

Gowther ..... James Tomlinson

Narrator ..... James Tomlinson

Bess ..... Patsy Byrne

Fenodyree ..... George Parsons

Selina ..... Rosalind Knight

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

**TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b09107ly)**

Series 25

Ich Habe Genug

J.S Bach wrote his cantata *Ich Habe Genug* for the Feast of the Purification of Mary to be performed in Leipzig on 2nd February 1727. The work is a retelling of the story of the old man Simeon who, waiting in the temple, was presented with the baby Jesus. As he held the baby in his arms, in Bach's version he says:

It is enough.

I have held the Saviour, the hope of all peoples,

In the warm embrace of my arms.

It is enough.

In this edition of *Soul Music*, oboist George Caird recalls playing *Ich Habe Genug* at his father's funeral. Theologian Paula Gooder recalls the effect of putting her new born baby into the arms of an elderly relative. Danish music therapist Lars Ole Bonde tells how this music provided vital solace for him as a teenager growing up with a father suffering from depression. American Susan Dray remembers how the Cantata helped her when she was grieving for her baby. And tenor Ian Bostridge wonders why we never feel that we have "enough".

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

**TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 King Street Junior (b007jn8j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Falco (b007wfp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (m000b756)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Alone (m001b41s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b018gr0v)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Someone's been Kidnapped... Yikes! Join DS Nick Mohammed as he tackles the hostage negotiations.

Written by and starring Nick Mohammed

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Hoults

and special guests Peter Dickson and Kae Alexander.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**TUE 23:00 It's Jocelyn (b06vkje0)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Sketch comedy from Jocelyn Jee Esien. Includes Dionne Button MP, a power hungry traffic warden and a grumpy couple.

Jocelyn vents her frustration at the world around her through sketches and stand-up.

Jocelyn Jee Esien is delighted to be joined in the cast by Curtis

Walker, Ninia Benjamin and Kevin J.

Producer: John Pocock

A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.

**TUE 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b014r5qh)**

Series 4

Alan Davies

Marcus Brigstocke invites reluctant vocalist, actor Alan Davies to sing in public for the first time.

Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones. The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and creator Bill Dare had never seen the film *Star Wars*.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

**WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2022**

**WED 00:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b095w197)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Soul Music (b09107ly)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Falco (b007wfp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qrj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 Following Pappano (b0952ph2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 Scallop (b03hvn5q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 Baldi (b007k01n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 Short Works (b0bf84nt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000111g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 Alone (m001b41s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Falco (b007wfp2)**

The Silver Pigs

2. Dangerous Outpost

Roman detective, Falco is investigating the mystery of how a stolen lead ingot containing silver came to be in the bank box of a senator's daughter.

And things have taken a turn for the worse, as he's now probing a murder and - worse still - he's forced to visit a remote and dangerous outpost of the Empire - Britain.

Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco.

Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventure set in the days of the Roman Empire.

Falco .... Anton Lesser

Petronius .... Ben Crowe

Decimus .... Robert Lister

Publius .... Richard Derrington

Gaius Hilaris .... Ian Brooker

Helena .... Fritha Goodey

Aelia .... Susan Jeffrey

Triferus/Cornix .... Alex Jones

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**WED 06:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dzrv)**

3. The Diggers

A year has passed since O'Neill arrived in the Irish village of Mountfern with plans to build a hotel.

The ruins of old Ferncourt House have finally been demolished. On the day that Patrick's friend Rachel arrives, Kate Ryan wanders into the path of one of the diggers.

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised by Jane Cassidy.

Kate Ryan ..... Anna Healy

John Ryan ..... Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel ..... Susan Slot

Fergus ..... Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill ..... Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill ..... Melissa Smith

Dr White ..... Denys Hawthorne

Mary Donnelly ..... Helen Norton

Sheila Whelan ..... Marie Jones

Jack Coyne ..... Ray McBride

Brian Doyle ..... Conleth Hill

Nurse ..... Susie Kelly

Sister ..... Brenda Winter

Doctor ..... Seamus Fox

With Audrey, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer, Paul Fitzpatrick

Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

**WED 07:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b066phln)**

## Episode 4

Martin Jarvis directs Michael Frayn's masterly comic series with an outstanding cast led by Ian McKellen, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry, Alfred Molina, Alex Jennings and Jarvis himself. Michael Frayn - author of *Noises Off* - is the most comic philosophical writer of our time.

The final episode reveals his infectious delight in writing between the lines of theatre, fiction, TV and the media, the church, relationships - life in general.

\* Joanna Lumley presents a surprising travel programme

\* Janie Dee and Alex Jennings have memory lapses, and the ensemble provides an unusual restaurant menu.

\* Alex Jennings fronts a manic infomercial

\* Gyles Brandreth chairs the TV-watching Championships, assisted by Nigel Anthony and George Blagden

\* Alfred Molina and Yeni Alvarez speak "international English"

\* Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres wonder what's really happening on the radio.

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2018.

**WED 07:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (b0b9zbpj)**

Series 1

Katherine Ryan and Greg James

Joe Lycett explores the nation's weird and wonderful obsessions by getting to know a selection of famous and not so famous guests. Joining Joe on the sofa this week, comedian Katherine Ryan shares her love of the Kardashians, whilst Radio 1 DJ Greg James introduces Joe to the world of cricket. Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Mattie Faint the curator of The Clown Gallery and Museum.

