

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024

SAT 00:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15kh)
Series 1

3. No Foes Shall Stay His Might
Haddonfield is a powerful City banker. More powerful than he has any right to be. But perhaps that's because he's also a collector of the occult and has some very potent items in his collection.

He's recently captured that rarest of things - a young girl who is also a werewolf. Now, he's after Pilgrim himself.

Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Written by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Haddonfield Adrian Lukis

Freya Alex Tregear

Dorris Susan Engel

Mirabella Janice Acquah

Macadam Malcolm Tierney

Trent Gunnar Cauthery

Wilson Donnlá Hughes

Guide / Guard Inam Mirza

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 00:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b0b53jif)

3. Return at Dusk

During wartime, can a soldier overcome a terrible fear - not of battle - but of a terrifying visitor?

Read by Moultrie Kelsall.

William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.

Producer: John Gray

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.

SAT 01:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yc3jw)

5. Decisions

Following Ivan's dramatic appearance at his brother's trial, Katerina prepares to deal Dmitry a fatal blow.

Starring Roy Marsden.

Conclusion of Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.

Dramatised by Melissa Murray.

Dmitry Paul Hilton

Ivan Nicholas Boulton

Alyosha Carl Prekopp

Katerina Juliet Aubrey

Grushenka Katy Cavanagh

Lise Emma Noakes

Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins

Grigory Desmond McNamara

Devil Sam Dale

Judge Ian Masters

Prosecutor Philip Fox

Fetyukovich Mark Straker

Bystanders Paul Richard Biggin/ Saikat Ahamed

Original music by David Pickvance.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SAT 02:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jt19)

5. The Moment of Truth

Retired hitman, Art Gordo, finally comes face-to-face with his mysterious nemesis.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Gripping conclusion of Jim Eldridge's thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Sally Le Clerk Joanna Wake

Leon Young Basil Henson

Forbes Douglas Blackwell

Parsons Terrence Hardiman

Hotel Porter Frank Coda

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

SAT 02:30 Something To Fear (m0018qf8)

A man in a wheelchair waits for an unavoidable revenge he's anticipated for ten years.

A psychological thriller written by John Graham.

The Man Anthony Jacobs

The Woman Mary Wimbush

Michael Malcolm Hayes

First Girl Beth Boyd

Second Girl Diana Olsson

Neighbour Noel Hood

Producer: RD Smith

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1967.

SAT 03:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c6qf)
Episode 5

Out of the thousands of letters Moomin creator Tove Jansson wrote, a cache remains that she addressed to her family, her dearest confidantes, and her lovers, both male and female.

Into these, she spilled her innermost thoughts, defended her ideals and revealed her heart. To read these letters is both an act of startling intimacy and a rare privilege.

Penning with grace and humour, Letters from Tove offers an

almost seamless commentary on Tove Jansson's life as it unfolds within Helsinki's bohemian circles and her island home. Spanning fifty years between her art studies and the height of Moomin fame, we hear the bleakness of war, the hopes for love that were dashed and renewed, and her determined attempts to establish herself as an artist.

Translated from the Swedish by Sarah Death

Abridged by Polly Coles

Read by Sarah Lambie

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 03:15 Charles Dickens (b09k9vw3)

Dombey and Son

20. Wedding Bells

As Florence and Walter embark on a new life in the Far East,

Dombey reaches the limits of his despair.

Starring Robert Glenister and Abigail Hollick

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Conclusion of Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Florence Abigail Hollick

Walter Gay Joseph Arkley

Major Bagstock Nicky Henson

Susan Nadine Marshall

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Vicar Ben Crowe

Paul Jacob Theato

Music by Nicolai Abrahamsen

Director: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SAT 03:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07zzg8h)

Series 11

The Rectifier

Ed realises that one of the pleasures of being at university is that he can use his time to write about whatever takes his fancy.

So it is that he embarks upon a definitive piece of social history about the workhouse, inspired by his own great-grandfather who, as an inmate, suffered at the hand of the terrifying Beadle.

It seems too that history might be repeating itself when Ed discovers that his grandson, Smile, is suffering certain errors of his own as he may be being bullied at nursery.

The comical world of an author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

Starring Christopher Douglas.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Jaz Milvain Phillip Jackson

Bow-Tie Man Geoff McGivern

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Inspector Dan Tetsell

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b063m19j)

Series 2

Episode 7

Can Kate and George organise their baby Helen's Christening?

George and Kate's first night out since baby arrived doesn't go well.

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Richard Briers

Kate Prunella Scales

Kate's Mother Joan Sanderson

Miles Edward de Souza

George's Mum Diana King

George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner

Bertie Peter Hawkins

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

SAT 04:30 Know Your Place (b01b3b6b)

Out of the Closet

Ramsay needs help after a close call with the local gangster.

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling

Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner

Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

John Graham

John Blythe

James Taylor

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1983.

SAT 05:00 The 3rd Degree (m000wrn6)

Series 11

The University of Cumbria

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the

University of Cumbria take on their professors.

A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including marine and freshwater biology, education and forestry management and conservation

Questions range from brothels and bats to Barnaby Bear.

There's also a chance to brush up on your fronted adverbials.

Producer: David Tyler.

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

SAT 05:30 Relativity (b095i037)

Series 1

Episode 4

When Ken is rushed into hospital, and Margaret has to hold the fort alone, the family do their best to reach hospital as fast as possible - in a typically chaotic manner.

Pete is nearly done for stealing chocolate Hob Nobs, Jane

relives her glory days as a teen sprinting champ and Ian and Chloe have their first row.

Richard Herring's comedy about four generations of a family. Starring Alison Steadman, Phil Davies and Richard Herring.

Relativity is a witty and loving portrait of family life, with affectionate observation of inter generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind, that will resonate with

anyone who has ever argued with their dad about how to pronounce crisp brand names.

Margaret Alison Steadman

Jane Fenella Woolgar

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Effie Woods

Mark Fred Haig

NickHarrison Knights

Billy Danny Kirrane

Other roles Danny Kirrane

Producer: Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.

SAT 06:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Echoing Grove (m001w1j5h)

Two sisters meet in order to be reconciled after 15 years. Various ghosts lay between them and not least that of Rickie -

husband of Madeleine and lover of Dinah.

"Let us agree to give up Love

And root up the infernal grove;

Then we shall return and see

The worlds of happy Eternity.

And throughout all Eternity

I forgive you, you forgive me"

Rosamond Lehmann's novel first published in 1953.

Starring Janet Suzman and Susan Engel.

Dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.

Dinah Janet Suzman

Madeleine Susan Engel

Rickie Christopher Cazenove

George Maureen O'Brien

Mrs Burkett Pauline Letts

Rob William Nighy

Jocelyn Andrew Seear

Ernest Selbig Rex Robinson

Jack David McAlister

Clara Amanda Murray

Anthony Christine Absalom

Doctor Alan Dudley

Nurse Margaret Robertson

Director: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

SAT 07:30 George Eliot: A Life in Five Characters (Omnibus) (m000bmq6)

George Eliot's life through five of her characters.

With readings from the novels and letters by Juliet Stevenson

Kathryn Hughes draws out the intimate link between Eliot's characters and her life with the help of the author of a recent biography, Professor Philip Davis.

Omnibus of five parts.

1. Eliot's girlhood through Maggie from *The Mill on the Floss*

2. The morally serious young woman through *Dorothea Brooke* in *Middlemarch*

3. The growth of the sympathetic novelist through Janet from *Scenes from Clerical Life*

4. The experience of step-parenthood through *Silas Marner*

5. The choices for Victorian women through *Gwendolen Harleth* in *Daniel Deronda*

With contributions from contemporary writers:

Tessa Hadley

Sarah Moss

Sathnam Sanghera

David Constantine

Kathy O'Shaughnessy

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrh2)

Series 2

A Shufti at the Valleys

Carter and his Uncle resume their exploration of Wales, this time by train.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon on his travels with curmudgeonly Uncle Mort.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne
Carter Brandon Sam Kelly
Goronwy Stuart Organ
Narrator Christian Rodska
Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire-based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV in four series from 1975 to 1979.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.
SAT 09:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000ycb2)
4. I Thought I'd Never Stop
Roache & Brewer has two big book hits on its hands – for all the wrong reasons.
Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor.
More battles for erudite, naïve Colin with his bluff managing director, Rees John.
Andrew Palmer's sitcom set in publishing house, Roache & Brewer.
Colin Luscombe Tim Brooke-Taylor
Rees John Glyn Houston
Janet Hunt Eve Karpf
Eunice Pimm Joan Sanderson
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1986.
SAT 09:30 Robbing Hood (m001wj5k)
Norman Delivers The Goods
Norman Wisdom stars as Norman Hood, a small time cook who's just come out of prison.
Hoping to go straight, he is entrusted to widow Natalie Mathews, who offers him a job and accommodation.
Norman's bicycle becomes a treasure in more ways than one!
Written by John Graham from an idea by Norman Wisdom.
Norman Hood Norman Wisdom
Natalie Mathews Moira Lister
Pettigrew Royce Mills
Mr Bargery Jonathan Adams
Mrs Bargery Kate Binchy
Victor John Church
Charlton Humsecke John Church
Lorry drive David Leamer
BT youth Matthew Sim
Valerie Melinda Walker
Lady helper Sirol Jenkins
Director: Leslie Lawton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1992.
**** This series was suggested by Jonathan Aitken and Malcolm Hunter as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
**** To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk and tell us details of why you'd like to hear it. ****
SAT 10:00 Conversation Extra (m001wj5n)
Dame Rebecca West at 80
Author, journalist and critic Dame Rebecca West talks to Anthony Curtis.
Recorded to celebrate her 80th birthday, Dame Rebecca recalls personalities such as George Bernard Shaw, Harold Ross and Ford Madox Ford.
Plus events such as the Nuremberg trials, as well as assessing the contemporary literary scene.
Producer: Robert Fox
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1972.
SAT 10:30 When Cassius Met The Beatles (b00r8b1k)
The tale of an unexpected encounter between 20th century legends - a meeting which created a new template for global celebrity.
February 1964: The Beatles fly into Miami, sparking Beatlemania as they prepare to perform on The Ed Sullivan Show.
Meanwhile in a low-rent Miami gym, the underdog Cassius Clay trains to fight reigning champion Sonny Liston for the world title. The pundits say Clay hasn't a hope. Quite unexpectedly, the paths of these legendary figures cross.
British photographer Harry Benson arranges for The Beatles to visit Cassius Clay in the gym. Clay picks up Ringo and swings him around the ring as if he's no heavier than a toddler, as the other band-members lie at his feet. Clay pretends to knock all four Beatles down with a single punch. The resulting images remain in the memory long after this brief encounter.
The Beatles triumph on TV. Cassius Clay amazes all the boxing writers by defeating Liston.
They suddenly both find themselves on the cusp of a new kind of stardom - they're young, outspoken and able to capture the global imagination.
John Wilson reports from Miami on the background to this unique encounter.
With the memories of three people who were there at the time: photographer Harry Benson, who was travelling with the Beatles, writer Robert Lipsyte, who was covering the fight for the New York Times as a rookie reporter, and fight doctor Ferdie Pacheco, then working at the gym in Miami.
All witnessed the moment when Cassius met The Beatles.
John also taps the memories of Paul McCartney.
Producer John Goudie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.
SAT 11:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Echoing Grove (m001wj5h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 George Eliot: A Life in Five Characters (Omnibus) (m000bmq6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 13:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrh2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 14:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000ycb2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 Robbing Hood (m001wj5k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 Conversation Extra (m001wj5n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 15:30 When Cassius Met The Beatles (b00r8b1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SAT 16:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00ft5kh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]
SAT 16:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b0b53jlf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]
SAT 17:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Echoing Grove (m001wj5h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 George Eliot: A Life in Five Characters (Omnibus) (m000bmq6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrh2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000ycb2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Robbing Hood (m001wj5k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Conversation Extra (m001wj5n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 21:30 When Cassius Met The Beatles (b00r8b1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SAT 22:00 Saturday Night Fry (b007jt29)
Episode 3
A 'Great Actor Of Old' is put under the spotlight: - and the team 'Argue the Toss'.
Stephen Fry serves up more witty banter and sketches
With:
Hugh Laurie
Jim Broadbent
Julia Hills
Written by Stephen Fry.
Additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.
Producer: Dan Patterson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.
SAT 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00hd84)
Series 2
Arthur Smith
Balham-based comedian, Arthur Smith watches 'Top Gear', tries food for kids and goes see to 'Les Misérables'.
Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.
SAT 23:00 Vent (b01grp7)
Series 3
The Stand-In
Ben vows to do something alone but buying an envelope at the post office is not that easy.
Starring Neil Pearson.
Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.
Ben Neil Pearson
Mary Fiona Allen
Mum Josie Lawrence
Blitz Leslie Ash
Nurse Jo Martin
Derek Stephen Frost
Marley Spencer Brown
Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith
Mr Shah Bruce Alexander
Director: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.
SAT 23:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b008kmqx)
Series 2
Episode 2
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...
Arthur Smith
Catherine Williams
Natalie Haynes
Murray Lachlan Young
Dave Fulton
Harald Dubois [Kevin Eldon]
Paul Sinha
Fat Tongue
Mick Miller
I Am Kloot
Dr. Phil Hammond
Pappy's Fun Club

Five Live Drive
Dan Evans
Faultless & Torrance
Joe Wilkinson
Joolz Denby
Paul Carenza
Philip Pope
Carrie Quinlan
Lady Agatha [Lizzie Roper]
Mark Maier
Hils Barker
The Pros from Dover
Andy Zaltzman
Billy Bennett [Andrew Sachs]
Jimmy Cricket
Marcus Brigstocke
Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