Joe Lycett's Obsessions was written and performed by Joe Lycett, with material from James Kettle and additional material from Laura Major and Mike Shepherd. The production coordinator was Hayley Sterling. The producer was Suzy Grant and it was a BBC Studios production.

**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)**

Series 6

The Waxwork

The Lad is set to be immortalised in wax, but the trouble is, it's not quite how he'd envisaged...

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Warren Mitchell.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

**WED 08:30 Any Other Business (b013n7gx)**

Episode 5

The argy bargy of Chesbury politics presents a brand new Chestnut and a spot of blackmail.

Lucy Flannery's local government sitcom

Starring:

Nelson David

John Duttine

James Grout

Rosy Fordham

Nick Hardy

Howard Lew Lewis

Toby Longworth

Jan Ravens

Vivienne Rochester

June Whitfield.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

**WED 09:00 Booked (b0075lrs)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Ian McMillan's irreverent literary game with Mark Thomas,

Roger McGough, Dillie Keane and Miles Kington.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.

**WED 09:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k2mq)**

Series 2

The Lift

Rabbi Fine and Rabbi Jacobs have an intimate meeting - but not one they would have chosen...

Barry Grossman's comedy-drama about the collision between the old and the new in the Jewish community of Hillfield.

Rabbi Abraham Fine ..... David De Keyser

Rabbi Su Jacobs ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman

Sadie Fine ..... Doreen Mantle

Melvin ..... Henry Goodman

Brian ..... Jonathan Kydd

Caretaker ..... Howard Lew Lewis

Mr Mukherjee ..... Harry Landis

Bernice ..... Renu Setna

Ambulance Man ..... Simon Balfour (

Music: Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

**WED 10:00 Baldi (b007jlp5)**

Series 2

6. Early Retirement

The murder of a senior officer in the Dublin police force causes

Tina to reassess her relationship with a beloved father figure.

The priest-cum-sleuth investigates.

## CAST:

Paolo Baldi .... David Threlfall

Tina Mahon .... Tina Kellegher

Superintendent Ryne .... Owen Roe

Father Troy .... TP McKenna

Patsy Walsh .... Stella McCusker

Bella .... Marcella Riordan

Milo Walsh .... Pat Laffan

Hugh O'Neill .... Des Nealon

Jack O'Donnell .... Kieran Hurlay

Johmner Hogan .... Frank O'Sullivan

Maureen .... Alice Barry

Director Lawrence Jackson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001

**WED 10:45 Short Works (b0bgr6x)**

Two People Shorten the Road by Rosemary Jenkinson

Picking up an unusual passenger leads to a race against time for one unsuspecting taxi driver.

Julie Maxwell (BBC 'Soft Border Patrol') reads an original short story for BBC Radio 4 from the Northern Irish writer Rosemary Jenkinson.

Rosemary Jenkinson is a playwright and short story writer from Belfast. Winner of The Sunday Tribune's Hennessy Award for New Irish Writing, she has published several short story collections including 'Contemporary Problems Nos. 53 & 54', 'Aphrodite's Kiss' and 'Catholic Boy'. Her work for radio includes 'Castlereagh to Kandahar' (BBC Radio 3) and 'The Blackthorn Tree' (BBC Radio 4).

Produced by Michael Shannon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**WED 11:00 The Freedland Files (m001bbw7)**

1. Vera Lynn to George Raft

In a programme made to mark the 90th Academy Awards ceremony in 2018, Michael Freedland, the prolific author and broadcaster, opened his audio archives for the very first time.

As a writer, presenter and interviewer for over fifty years Freedland, who died six months after this programme first aired, accumulated an extensive collection of recordings featuring the biggest Oscar-winning names, great entertainers and leading public figures.

In this special BBC Radio 4 Extra showcase recorded in his Bournemouth home he shared the private recordings made for his books and other projects. There are also extracts from his radio documentaries, revealing some of the lesser-known tales of the great stars of stage and screen.

Many selections had never been broadcast before. In this first of three hour-long programmes, Freedland talks with:

Vera Lynn

The Rev William Gowland

Maurice Chevalier

George Burns

Jack Benny

Walter Matthau

Jack Lemmon

Frankie Vaughan and his wife Stella Shock

Gregory Peck

Julie Andrews

George Raft

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March

2018.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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**WED 13:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dzvr)**

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**WED 14:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qmp)**

Episode 8

The guests are locked in a room for 38 hours without food as they are forced to play Masha's dark games.

Nine strangers are thrown together at a remote health resort where their lives will change forever.

Written by Liane Moriarty, the bestselling author behind *Emma* and Golden Globe-winning HBO series 'Big Little Lies', this is a tale of nine strangers with a variety of emotional and physical needs, gathered at a health-and-wellness retreat that hides a dark agenda beneath its glamorous façade.

Romantic Novelist Frances Welty, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego. The other eight guests, though seemingly fine on the outside are all harbouring ghosts or pain of some kind and they arrive at Tranquillum House for a little restorative break.

Tranquillum House, however, is no ordinary health resort. It is owned and run by an equally wounded and strange lady who it is determined that these nine perfect strangers' lives will never be the same again after the ten days that lie ahead.

Kerry Fox reads Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Writer: Liane Moriarty

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**WED 14:15 Following Pappano (b0952stt)**

Episode 3

The third programme in the series following Sir Antonio

Pappano as he and his collaborator Richard Jones prepare for

the Royal Opera House Covent Garden's first new production of Puccini's *La Bohème* in over forty years.

All major opera houses rely on well established productions of repertoire classics. Puccini's *La bohème* is a permanent fixture in the world's top five Operas as measured by performance numbers and John Cooper's 1974 staging at Covent Garden was a familiar and much loved favourite. However the time has come to replace it with a new production and the challenge to do that with a fresh staging falls to the team of Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano and stage director Richard Jones.

In five programmes across the week Radio Four follows Maestro Pappano as the new production takes shape. He works with singers, discusses the particular challenges of operating at the very highest level of Operatic performance and expectation and gives candid insights into the often perilous journey to an opening night.

We also hear from the team both on and off stage who work alongside Pappano, including the young cast who are acutely aware that the production they are replacing opened with singers like Plácido Domingo and Sir Thomas Allen. There are also stage directors, set-builders, movement directors and Maestro Pappano's trusted répétiteur.

But at the heart of it, in the weeks leading up to opening night and as the curtain rises, is the Music director himself, combining the orchestral brilliance of Puccini's score and the dazzling qualities of the singers on stage to produce what they all hope will be a worthy addition to the Royal Opera House's Puccini tradition.

Produced by Tom Alban.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**WED 14:30 The Disused Chapel on the Cornish Skyline (b06s871d)**

Petroc Trelawny investigates what has happened to a distinguishing feature of Cornwall, its chapels.

Petroc grew up in St Martin, on the Lizard, and went to Sunday school at the Methodist chapel. Producer Julian May lived in Carnon Downs, near Truro. He sometimes went to Quenchwell Chapel. Cornish life revolved round chapels: as well as services and Sunday schools there were 'tea treats', anniversary feasts, concerts and a strong social network.

Clive Buckingham, a Methodist and an architect, takes Petroc to Ponsanooth, a small village with a huge, beautiful, grade II\* listed chapel that seats 600. Once workers from the nearby

gunpowder works filled its pews. These, like Cornish miners and fishermen were wild people. Then, in the 19th century, came religious revival. Billy Bray, famously dissolute, was 'saved', became a preacher and built chapels with his own hands.

In the 1850's, archivist David Thomas says, there were 1,200 chapels in Cornwall. Fewer than 200 are still used. Today only 20 or so people worship at Ponsanooth. The disused chapel on the Cornish skyline is a familiar sight.

But, Petroc discovers, some find new life. St Martin chapel is now a family home. Quenchwell chapel has been converted, too, and Tipu Choudhury tells Petroc how it became the Cornish Islamic Community Centre. The chapel on the skyline at Tregona is tiny, made of cob and remote. Petroc meets Andrew Tebbs and Jane Darke, artists who, resisting attempts to turn it into a holiday cottage, are making it an art space, an amenity, as it always was, for locals.

Petroc tells the story of the abandonment and rebirth of Cornwall's chapels. He meets, too, those still worshipping, who think it's not the chapels that need converting, but the people.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 16:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k2mq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 17:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (b0b9zbpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b096p58m)**

Episode 3

Can Colin and Susan recover the Weirdstone and escape the clutches of Selina Place?

Alan Garner's fantasy novel starring Robin Bailey.

Dramatised by David Wade.

Cadellin ..... Robin Bailey

Grimmer ..... Robin Bailey

Susan ..... Andrea Murphy

Colin ..... Mark Kingston

Selina ..... Rosalind Knight

Durathror ..... Ronald Herdman

Fenodyree ..... George Parsons

Stromkarl ..... Edward de Souza

Bess ..... Patsy Byrne

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

**WED 18:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00mz55)**

Anthony Bygraves

Max Bygraves' son chats to Sally Magnusson about growing up with a famous showbiz father.



Producer: Mike Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in September 2006.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b08v8m1q)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Comedian and quizzer Paul Sinha returns to Radio 4 for a third series of his award-winning History Revision. In previous series, Paul has told you how Portugal's invasion of Morocco in 1415 led directly to the 2014 World Cup; how the 1909 launch of an Austro-Hungarian submarine prevented Dr Zhivago winning an Oscar; and the story the black woman who refused to give up a seat on an Alabama bus and ended up changing the law - no, it wasn't Rosa Parks.

This series will once again see Paul shine a light on the important historical moments that you never got taught at school, and explain why so much of what you did learn is wrong. There will also, as ever, be puns.

In this second episode of the series, Paul decries the amount of misinformation in our general knowledge. He also tells the story of significant gay figures from history that you may not have heard of, from the earliest known gay couple, to the rebels whose death brought about the first democracy, to the man who saved a President but whose outing possibly killed him.

Paul Sinha's History Revision was the winner of the 2016 Rose d'Or for 'Best Radio Comedy'.

Written and performed by ... Paul Sinha

Producer ... Ed Morrish

Production co-ordinator ... Tamara Shilham

A BBC Studios production.

**WED 23:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08bb33b)**

Series 3

Working for a Living

Stephen takes his first steps into working life.

Stephen K Amos stars in this sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

With

Ellen Thomas

Laurie Kynaston

Frances Barber

Bola Okun

Emerald Crankson

Karen Bartke

David Sterne

Producer: Paul Sheehan

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2017.