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SUN 00:00 The Man in Black (b00h31fd)
Series 1
4. Hide and Seek by Mike Carey
With her eyes bandaged, Amelia Stowe lies confined to a bed recovering from a major operation. With recuperation stretching before her, she agrees to take part in a psychiatrist's experiment to unlock early memories. But a chilling voice from the past come backs to haunt her...
Mike Carey's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.
Amelia Stowe Abigail Hollick
Doctor Bewlay Joseph Millson
Nurse Sargent Janice Acquah
Demon Stephen Critchlow
Amelia's Mother Jill Cardo
Horrorful series of tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.
Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.
The Man In Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2009.
SUN 00:30 Haunted (m001wj5r)
The Late Departure by Glenn Chandler
Peter Harrington works too hard, and eats and smokes too much.
Is his life about to be derailed?
A series of tales of the supernatural.
Starring Joss Ackland and Jean Rogers.
Written by Glenn Chandler.
Peter Harrington Joss Ackland
Joan Jean Rogers
Valerie Ysanne Churchman
Ticket Inspector Crawford Logan
Porter David Gooderson
Young Man ... Stephen Garlick
Buffet Assistant Miranda Forbes
Adapted for radio by Patricia Mays.
Director: Derek Hoddinott.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 1982.
SUN 01:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Echoing Grove (m001wj5h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001wj7v)
A Portrait Of... Lemn Sissay
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses A Portrait Of...Lemn Sissay.
In many ways a portrait painter is like a detective – looking for clues below the surface to capture the sitter's true likeness. In this programme we follow artist Fiona Graham-Mackay and her subject – the poet and playwright Lemn Sissay – through this sometimes emotional process.
"I feel like you've gone into me and looked out from behind my eyes."
Lemn Sissay MBE was an official poet for the London Olympics and his Landmark Poems are installed throughout Manchester and London. Born to Ethiopian parents, he was raised in Lancashire by strongly religious foster parents who, having had biological children of their own, put him into care

aged 12. They told him neither they, nor any of their family, would contact him again.

On leaving care at 17, he self-published his first book of poetry while on the dole. Much of his work tells the story of his upbringing and search for his birth parents.

Fiona Graham-Mackay has painted hundreds of portraits, including Seamus Heaney and Sir Andrew Motion. "It's in the space between sentences that people reveal themselves," she says.

Recorded in Lemn's home and at the Foundling Museum in London, where Lemn is a fellow, the programme follows the portrait taking shape. It's an intimate experience, peeling away the layers to capture the essence of the sitter as seen through the artist's eye. And in this, conversations meander in unexpected places.

Features a reading of "Suitcases and Muddy Parks" from Rebel Without Applause by Lemn Sissay, published by Canongate.

Producer: Eve Streeter

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2016.

SUN 06:30 Charles Dickens (b09jxgds)
Dombey and Son (Omnibus)
Episode 3
Harriet Carker tries to appeal to her brother's better nature. Starring Alex Jennings, Claire Rushbrook and Katy Cavanagh. The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Originally published in monthly parts, Charles Dickens's novel appeared in one volume in 1848.

Omnibus of episodes 11 to 15 of 20 parts dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings
Dombey Robert Glenister
Alice Claire Rushbrook
Mr Carker Adrian Lukis
Edith Helen Schlesinger
Florence Abigail Hollick
Harriet Katy Cavanagh
Mrs Brown Geraldine James
Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock
Mrs Skewton Fenella Fielding
Feenix Bertie Carvel
Susan Nadine Marshall
Harriet Katy Cavanagh
Toots Sam Pamphilon
Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.
Directed by Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001wj83)
Romesh Ranganathan
Comedian and hip-hop fan Romesh Ranganathan chooses 'Love Come Down' by Evelyn King, and 'Juicy' by The Notorious B.I.G.

SUN 07:50 Charles Dickens (b09k9ypp)
Dombey and Son (Omnibus)
Episode 4
Cast out of her home, who can Florence turn to?
Starring Robert Glenister, Abigail Hollick and Trevor Peacock. The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Charles Dickens's novel first appeared in one volume in 1848.

Omnibus of the last five of 20 parts dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings
Dombey Robert Glenister
Edith Helen Schlesinger
Florence Abigail Hollick
Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock
Mr Carker Adrian Lukis
Major Nicky Henson
Walter Joseph Arkley
Mrs Brown Geraldine James
Alice Claire Rushbrook
Susan Nadine Marshall
Toots Sam Pamphilon
Harriet Katy Cavanagh
Rob Lloyd Thomas
Other parts played by:
Ben Crowe
Alex Lanipekun
Simon Treves
Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.
Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SUN 09:00 Frankie Howerd (b007jn0j)
Series 4
Episode 6
Frankie is filled with the muse and reads some ditties and battles giant animals in a spoof thriller.

Aby assisted by Ray Fell, guest star Norma Ronald and Timothy Davies, Francis reads his own poetry to this week's audience and culture lovers with advice from Omar Sharif.

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.
Music from the Boston Barbers
Producer: John Brownell.
First broadcast in BBC Radio 2 in November 1975.

SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b04b24nq)
Series 10
Have Been Masquerading
A mix-up at the dry-cleaners leads to an unexpected promotion

for Sub Lieutenant Phillips aboard HMS Troutbridge.

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips
The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee
The Number One Stephen Murray
Captain Povey Richard Caidicot
Heather Heather Chasen
The Admiral Tenniel Evans
Rear Admiral Michael Bates
AS Tiddy Lawrie Wymann
Written by Lawrie Wymann.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1968.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001wj8k)
BAFTA Winners
Cate Blanchett
Cate Blanchett is castaway by Lauren Laverne.
Cate is arguably the most celebrated Australian actor ever, winning two Academy Awards, three BAFTAs, three Golden Globes and dozens of other honours around the world.

She grew up in Melbourne, and although she enjoyed music and drama at school, she initially had no plans to pursue a career as an actor. She started a degree course in economics and fine art, but dropped out after a year, and later won a place at the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney.

She found international fame before she was 30, playing Elizabeth I in the highly-acclaimed film Elizabeth, winning an Oscar nomination and a BAFTA. Since then, she has appeared in more than 70 films and 20 stage productions. She won an Oscar and a BAFTA for playing Katharine Hepburn in The Aviator, directed by Martin Scorsese, and other notable roles include the elf leader Galadriel in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings series and a version of Bob Dylan in I'm Not There. She won her second Oscar in 2014 for her performance in Woody Allen's Blue Jasmine.

Her TV work includes the acclaimed series Mrs America, where she played the conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly, and she has recently taken on the role of an internationally famous composer and conductor in the film Tár, written and directed by Todd Field.

Cate has received the Australian Centenary medal and is a Companion of the Order of Australia. She is married to the director and playwright Andrew Upton.