**WED 23:30 Hearing With Hegley (b0082c3x)**

Series 2

Episode 6

John Hegley entertains an audience in Luton with poems about his father and more.

John is the poet laureate of alternative comedy.

With contributions from:

Keith Moore

Susan Norton

Andrew Bailey

Nigel Piper

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

**WED 23:45 Crème de la Crime (b00824r5)**

Series 2

A Pyramid Scheme

Michael Feydeau -TV's much loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert, David Pershore probe the mysterious curse of a mummy.

Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

Director: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

#### THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2022

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00mzw55)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dzvr)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k2mq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (b0b9zbpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Falco (b007wpsz)**

The Silver Pigs

3. Sinister Plot

Probing the illegal imports of the ingots, Roman sleuth Falco has chanced upon a sinister plot to overthrow the Emperor Vespasian.

And he's also discovered the identity of Helena's ex-husband: which has made him realise the pot is much closer to home than he thought.

Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco.

Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventure set in the days of the Roman Empire.

Falco .... Anton Lesser

Lenia .... Gillian Goodman

Petronius .... Ben Crowe

Decimus .... Robert Lister

Falco's Mother .... Frances Jeater

Marcia .... Helen Monks

Helena .... Fritha Goodey

Titus .... Jonathan Keeble

Domitian .... Declan Wilson

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**THU 06:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049j1sm)**

4. The Repercussions

Patrick O'Neill has arrived from America with big plans for his ancestral village of Mountfern in Ireland.

However, things have turned sour since Kate Ryan suffered a severe accident on the site of his hotel.

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Maeve Binchy novel dramatisation by Jane Cassidy

Kate Ryan ..... Anna Healy

John Ryan ..... Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel ..... Susan Slot

Fergus ..... Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill ..... Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill ..... Melissa Smith

Loretta ..... Julia Deardon

Mary Donnelly ..... Helen Norton

Brian Doyle ..... Conleith Hill

Mrs Meagher ..... Trudy Kelly

With Audrey Dempsey, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer, Paul Fitzpatrick

Music composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

**THU 07:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07j7j6f)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine interviews members of a live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark mirthful wordplay and preposterous songs.

From the Wakefield Theatre Royal, Tim meets a secretary and sings an imaginary country song.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

**THU 07:30 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000xmg7)**

Series 1

Marketing Genius

What happens when a socially awkward and neurotic part-time comedian becomes a global internet sensation? After an acclaimed pilot, Michael Spicer gets a full series of Michael Spicer: Before Next Door to chart his real-life progress. Of sorts.

Should this married father of two quit as a copywriter for a kitchen worktop company to follow a calling that shows no sign of paying the mortgage, the bills or for a variety of bafflingly expensive anthropomorphic steam trains? Or should he keep juggling the increasingly unmanageable balls of office work, family life and comedy?

As Michael's Room Next Door videos amass tens of millions of views online, he finally wins plaudits for his comedy. But it also leads to awkward encounters with fans, stressful award ceremonies and an audition to play an upbeat chess string. Michael's wife Roberta pushes him to take chances, wanting him to build on his success while also being desperate to leave her own disappointing job and manage him full-time.

After twenty years of making comedy under the radar, can an

ordinary person like Michael successfully navigate the unpredictable road to fame? Only you can decide. By listening to the show. Please.

Cast: Michael Spicer with Ellie Taylor, Joanna Neary, Peter Curran, Kiell Smith-Bynoe and Greig Johnson.

Writer: Michael Spicer

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Starstruck and Tillervision Production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jthd)**

Series 2

The Banquet

Author Gerald writes off his car whilst trying to help his wife Diana find inspiration.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.

**THU 08:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b007jxd2)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Troubles abound in the village boatyard and surgery - with a sleazy press.

Satirical soap opera telling the everyday story of country folk.

Jo Kendall

Michael Troughton

John Baddeley

Bernadine Corrigan

Daniel Strauss

Jonathan Kydd

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.

**THU 08:55 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (m001bm5k)**

To Everybody a Season

In a caring society, a football player must be safe from the fear that he, or she, will be thrown onto the scrap heap, with failing eyesight and lumbago.

Leonard Rossiter reads Barry Pilton's mercurial musings.

Producer: Catherine Waring

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 1982.

**THU 09:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)**

Series 3

Andrew Neil

Broadcaster and former Sunday Times Editor Andrew Neil is in the hot seat posing questions all about him.

On the panel: comedians Sue Perkins, Caroline Quinlan, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**THU 09:30 Coming Alive (b00h8zb4)**

Series 2

Out Of The Mouth of Babes

Terry and Sandra face the threat of the community centre being closed.

Jim Eldridge's sitcom about ex-convict Terry King's efforts to run a community centre.

Terry King .... Karl Howman

Sandra Gaines .... Phyllis Logan

Steve Addison .... Ben Crowe

Mr Preston .... David Holt

Mr Marsden .... Roger Walker

Gail .... Jennifer Wheelan

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

**THU 10:00 Dick George - Private Investigator (m000ndr0)**

The Case of the Cool Canary

Private investigator Dick George and his lovely ex-wife, Dora, are called upon by heiress Ruth-Ann Rogers for protection from gangsters intent upon wresting her fortune from her.

The adventures in the life of private investigator Dick George starring Francis Matthews.

A spoof of Hollywood comedy thrillers of the 1930s written by Sarah Maxwell.

Dick George.....Francis Matthews

Dora.....Margaret Robertson

Ruth-Ann Rogers/Lucille Lamont.....Lisa Jacobs

Louie.....Nigel Anthony

Mugsy.....Harry Towb

Blore.....Edward de Souza

Charlie..... Alan Tilvern

Pasta, the dog .....Ronald Herdman

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

**THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001bb6k)**

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**THU 14:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qqz)**

Episode 9

As things get out of control at Tranquill House, will the nine guests escape from the locked room as the threat of fire creeps ever closer, or will Masha win the day?

Nine strangers are thrown together at a remote health resort where their lives will change forever.

Written by Liane Moriarty, the bestselling author behind Emmy and Golden Globe-winning HBO series 'Big Little Lies', this is a tale of nine strangers with a variety of emotional and physical needs, gathered at a health-and-wellness retreat that hides a dark agenda beneath its glamorous façade.

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Kerry Fox reads Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Writer: Liane Moriarty

Abrider: Robin Brooks

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**THU 14:15 Following Pappano (b0952z15)**

Episode 4

The fourth programme in the series following Sir Antonio Pappano and his collaborator Richard Jones prepare for the Royal Opera House Covent Garden's new production of Puccini's La Bohème.

All major opera houses rely on well established productions of repertoire classics. Puccini's La Bohème is a permanent fixture in the world's top five Operas as measured by performance numbers and John Copley's 1974 staging at Covent Garden was a familiar and much loved favourite. However the time has come to replace it with a new production and the challenge to do that with a fresh staging falls to the team of Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano and stage director Richard Jones.

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Produced by Tom Alban.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**THU 14:30 The Chinese Grand Tour (b01s452x)**

Overseas Chinese tourism is on the rise. Chinese visitors are venturing to Britain in increasing numbers, encouraged by their home government, keen that Chinese citizens are seen to be enjoying the fruits of the country's economic miracle.

And Chinese visitors abroad are left in no doubt that they are representing their country. Official circulars remind them to act as "ambassadors" for their country. Several times in the past few years the Spiritual Civilisation Steering Committee of the Communist Party has issued bossy instructions calling on Chinese tourists to avoid spitting, queue-jumping, loudness or haggling in shops with fixed prices.

The favoured mode of travel for Chinese visitors to Britain is the planned bus tour, but the route these bus tours follow is rather idiosyncratic. Whereas most foreign tourists to Britain follow a predictable tourist trail - Buckingham Palace, ruined Castles, beautiful cathedrals and quaint market towns, the Chinese are more interested in seeing places with a Chinese connection.

The Willow Tree in Cambridge is famous in China because it is where the modern poet Xu Zhimo wrote his poem "On Leaving Cambridge." Bus loads of Chinese Tourists stop there now.

Philip Dodd boards a coach and goes with the Chinese tourists who have an idiosyncratic view of Britain and spends a night with them in Manchester's Chinatown.

Producer: Kate Bissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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**THU 18:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b097m5fm)**

Episode 4

Can Susan and Colin escape their pursuers and return the

Weirdstone to the wizard Cadellin?

Conclusion of Alan Garner's fantasy novel starring Robin Bailey.

Dramatised by David Wade.

Cadellin ..... Robin Bailey

Grimmer ..... Robin Bailey

Susan ..... Andrea Murphy

Colin ..... Mark Kingston

Mossock ..... James Tomlinson

Fenodyree ..... George Parsons

Durathror ..... Ronald Herdman

Angharad ..... Anne Jameson

Gaberlenzie ..... Edward de Souza

Selina ..... Rosalind Knight

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (m0004197)**

Kirill Gerstein on Ferruccio Busoni

Pianist Kirill Gerstein chooses the conductor and composer

Ferruccio Busoni. Matthew Parris presents.

When Busoni died in Berlin in 1924, his pupil Kurt Weill said,

"We did not lose a human being but a value."

Unravelling exactly what this means is the pianist Kirill

Gerstein, a great admirer of Busoni and also a performer of his

work. Busoni was a thinker as well as a composer. His book from 1907, Sketch of a New Esthetic of Music, has influenced

generations of musicians.

With contributions from Erinn Knyt and Anthony Beaumont

Producer: Miles Warde.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

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**THU 22:30 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00v1nhb)**

January and February

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures

from the 1960s to the present day.

As the New Year begins, great thinkers like Barack Obama, John Prescott and Barbara Cartland turn their thoughts to new beginnings.

Voiced by Jan Ravens, Alistair McGowan, Lewis McLeod,

Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Dolly Wells.

Written by Craig Brown.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**THU 23:00 The Consultants (b007k37k)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Chesney brings his daughter to work. Or does he?

Cerebral sketch show written by and starring Neil Edmond,

Justin Edwards and James Rawlings.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

**THU 23:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b03gg7n7)**

Series 1

Problems with a Package

Tom's parents are in Tenerife but that doesn't stop Tom making his weekly call. Tom lives to regret persuading them to explore more than just the hotel whilst they're on holiday.