DISC ONE: Mahler: Symphony No. 5 in C-Sharp Minor – II composed by Gustav Mahler, performed by Berlin Philharmonic and conducted by Claudio Abbado
DISC TWO: Bésame Mucho by Trio Los Panchos
DISC THREE: Tannhäuser: Pilgrims' Chorus composed by Richard Wagner and performed by Norman Luboff Choir, New Symphony Orchestra of London, conducted by Leopold Stokowski
DISC FOUR: Go Tell the Women by Grinderman
DISC FIVE: Proof by I am Kloot
DISC SIX: Blow the Wind Southerly by Kathleen Ferrier
DISC SEVEN: The Little Weaver Bird by Molly Drake
DISC EIGHT: Lil' Darlin' by Count Basie And His Orchestra
BOOK CHOICE: Hope in the Dark by Rebecca Solnit
LUXURY ITEM: Time
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Tannhäuser: Pilgrims' Chorus composed by Richard Wagner and performed by Norman Luboff Choir, New Symphony Orchestra of London, conducted by Leopold Stokowski
Producer: Sarah Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

SUN 10:45 One Man And His Bog by Barry Pilton (m001wj90)
2. The Peak District
'The Peak District is a fine example of a National Park that could be greatly improved by some industrial estates, a couple of dozen multi-storey car parks, and a nuclear power plant.'

Barry Pilton's unheroic account of his encounter with Britain's most arduous walk, the Pennine Way.
Written by Barry Pilton.
Read by David Roper.
Producer: Thomas Sutcliffe
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

**** This programme was suggested by Malcolm Oxborrow as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

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Series 1
The Confession of Joan Bakewell
Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week, Stephen invites a different guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions - with remarkable storytelling and surprising insights. In this unconventional chat show, he wants to see what really makes them tick by finding out what they are ashamed of!

Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

In this episode, legendary broadcaster Joan Bakewell confesses to gaffes in the Big Apple, escapades in Paris and not being outspoken enough.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan.
With extra material by Nick Doody.
Producers: Dave Anderson and Frank Stirling
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.

SUN 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jz5yt)
Series 1
Chips With Everything
Is Kit really married to a dirty ruskie commie pinko lefty agitator agent?
A sitcom about a happily-married pair of young people and their crazy friends.
Jeremy.....Jeremy Hardy
Kit.....Kit Hollerbach
Paul.....Paul B Davies
Caroline.....Caroline Leddy
Written by Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies, Caroline Leddy, Peter Sinclair and Steve Punt.
Producer: David Tyler
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

SUN 23:00 The Masteron Inheritance (b007jps7)
Series 2
Beware the Ides of Masteron
Intrigue, terror, tyrants and togas set in ancient Rome.
The return of the award-winning improvised historical comedy series.

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Masterons - a family at war with itself.

Starring:
Paul Merton
Josie Lawrence
Lee Simpson
Jim Sweeney
Phelim McDermott
Caroline Quentin
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00d9yq6)
Series 2
Episode 2
The retail park is licensed for marriage with traumatic results. Starring Frances Barber and Mark Benton.
The sitcom about the retail park where they stop at nothing to part you from your money.
Written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.
Mick Mark Benton
Sonya Frances Barber
Rez Emil Marwa
Valerie Sarah Hadland
Darryl Paul Barnhill
Fred Ben Crowe
Justine Helen Longworth
Karl Neil Warhurst
Milosh Stephen Critchlow
Phil Dan Starkey
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

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Inspired by a true story, but weaving fantastical fiction in amongst the facts, this is the tale of the mysterious Victor Grayson, a politician of incredible oratorical power, who briefly became MP for Colne Valley in 1907.

His political career was highly colourful, with many a falling-out with the Labour Party.

Then he walked out of his life one day in 1920 and was never found again.

It stars Glenn Cunningham as Victor.

Written by Dan Rebellato.

Victor ... Glenn Cunningham

DI Appleby ... Dan Armour

Michael Longwood/Edward Cartright James Quinn

Charlie Jones / Jack Copeland.... Russell Dixon

Molly Brandon / Elizabeth Grayson ... Esther Wilson

Miss Lane / Jess Brandon Christine MacKle

Director: Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

MON 05:45 Nan Woodhouse (b01bmjtk)

The Reconstruction Job

75 year-old Tommy misses his working life at the mill.

However, the building has now been converted into a community college of education. Could he be tempted to return?

Nan Woodhouse's short story is read by Russell Dixon.

Producer: Gillian Hush

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1991.

MON 06:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007jrj3)

1. Trouble for Sale

The Honourable Richard Rollison (the Toff) is offered the

chance to buy a small farm in Sussex.

But when a man mysteriously disappears, the amateur sleuth soon realises something is amiss...

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

Dramatised in six parts by Roy Lomax

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Vicar Jeffrey Segal

Monty Morne Terence Hardiman

Bert Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt Ed Bishop

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1977.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b0076tk5)

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 1

It's 1916 and in a quiet English village, Belgian sleuth, Hercule

Poirot and Captain Hastings become joyously re-acquainted.

But beneath the seeming tranquility, murder is brewing...

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit , first published in 1902.

Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings ... Simon Williams

Evie Nichola McAuliffe

Emily Jill Balcon

Alfred Hugh Dickson

John Sean Arnold

Mary Susan Jameson

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Cynthia Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

MON 07:00 The Warlow Experiment by Alix Nathan (m0006zwx)

1. Introduction

Herbert Powyss introduces John Warlow to what is to be Warlow's new isolated life in the basement, for the next seven years.

Herbert lives on an estate in the Welsh Marches, with enough time and income to pursue a gentleman's fashionable investigation into botanical experimentation.

But he longs to make his mark in the field of science – something consequential enough to present to The Royal Society in London.

Influenced by something he's read, he decides to conduct a radical investigation into the Resilience of the Human Mind

Without Society.

He places an ad for a suitable guinea pig.

Only one man is desperate enough to apply for the job - a semi-literate, angry wife-basher.

What could possibly go wrong?

Written by Alix Nathan, the author of His Last Fire, a collection of short stories and the novel The Flight Of Sarah Battle.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.

MON 07:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062jsn5)

1. Relatives

A Glasgow lawyer arrives at a police station to represent three drunken women – only to find they are her relatives.

When they discover they share the BRCA2 cancer gene, they become unexpectedly caught up in each other's lives. By Ann Marie Di Mambro.

Rachel Tamara Kennedy

Marilyn Gabriel Quigley

Josie Karen Bartke

Shirley Sarah McCordie

Bobby Alan McHugh

Alex Robin Laing

Kevin Stevie Hannan

Becca Nicola Jo Cully

Carol Veronica Leer

Other parts are played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

MON 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04n6010)

Series 2

Ctrl-Alt-Del

The Computer catches a virus - in fact, it's probably the most common virus on Earth.

With Uljabaan's sole method of control, analysis and communication now compromised, the invasion is doomed in more ways than one...

Eddie Robson's sitcom about aliens invading the village of Cresdon Green.

Starring Hattie Morahan and Peter Davison.

Noticing all-at-once invasions of Earth never work out too well, these aliens have locked villagers behind an impenetrable force-field in order to study human behaviour and to decide if Earth is worth invading.

The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for a weekend to borrow the deposit for a flat.

So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village, willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she formed The Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret and Richard.

This is also much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljabaan who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The Computer (his hyper-intelligent supercomputer), is trying to actually run the alien invasion.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Field Commander Uljabaan Charles Edwards

The Computer John-Luke Roberts

The Virus Carrie Burnell

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews.