Get underneath the skin of Tom and the Wrigglesworth family, as you sit back and enjoy a bit of totally legal phone hacking. Classic Wrigglesworth rants combined with a fascinating and

hilarious glimpse into his family background and the influences that have shaped his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Every episode, Tom rings his parents for his weekly check-in. As the conversation unfolds, Tom takes time out from the

phone call to explain the situation, his parent's reactions and relate various anecdotes from the past which illustrate his family's views. And sometimes he just needs to sound-off about the maddening world around him and bemoan everyday annoyances.

During all this Hang Ups explores class, living away from 'home', trans-generational phenomena, what we inherit from our

families and how the past repeats in the present. All in a 30 minute phone call.

Tom Wrigglesworth ... Tom

Judy Parfitt ... Granny

Paul Copley ... Dad

Kate Anthony ... Mum

Amy Wrigglesworth ... Amy

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle

Additional Material by Miles Jupp

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.

**FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2022****FRI 00:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b097m5fm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (m0004197)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Falco (b007wpsz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049j1sm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000qqz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:15 Following Pappano (b0952z15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 The Chinese Grand Tour (b01s452x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Dick George - Private Investigator (m000ndr0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Coming Alive (b00h8zb4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07j7j6f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000xmg7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Falco (b007wpcl)**

The Silver Pigs

4. Lessons in Love

Falco battles to discover who killed Sosia - and to unmask the plotters against the Emperor.

He also discovers that true love can cross the boundaries of the strict Roman class structure... Starring Anton Lesser as Marcus Didius Falco. Conclusion of Lindsey Davis's adventure set in the days of the Roman Empire.

Falco .... Anton Lesser

Decimus .... Robert Lister

Publius .... Richard Derrington

Falco's Mother .... Frances Jeater

Marcia .... Helen Monks

Helena .... Fritha Goodey

Titus .... Jonathan Keeble

Vespasian .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**FRI 06:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mf8r)**

5. The Legacy

After 18 months in New York, Rachel Fine has been summoned back to Ireland by Patrick O'Neill to oversee the decoration of his new hotel.

Rachel has become a close friend of Kate Ryan, who is now in a wheelchair as a result of an accident on the site of the hotel, over three years ago

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Novel by Maeve Binchy dramatised by Jane Cassidy

Kate Ryan ..... Anna Healy

John Ryan ..... Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel ..... Susan Slot

Fergus ..... Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill ..... Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill ..... Melissa Smith

Dr White ..... Denys Hawthorne

Costello ..... John Keegan

Loretta ..... Julia Deardon

Jack Coyne ..... Ray McBride

Brian Doyle ..... Conleth Hill

Dennis Hill ..... Gordon Fulton

Dara ..... Audrey Dempsey

Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

**FRI 07:00 The Golden Age (b01nt07r)**

Interesting Talks

Set in the BBC's Broadcasting House in London during the 1930s, this series follows head of programmes, John Tharb and his assistant, Mabel Hopcraft as they struggle to deal with the foibles and fragile egos of radio's biggest stars.

These include the perpetually drunk band-leader, Ronaldo and the most boring man in radio, Mallard Tofts. Tharb's task is not made any easier by having to constantly defer to the whims and wishes of his irascible boss, Lord Reith.

Robert Bathurst stars in the first radio sitcom to be written by Channel 4's Father Ted writer, Arthur Mathews. In this episode, a series of mysterious deaths brings the police to the BBC.

What could be causing people to die in front of their wireless sets? Meanwhile, Mabel tries to introduce some modern entertainment to the BBC from "up north".

John Tharpe ..... Robert Bathurst  
Mabel Hopcraft ..... Wicky McClure  
Lord Reith ..... Ford Kiernan  
Inspector Cawls ..... Peter Egan  
Captain Mallard Tofts ..... Malcolm Tierney  
Chip Gibney ..... Kevin Bishop  
Ronaldo / Dickie Squires ..... Ewan Bailey  
Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

**FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b099yh8d)**

Series 12

The Writer in the Van

Ed Reardon is back, and after being sent down from University for misappropriation of funds he finds himself temporarily living in a hotel trying to write the first in a new series of novels about his eponymous hero, Inspector Masterson, for which he has high hopes.

These are soon dashed by Ed's agent, Ping, who informs him he must write 'grip-lit' with a girl in the title who gets drunk, goes to bed with everyone and then gets chopped up.

Ping also palms Ed and Jaz Milvain off with her new assistant, Maggie, a jam-making, sock knitting 'older' lady (who also designs draft excluders) whilst she goes "oop North" to trawl the universities for the next generation of stand-ups. Whilst Jaz is furious with being "tossed on the scrapheap" Ed decides to give Maggie a chance and is soon rewarded when she gets him a writing gig on "Your Motorhome Magazine".

This turn of events not only furnishes him with a small but steady income, but also a new home with floral upholstery, carpet on the ceiling and the advantage of letting him and his companion, Elgar, celebrate the freedom of the open road.

Ed Reardon ..... Christopher Douglas

Receptionist ..... Nicola Sanderson

Ping ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Jaz Milvain ..... Philip Jackson

Maggie ..... Monica Doherty

Stan ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Pearl ..... Brigit Forsyth

Olive ..... Stephanie Cole

Policeman ..... Dan Tetsell

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

The regular cast this series are joined by guests Monica Dolan, Vicki Pepperdine, Don Gilet, Karl Theobald and Tyger Drew-Honey.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 2017.