Original music written and performed by Grace Petrie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jmlj)

Series 4

The Three Feathers

Harold Steptoe is convinced a commode will make him rich.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

With:

Douglas Blackwell

Leslie Heritage

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

MON 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jsn0)

Series 2

2nd October 1799

An Everyday Story of Towering Genius.

Sue Limb's soap opera set in and around the Lake District at the turn of the 18th century

Domestic bliss is enhanced by the arrival of John Sheets.

Views are exchanged on the desirability of the married state.

And a game of cricket is proposed...

William Wordsmith Geoffrey Whitehead

Dorothy Wordsmith Denise Coffey

Samuel Tailor Cholericke Simon Callow

Thomas de Quinine Nickolas Grace

Stinking Iris Miriam Margolyes

The Leechpedlar Chris Emmett

John Sheets Nicky Henson

Music by Stephen Oliver and performed by Cantabile.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1987.

MON 09:00 Wordaholics (b01d0prh)

Series 1

Episode 4

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides as Natalie Haynes, Michael Rosen,

Arthur Smith and Paul Sinha vie for supremacy in the ring.

Wordaholics is clever, intelligent, witty and unexpected. There are toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang, Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words: the whole world of words.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

MON 09:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p8dkd)

Storm Warning

Beagle Team are tasked with the surveillance of a Russian

billionaire. The nation's security and gas supply are at stake.

Comedy by Harry Venning and Neil Brand about a team of inept, backstabbing surveillance operatives.

Bill Richard Lumsden

Sharla Nina Conti

Mark Daniel Kaluuya

Captain Le Clerc Kevin Eldon

Bolkonski Shaban Arifi

Boris John Biggins

Russian Girls Alex Tregear/Kate Layden

Russian Crew Nigel Hastings/Ewan Hooper.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

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MON 19:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p8dkd)

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MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0016jcp)

Series 12

Skin Tight Genes

True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces

stories from the double helix – tales featuring DNA inheritance.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since

1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and

yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in

Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room,

The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the

USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in April 2020.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000vdpk)

Gabrielle

Singer Gabrielle chooses Tina Turner's What's Love Got To Do

With It and Islands in the Stream by Kenny Rogers & Dolly

Parton

MON 21:00 A Good Read (b07j4qx4)

Alex Jones and Victoria Hislop

BBC One Show presenter Alex Jones, and writer Victoria

Hislop, join Harriet Gilbert to talk about books they love by

Lisa Jewell, Michael Cunningham and Elena Ferrante.

The Girls by Lisa Jewell

Publisher: Arrow

The Hours by Michael Cunningham

Publisher: Harper Perennial

Days of Abandonment by Elena Ferrante

Publisher: Europa Editions

[Translator: Ann Goldstein]

Producer: Sally Heaven

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

MON 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001ws4c)

Episode 6

Montag has quit his job as fireman, burning books for a living.

He has a copy of the Bible, maybe the last one in existence, and he can't burn it.

He can't talk to his wife. His only hope is Faber, a retired English professor.

Fahrenheit 451 is the temperature at which paper burns.

It's Guy Montag's job to know these things: he's a fireman and he has burned books all his life. He used to love his job, doing this service for the public, but he can't do it anymore.

As his life unravels he begins to question all his beliefs.

Ray Bradbury's cult classic was first published in 1953 but it imagines a world very like today, in which sophisticated mass media are used to pacify and control people; love is a commodity; attention spans are short and police hunts are live entertainment.

Poetic, dazzling and shocking: Bradbury's vision of the future has become terrifyingly familiar.

Abridged in ten parts by Sara Davies.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

MON 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f6st)

6. Desperate

PC Hayley Morton is desperate to discover the identity of the old woman found in the snow.

The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.

Mystery series written by Katie Hims.

Hayley Christine Bottomley

Mick David Reed

Phil Ian Conningham

Shirley Heather Craney

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001w70v)

Series 92

6. A Cat Called Hell

Sue Perkins challenges guests Tony Hawks, Eleanor Tierman,

Heidi Regan and Paul Merton to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation.

The long-running Radio 4 panel game is back for a new series with subjects this week ranging from Graverobbing to Making Friends On The Internet.

Production Co-ordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b00dnlkz)

The Fan's Proposition

The Kiwi band face fan propositions

Improvised comedy from the satirical pop pair, as they align with established comics to poke fun at all aspects of pop music.

Rob Brydon narrates the musical odyssey.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Nina Conti

Neil Finn

Jimmy Carr

Additional Material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001w8sf)

Series 113

Episode 7

Andy Zaltzman quizzes the news. Providing all the answers are

Zoe Lyons, Andrew Maxwell, Rachel Parris, and Danny

Finkelstein.

In this week of Lent and Love, Andy and the panel address

Labour's difficult relationship with itself, Trump's flirtations

with Putin, and giving up on the idea of home ownership.

Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Ben Clover, and Jade

Gebbie

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b04wjtm3)

Series 2

War

A war poet is told that the troops prefer limericks.

Sketch show in which anything is possible.

Written by James Cary.

Starring:

Robert Webb

Beth Chalmers

Catherine Shepherd

Steven Kynman

Abigail Burdess

Chris Pavlo

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

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TUE 05:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014r622)

1. A Most Desirable Address

A Most Desirable Address is how Durham Square is unerringly

described by its inhabitants.

But is this treasured status soon to be eroded by the arrival of

Miss Susan Leg?

Starring Pauline Collins.

EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.

Dramatised in three parts by Aubrey Woods.

Susan Leg Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright Peter Howell

Arthur Armstrong MP Edward de Souza

Bosanquet John Church

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Miss Ascham Sheila Grant

Mr Woodstock Manning Wilson

Figs George Parsons

Ellen Jennifer Piercey

Foreman Gordon Reid

Receptionist Jonathan Tafler

Dealer Andrew Branch

Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Assorted dogs played by the cast.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

TUE 06:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007jrsr)

2. Dead On Arrival

Someone is very keen to acquire Selby Farm, where the owner's

brother has disappeared.

Can amateur sleuth, the Toff - the Honourable Richard

Rollison- find out what's really going on?

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

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Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terrence Hardiman

Bert Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt Ed Bishop

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1977.

TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b0076tng)

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 2

In the blistering summer heat, tensions are mounting at Styles

Court.

It will not be long before Captain Hastings has to call upon the

services of Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams

Emily Jill Balcon

Alfred Hugh Dickson

John Sean Arnold

Mary Susan Jameson

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Cynthia/Annie Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

Evie Nichola McAuliffe

Dr Bauerstein Robert Portal

Mr Wells Richard Syms

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUE 07:00 The Warlow Experiment by Alix Nathan (m0006ztm)

2. Commencement

Warlow begins his seven-year term of isolation. It is 1793 and

planks are nailed across the basement door.

Warlow and Powyws will meet again in 1800. When the

experiment is completed, Warlow will get £50 a year for life.

Herbert Powyws lives on an estate in the Welsh Marches, with

enough time and income to pursue a gentleman's fashionable

investigation into botanical experimentation. But he longs to

make his mark in the field of science – something consequential

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Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

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TUE 07:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062kdd3)

2. Bonding

Unlikely allies Rachel and Marilyn begin to bond - until Rachel

accuses Marilyn of stealing.