**FRI 08:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**

The Fancy Dress Parade

Frambourne-on-Sea's pier restoration fund-raising costume party is going well, until Pike brings a piano.

The seaside saga of pier perpetuation.

CAST:

Arthur Wilson .... John Le Mesurier

Frank Pike .... Ian Lavender

Bert Hodges .... Bill Pertwee

Miss Perkins .... Vivienne Martin

Mrs Pike .... Janet Davies

Ernest Wolcott .... Michael Knowles

Mrs Briggs .... Hilda Braid

Willerby Smallpiece .... Gordon Clyde

Waitress .... Miranda Forbes

Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1984.

**FRI 08:30 Harry Worth (b00r2jxk)**

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Holiday

Harry Worth's doctor prescribes him a sunshine holiday.

Starring Harry Worth.

The amiable, woolly-minded bumbler, causes more confusion! With Jacqueline Clarke, Charles Collingwood, Julie Higginson and Milton Johns.

Written by Vince Powell

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

**FRI 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)**

Parham House

The times of Jacobean, Cromwellian and Elizabethan England as it was lived in the pre-industrial age.

Lars Tharp chairs the lighthearted Antiques Quiz from the Elizabethan splendour of Parham House in West Sussex, passed to one Robert Lalmer by King Henry VIII in 1540.

With William Lorimer, Stella Beddoe, Clive Stewart-Lockhart and Henry Sandon.

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**FRI 09:30 The Circle (m001bcqw)**

Squaring The Circle

When snooker club owner Geoff joins a babysitting circle, his wife Jenny knows he's up to something.

A six-part comedy series by Elizabeth Baines, set on an estate – described as an 'exclusive village development' – in Whittleshulme, Cheshire.

Being the late '90s, the estate is squarely aimed at yuppies, the nouveau-riche and high-fliers. The trouble is, there are no local teenagers to babysit to allow the residents to pursue their busy careers and social lives. Hence the local babysitting circle...

Jenny Bryant .... Sherrie Hewson  
Geoff Bryant .... John McArdle  
Trish Abbas .... Jane Hazelgrove  
Julian Percival .... Jonathon Morris  
Doug Lewis .... Shaun Parkes  
Vanessa Percival .... Melissa Sinden  
Emma .... Tara Pendergast  
Hailey .... Jane Cawdron  
Crystal .... Holly Grainger  
Benedict .... Oliver Hamilton  
Jessica .... Gemma Salusbury

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

**FRI 10:00 Dick George - Private Investigator (m000nmn7)**

The Case of the Substitute Spouse

Private Investigator Dick and his wife Dora travel to Maine where they immediately make a deadly discovery.

More adventures in the life of private investigator Dick George starring Francis Matthews.

A spoof of Hollywood comedy thrillers of the 1930s written by Sarah Maxwell.

Dick George .... Francis Matthews

Dora .... Margaret Robertson

Blore, Dick's valet .... Edward de Souza

Pasta, the dog .... Ronald Herdman

Connie Morgan/Operator/Librarian .... Bonnie Huren

Sheriff Johnson .... Bob Sherman

Antony LeGrange .... Liza Ross

Barrett LeGrange .... Blain Fairman

Zebediah .... Don Fellows

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.

**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0010qqw)**

Audio Drama spin-offs

Chris Pearson and Ella Watts recommend audio fiction podcasts, which are re-making, adapting, or spinning off from other stories.

Dirk Maggs joins us to discuss Audible's The Sandman: Act 2, as well as his venerable career in adapting other works for audio.

Plus Realm Productions on Orphan Black: The Next Chapter.

Senior producer Marco Palmieri and head of Audience Development Tara Sonin tell us about the pressures of continuing the television show in podcast form.

And we'll hear extracts from

Marvel's Wolverine

Team B: A War Robots Story

Rebel Robin: Surviving Hawkins

Children of the Stones

The Phenomenon

**FRI 12:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 Harry Worth (b00r2jxk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Falco (b007wpc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Maevie Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mt8r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (m0000sfm)**

Episode 10

The nine perfect strangers free themselves from Masha's clutches. Their lives will never be the same again.

Nine strangers are thrown together at a remote health resort where their lives will change forever.

Written by Liane Moriarty, the bestselling author behind Emmy and Golden Globe-winning HBO series 'Big Little Lies', this is a tale of nine strangers with a variety of emotional and physical needs, gathered at a health-and-wellness retreat that hides a dark agenda beneath its glamorous façade.

Romantic Novelist Frances Welty, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego. The other eight guests, though seemingly fine on the outside are all harbouring ghosts or pain of some kind and they arrive at Tranquillum House for a little restorative break.

Tranquillum House, however, is no ordinary health resort. It is owned and run by an equally wounded and strange lady who is determined that these nine perfect strangers' lives will never be the same again after the ten days that lie ahead.

Kerry Fox reads Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Writer: Liane Moriarty

Abridger: Robin Brooks

Producer: Celia De Wolf

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**FRI 14:15 Following Pappano (b09534g7)**

Episode 5

The final episode in the series following the Music Director of the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Sir Antonio Pappano, as he and his team prepare for a brand new staging of Puccini's Opera La Bohème.