Glasgow lawyer Rachel is dealing with the wayward relatives

she's been brought up to ignore after discovering they share the

BRCA2 cancer gene.

By Ann Marie Di Mambro.

Rachel Tamara Kennedy

Marilyn Gabriel Quigley

Josie Karen Bartke

Shirley Sarah McCardie

Bobby Alan McHugh

Alex Robin Laing

Kevin Stevie Hannan

Becca Nicola Jo Cully

Carol Veronica Leer

Other parts are played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b093hdkw)

Series 3

4. The Latte Pappas

Geoff negotiates the generous Swedish parental benefits

system, the rewards - and otherwise - of dealing with a

marauding toddler, and the terrifying perfectionism of his

fellow Swedish dads.

The third series of Danny Robins' sitcom, set and recorded in

Sweden.

Starring Edinburgh Comedy Award-winner Adam Riches,

Danny Robins and a cast of Sweden's most popular TV comedy

actors.

It's three years since Geoff moved to the tiny north Swedish

town of Yxsjö with his girlfriend Linda. It has been quite a

culture shock and they've been through a lot in three years -

rotting h

proposal and a runaway hot air balloon.

This year promises much as Geoff's mother-in-law Gunilla teaches him Swedish and his father-in-law Sten tries to make a Swedish man of him - in an entirely non-sexist way. Geoff and Linda start to plan their wedding with the questionable help of fellow ex-pat divorcee Ian, Linda's brother, depressive Goth Anders and fellow immigrant, Kurdish Dane, Soran.

Geoff Adam Riches
Sten Thomas Oredsson
Linda Sissela Benn

Gunilla Anna-Lena Bergelin

Ian Danny Robins

Anders Fredrik Andersson

With Andre Wickstrom, Thomas Eriksson, Isak Jansson, Frank Pitcher and Iris Pitcher.

Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2017.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (m001wjd1)

Vintage Goons

The Albert Memorial

Neddie converts the famous London landmark into a spaceship. Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad.

With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

The original version, 'The First Albert Memorial on the Moon' [S4 E7] was broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1953. There is no known recording of this show.

This re-recording from March 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service was made for broadcast overseas.

First UK broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1958.

TUE 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00jf6rv)

From 29/01/1984

Doxon of Dick Green, an international delegation of statesmen, a troop of Beekeepers and Kinky, Her Royal Highness's show jumping mount.

The ultimate one man show written and performed by Michael Bentine.

And who's got the bloody key to the Bloody Tower?

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1984.

TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000pw7n)

Anna Ptaszynski, Steven Isserlis, Sophie Duker
Nigel Rees quizzes his celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.

With:

Podcaster and television host Anna Ptaszynski, best known as co-host of the QI spin off show and podcast No Such Thing As A Fish.

Cellist Steven Isserlis, also known for his childrens' books, including Why Handel Wagged His Wig.

Comedian Sophie Duker, best known for her critically acclaimed stand up show, Venus.

Producer: Ella Watts

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2020.

TUE 09:30 Artists (b00xbh8b)

Series 1

The Inner Child

Marcus is persuaded to go away for a weekend to save his marriage, leaving Dolores to look after the children - to Tamsin's horror and Nisha to look after the pub - to Gerard's horror.

Comedy about a close-knit community of artists who usually hate each other's work and sometimes hate each other as well. Stars Vicki Pepperdine, Pauline McLynn and Ben Miller.

Written by Gareth Edwards.

Tamsin Vicki Pepperdine

Dolores Pauline McLynn

Gerard Graham Crowden

Nisha Mlna Anwar

Josef Ben Miller

Marcus Dave Lamb

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001wjdk)

Flip the Script

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores how can we best manage our time, navigate financial uncertainty and escape a doom and gloom spiral?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in January 2024.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00101wd)

Andy Hamilton

Comedian and writer Andy Hamilton chooses 'It's Impossible' by Perry Como and 'It Doesn't Matter Anymore' by Buddy Holly.

TUE 21:00 Sideways (m000t9y)

8. Mental Athletics

American science journalist Joshua Foer was a perfectly normal guy with a perfectly normal memory. Then he entered the USA National Memory Championships - and ended up giving the country's brain power prodigies a run for their money.

How did he do it?

Matthew Syed takes a deep dive into the heady world of brain training - where ordinary people challenge themselves to reach new peaks of mental athleticism. Journeying from the methods of the Ancient Greeks, to the showbiz hacks of the 1960s, to the Manhattan competition hall where Joshua competed for the title of memory champion in 2006, Matthew learns that the desire to push the limits of our cognitive capacity has been around for thousands of years.

But do these techniques work? In his effort to understand what's possible when it comes to improving our minds and memories, Matthew examines the impact of nature and nurture on our brains - asking whether environmental inequality, or genetics, is the deciding factor in determining whether anyone could become a mental athlete.

Producer: Eleanor Biggs.

A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

TUE 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001wjdj)

Episode 7

Montag's boss suspects him of hiding books.

The fire station alarm sounds and the firemen hurtle through the streets on a new mission to burn.

The engine booms to a halt, outside Montag's house.

Ray Bradbury's cult classic was first published in 1953 but it imagines a world very like today, in which sophisticated mass media are used to pacify and control people; love is a commodity; attention spans are short and police hunts are live entertainment.

Poetic, dazzling and shocking: Ray Bradbury's vision of the future has become terrifyingly familiar.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

TUE 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f5g8)

7. Information

Someone finally comes forward with some information about the old woman.

The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.

Joe John Rowe

Mick David Reed

Girl Scarlett Courtney

Hayley Christine Bottomley

Written by Katie Hims.

Directed by Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

TUE 22:00 ReincarNathan (m000kq0l)

Series 2

Cat

Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife returns for a second series with Daniel Rigby and Diane Morgan, and guest-starring Vicki Pepperdine and Amy-Beth Hayes.

In the first episode of the new series, Nathan is brought back to life as a pet cat. But there's a catch - he has to live in the home of his actual granny. Nathan was a terrible grandson when he was a human. But now he's a cat, will he learn how to be loyal and kind? And will he ever make it back to human again?

Cast:

Diane Morgan - Jenny

Daniel Rigby - Nathan

Tom Craine - Mr Johnson

Amy-Beth Hayes - Mrs Johnson

Freya Parker - Vortex, Jimmy Johnson, Pigeon, TV announcers

Vicki Pepperdine - Debbie, Nathan's grandma

Mike Wozniak - Bert, Nathan's granddad and Vin Diesel

Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Pakar

Music Composed by Phil Lephed

Producer: Harriet Jaie

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b08xctdw)

Series 2

Black Country

The Daphne boys host a charity gala night in George's native Wolverhampton. All seems to be going swimmingly before George makes a shocking confession.

As usual they are joined by their live band, The Daphnettes and renown opera singer Sir Willard White.

Written by and starring: Jason Forbes, Phil Wang & George Fouracres with Celeste Dring, Jack Kirwan, Sir Willard White and special guest Caitlin Moran.

Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter

Orchestrator: Simon Nathan

The Daphnettes are the London Musical Theatre Orchestra:

Musical Director - Freddie Tapner

Violin - Debs White

Cello - Nick Squires

Trumpet - Michael Maddocks

Trombone - Elliot Pooley

Tenor Sax - Joe Atkin Reeves

Drum Kit - Ben Hartley

Percussion - Ben Burton

Piano - Jon Ranger

Bass - Jack Cherry

Produced by Matt Stronge.

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

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001wpwq)

Huge Davies 1/2

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats to Huge Davies.

TUE 23:00 Domestic Science (b09snxqp)

Series 2

Living Room

Science you can play along with at home in a look at the domestic phenomena we relate to on a day-to-day basis.

Hosted by Festival of The Spoken Nerd trio:

* Physicist Steve Mould

* Stand up Mathematician Matt Parker

* Physicist and musician Helen Arney.

A heady combination of maths, science and comedy.

In this episode, they're in the living room.

Plus they tackle audience questions.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

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

TUE 23:15 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hqhzh)

The Enlightenment

Josie explores the history of collecting things and discovers the Enlightenment.

She tries to defy her student past, by becoming more scientific and takes controversial anatomist Professor Gunther von Hagens to task for being a "demon with ready access to plasticine".

With:

Maeve Higgins

Henning Wehn

Daniel Harkin

Producer Colin Anderson

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

TUE 23:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b082wvwlw)

Series 2

Episode 1

John Shuttleworth invites celebrated pop stars to his Sheffield home to perform one of their own songs and also, more importantly, one of his.

For starters, John welcomes Chris Difford from Squeeze - but not before he's ejected Ken from the front door with his unwanted request to show John and Chris his new windows. Chris is soon invited to "show us what you can do" and plays his classic song Up the Junction. John is duly impressed - but the admiration starts to fade when John finds out that Chris once took 50p from his mum's purse to place an advert in a shop window. Can John condone theft and forgive Chris, or will

Chris have to redeem himself with his rendition of John's song Fish and Chips?
Also, Tom Robinson gives advice on how to become a radio DJ following pop success in Top Tips on the Telephone.
Written and Performed by Graham Fellows.
Special guests:
Chris Difford
Tom Robinson.
A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2016.

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WED 05:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014sh4w)

2. A Most Salubrious Seaside Resort

'A most salubrious seaside resort' is an apt description of Brighton.

But will the arrival of Mr Arthur Armstrong - critic, poet, novelist and Labour Member of Parliament - make it even more attractive to Miss Susan Leg?

Starring Pauline Collins.

EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.

Dramatised by Aubrey Woods.

Miss Susan Leg Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright Peter Howell

Arthur Armstrong MP Edward de Souza

Bosanquet John Church

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Minnie Mimps Sheila Grant

Head Waiter..... Manning Wilson

Mr Puffy George Parsons

Doctor Gordon Reid

Receptionist Jonathan Tafler

Augustus Andrew Branch

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

WED 06:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007jrsv)

3. Destination Danger

After the discovery of a body, the Toff is determined to uncover the secrets growing at Selby Farm.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honourable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Mome Terrence Hardiman

Red Brandt Ed Bishop

Inspector Bishop Derek Newark

Smith Reg Lye

Police Sergeant Paul Meier

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b0076trz)

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 3

Emily Inglethorp has suddenly died - apparently of strychnine poisoning.

Captain Hastings has asked Hercule Poirot to investigate and there's a visit from Detective Inspector Japp of Scotland Yard.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams

Japp Philip Jackson

Alfred Hugh Dickson

Evie Nichola McAuliffe

John Sean Arnold

Mary Susan Jameson

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Cynthia Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

The Coroner Peter Howell

Dr Bauerstein Robert Portal

Mr Mace Harry Myers

Summerhayes/Rustic Don McCorkindale

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

WED 07:00 The Warlow Experiment by Alix Nathan (m00070bv)

3. Hannah

Powyss has no family of his own and becomes entranced by Warlow's wife, Hannah.

Powyss pays her and for her children to attend school.

Herbert Powyss lives on an estate in the Welsh Marches, with enough time and income to pursue a gentleman's fashionable investigation into botanical experimentation. But he longs to make his mark in the field of science - something consequential enough to present to The Royal Society in London.

Influenced by something he's read, he decides to conduct a radical investigation into the Resilience of the Human Mind Without Society. He places an ad for a suitable guinea pig.

Only one man is desperate enough to apply for the job - a semi-literate, angry wife-basher.

What could possibly go wrong?

Written by Alix Nathan, the author of His Last Fire, a collection of short stories and the novel The Flight Of Sarah Battle.

Read by Robert Genister.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.

WED 07:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062ktl9)

3. Lies

Josie seeks advice from Rachel when she admits she's been lying to the rest of the family.

Glasgow lawyer Rachel is dealing with the wayward relatives she's been brought up to ignore after discovering they share the BRCA2 cancer gene.

By Ann Marie Di Mambro

Rachel Tamara Kennedy

Marilyn Gabriel Quigley

Josie Karen Bartke

Shirley Sarah McCardie

Bobby Alan McHugh

Alex Robin Laing

Kevin Stevie Hannan

Becca Nicola Jo Cully

Carol Veronica Leer

Other parts are played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 07:30 Boswell's Lives (b053bq4l)

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Freud

Boswell attempts to write a biography of Sigmund Freud but finds it's Freud who is asking all the questions.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell become a time-travelling biographer - doing for other celebrities what he did for Dr Johnson.

James Boswell Miles Jupp

Sigmund Freud Henry Goodman

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpd5)

Series 6

The Last Bus Home

It's a long walk home in the rain when Sid, Bill and The Lad Himself get stranded.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Warren Mitchell and Hugo Morton.

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 October 1959.

WED 08:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

Alive and Buried

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

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

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

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

Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle

Nick Swainey Owen Brenman

With Sally Grace and Jeffrey Holland.

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

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1995.

WED 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008vz5)

Episode 6

Clive Anderson and the famed improvisation game with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Rory Bremner and Jon Glover. It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson. Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1988.

WED 09:30 The Elephant Man (b04wjks0)

Early Closing Day

What will become of the animals, and staff, when the zoo goes up for sale?

Starring Peter Serafinowicz.

The conclusion of Debbie Barham's sitcom about the life of an elephant zoo keeper.

Terry Lyon Peter Serafinowicz

Leonard Chris Emmet

Adam Richard Pearce

Stephanie Joanna Monro

Maureen Geraldine Fitzgerald

George Geoff McGivern

Mr Bull Wayne Forester

Secretary Debra Stephenson

Producer: Richard Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1996.

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WED 20:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to Love and Romance (m000f0fz)

2. Meeting and Connecting

Comedian Isy Suttie comes over all romantic using her unique brand of humour to share her lessons in life and love.

Suttie has often observed other people's love lives and regularly intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse.

Discussing 'all things love' in the 21st century with friends, gathering fresh contributions and introducing extracts from The Listening Project she builds a hilarious and often moving account of amour and desire.