All major opera houses rely on well established productions of repertoire classics. Puccini's La bohème is a permanent fixture

in the world's top five Operas as measured by performance numbers and John Copley's 1974 staging at Covent Garden was a familiar and much loved favourite. However the time has come to replace it with a new production and the challenge to do that with a fresh staging falls to the team of Music Director Sir Antonio Pappano and stage director Richard Jones.

In five programmes across the week Radio Four follows Maestro Pappano as the new production takes shape. He works with singers, discusses the particular challenges of operating at the very highest level of Operatic performance and expectation and gives candid insights into the often perilous journey to an opening night.

We also hear from the team both on and off stage who work alongside Pappano, including the young cast who are acutely aware that the production they are replacing opened with singers like Plácido Domingo and Sir Thomas Allen. There are also stage directors, set-builders, movement directors and Maestro Pappano's trusted répétiteur.

But at the heart of it, in the weeks leading up to opening night and as the curtain rises, is the Music director himself, combining the orchestral brilliance of Puccini's score and the dazzling qualities of the singers on stage to produce what they all hope will be a worthy addition to the Royal Opera House's Puccini tradition.

Produced by Tom Alban.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**FRI 14:30 I Was... (b06bnbpg)**

Series 2

Chet Baker's Last Tour Manager

Chet Baker, the jazz trumpeter and singer came to prominence after he joined the Gerry Mulligan quartet in 1952 at the heart of the world's first piano-less jazz quartet and the originator of cool jazz. Using their instruments, (Gerry Mulligan on baritone sax and Chet Baker on trumpet, sometimes singing) and playing engaging, contrapuntal improvisations they made a startling breakthrough in cool jazz. Chet Baker, the singing, trumpet playing star was hatched.

When the elements of sex, jazz and cool combined they created the equivalent of an intellectual nuclear fusion. No one encapsulates that explosion better than the arrival on the jazz scene of Chet Baker.

Jim Coleman, owner of a hi fi store on New York's 2nd Avenue managed Chet's touring schedules for the last four years of his life. Chet was unable to play in certain American clubs as a result of his being criminalised by heroin addiction. He had been busted in Europe too.

Jim tells the story of how they met briefly across three time periods: once when Jim was thirteen and studying trumpet in Rome, when his sister Joan married Chet's bass player and when Jim opened his hi fi store. In the eighties Jim offered to manage Chet's difficult touring schedule. A moving and fascinating account of the final years of Chet Baker as they intertwined with the owner of a hi fi shop, as Chet tried to tour the US and Europe whilst in the fatal grip of heroin addiction.

Written and Presented by Andrew McGibbon

Produced by Nick Romero and Andrew McGibbon

A Curtains For Radio production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015

**FRI 15:00 Dick George - Private Investigator (m000nmn7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 The Circle (m001bcqw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 The Golden Age (b01nt07r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b099yh8d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)**

Operation Luna

1. Countdown to Peril

It's 1965. Captain Jet Morgan is in Australia - preparing for 'Operation Luna' - set to be man's first trip to the Moon.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett .... Alfie Bass

Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch .... David Williams

Other parts by John Cazabon.

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.

This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC

Light Programme in March 1958.

**FRI 18:30 Sounds Natural (b0b9tkgp)**

Norman Thelwell

Cartoonist Norman Thelwell welcomes Derek Jones to

Hampshire to discuss kingfishers, water voles and a walnut tree.

Brown Trout feeding and a Cormorant are among his choice of

recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

Norman Thelwell (1923 - 2004) was a prolific British artist

known for his humorous cartoons of ponies and horses.

Produced in Bristol by John Burton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**FRI 19:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Harry Worth (b00r2jxk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 Falco (b007wpc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mt8r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0010qqw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b099yh8d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b00c90fq)**

Series 2

Relaunch

An anarchic mix of comedy, music, gay disco, Morrissey and Duran Duran.

Mitch Benn 's facing the difficult second-series dilemma, so is it time to relaunch himself in a glorious new comeback?

Robin has a few suggestions, but Alfie won't shut up about Lindsifarme. Mitch agrees to a makeover but it all goes a bit Pete Tong.

With Robin Ince, Alfie Joey, Tasha Bayliss and Kirsty Newton.

Written by Mitch Benn and Robin Ince.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005

**FRI 23:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b0076zsq)**

Edinburgh Special

28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show, featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent

The whole thing is presided over by John Humphrys, who sits at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.

And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...

David O'Doherty

Alan Parker

Jimeoin

Laurence Howarth and Gus Brown

Tim Minchin

Kevin McAleer

Andrew Lawrence

Colin and Fergus

Peter Buckley Hill

Fred MacAulay

Rhys Darby

Maria Bamford

Three Mo Tenors

Henry Kellner

Brendon Burns

God's Pottery

Paul Provenza

Bad Play

Luke Roberts

Watson and Oliver

Nick Doody

Jason Wood

Tim Key

Robin Ince

Jason Byrne

The Kransky sisters

Adam Hills

Barry Cryer and Ronnie Golden

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

**FRI 23:30 James Acaster's Perfect Sounds (p0b69d2f)**

Series 2

Aparna Nancherla & A Rich, Heavy Ethereal Blanket

Mirror Breathing by Shield Patterns is an electronic album of inventive melodies, set in atmospheric and sometimes haunting soundscapes. But will Aparna Nancherla be scared or (like James) seduced?