Tangled with the speakers and archive, Isy relates real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life and performs a few new songs on the subject. Featuring a collection of new material, archive clips and her own programmes:

The second of three programmes.

Featuring:

'Isy Suttie's Love Letters: Mr Mississippi'

Isy tries to save her failing relationship with a papier-mâché penguin. At the same time, she tries to help Matlock's resident busker, Mr Mississippi, capture the heart of his unrequited love

Lorna, a shelf stacker at the local supermarket.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February

2018.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (m000gd0f)

Series 22

Encounters With Old Texts
Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, a cryptic crossword, personal ads and the work of Dylan Thomas inspire new short documentaries and adventures in sound presented by Josie Long.
Poem for October
Featuring Terry Jones
Produced by Sarah Cuddon
Slow Burn Seeking
Featuring Casey Orozco-Poore
Produced by Ariana Martinez
Maslow
Produced by James T. Green
Relics
Featuring John-Luke Roberts
Production Team: Andrea Rangelcroft and Alia Cassam
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.
WED 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001wifj)
Episode 8
Beauty is dead.
Montag is on the run from the authorities and the chase is being broadcast live.
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Read by Alex Jennings.
Abridged by Sara Davies.
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WED 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f76w)
8. Lee
Lee gets a phone call about his elderly mother.
The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.
Lee Neil Dudgeon
Saskia Amelia Bullmore
Hayley Christine Bottomley
Written by Katie Hims.
Directed by Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
WED 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0009rjm)
Series 12
Killing Clare
Nali's leaving the Barker household to go home to her village. But she's got some 'tidying up' to do first.
Starring Sally Phillips as, Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.
Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
We join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Producer Alexandra Smith
A BBC Studios production
CAST
Clare.....SALLY PHILLIPS
Brian.....ALEX LOWE
Nali.....NINA CONTI
Simon.....ANDREW WINCOTT
Tench.....ROSIE CAVALIERO
Kinell.....RICHARD LUMSDEN
Thomas.....GBEMISOLA IKUMELO
WED 22:30 Rob Newman (b08n2wcs)
Rob Newman's Neuropolis
When You're Snarling
One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.
It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.
Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.
Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution.
Written by and starring Rob Newman.
Co-starring:
Claire Price
Richard McCabe
Producer: Jon Harvey
Executive Producer: Richard Wilson
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.
WED 23:00 Rubbish (b00770g2)
Series 1
Diversity
Meet Martin Christmas, local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive.

Martin is in search of inner peace, but is held back by his yearly visit to the diversity workshop, by having to come up with slogans for a rubbish bus and by pagans in the Youth and Leisure department trying to recruit him.
Then to top it all he keeps seeing the image of a bloke with metal plate in his jaw.
Stars Reece Dinsdale.
The first of two series by Tony Bagley.
Martin Reece Dinsdale
Karen Oriane Messina
Roger Paul Copley
Don Mark Maier
Sarah Nicola Walker
Bryan Neil Edmond
Barney James Lance
Chris Jim North
Adam Paul Reynolds
Producer: Claire Bartlett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.
WED 23:30 The Skewer (m001wddd)
Series 11
Episode 1
The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before.
The news, remixed as a satirical comedy concept album.
Jon Holmes presents the multi-award winning The Skewer.
Headphones on.
This week:
Blake's 7 help the Sub-Postmasters, The Asylum Seeker of Dibley, Rebel Without A Policy, and a nod to Steve Wright.
Producer: Jon Holmes
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:45 Tina C (b01bm0q4)
Tina C's Global Depression Tour
China
Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs.
Where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession.
So Tina has set off on a six country tour to prove it - and her next stop is China.
Tina C Christopher Green
With:
Will Hutton
Victoria Inez Hard
James Lailley
Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and Christopher Green
Director: Jeremy Mortimer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

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THU 02:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062kt19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Boswell's Lives (b053bq4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008vz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 The Elephant Man (b04wjsk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014tcbj)

3. A Most Treasured Home

A most treasured home is exactly what 25 Durham Square has become for Miss Susan Leg.

But will its treasure turn to dross with the threatened unravelling of the mystery surrounding her secret life?

Starring Pauline Collins.
Conclusion of EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.

Dramatised by Aubrey Woods.

Miss Susan Leg Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright Peter Howell

Bosanquet John Church

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Minnie Mimps Sheila Grant

Head Waiter..... Manning Wilson

Mr Gandish George Parsons

Ellen Jennifer Piercy

Doctor Gordon Reid

Mr Salt Jonathan Tafler

Augustus Andrew Branch
Vicar Tim Reynolds
Narrated by Aubrey Woods.
Music by John Owen Edwards.
Producer: Ian Cotterell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.
THU 06:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)
4. Cause For Alarm
Farm owner Gillian Selby reveals that she no longer requires any assistance from the Toff. Stars Terence Alexander.
Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison
John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.
The Toff Terence Alexander
Jolly Robert Dorning
Gillian Selby Heather Stoney
Monty Morne Terence Hardiman
Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont
Red Brandt Ed Bishop
Lola Bridge Liz Gebardt
Alan Selby Alaric Cotter
Other parts played by the cast.
Dramatised by Roy Lomax
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.
THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b0076w5)
The Mysterious Affair at Styles
Episode 4
Hercule Poirot, Captain Hastings and Detective Inspector Japp have become heavily involved with the mystery case.
But everyone in the household has an alibi for the time of the murder...
Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt.
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Hastings Simon Williams
Japp Philip Jackson
John Sean Arnold
Mary Susan Jameson
Lawrence Nicholas Boulton
Evie Nichola McAuliffe
Dorcas Hilda Schroder
Mr Phillips Ioan Meredith
Sir Ernest Michael Mears
Costumier's Assistant Richard Katz
Original music composed by Tom Smail.
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
THU 07:00 The Warlow Experiment by Alix Nathan (m00070k7)
4. Obsession
Powyss gets ever more obsessed by Hannah. It's the constant gossip on the estate.
Powyss has put in a listening tube so that he can monitor Warlow's movement.
It is less effective than Powyss hoped for, but it will come back to haunt him.
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What could possibly go wrong?
Written by Alix Nathan, author of His Last Fire, a collection of short stories and the novel The Flight Of Sarah Battle.
Read by Robert Glenister.
Abridged by Jeremy Osborne.
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.
THU 07:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062mxfg)
4. Risks
Bobby seeks out his ex-wife and daughter to explain the risks of the BRCA2 gene.
Glasgow lawyer Rachel is dealing with the wayward relatives she's been brought up to ignore after discovering they share the BRCA2 cancer gene.
By Ann Marie Di Mambro.
Rachel Tamara Kennedy
Marilyn Gabriel Quigley
Josie Karen Bartke
Shirley Sarah McCardie
Bobby Alan McHugh
Alex Robin Laing
Kevin Stevie Hannan
Becca Nicola Jo Cully
Carol Veronica Leer
Other parts are played by the cast.
Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
THU 07:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b08492g1)
Series 1
Stuffed Eggs
Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's

comedy, set in a 1960s' bedsitter - inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.
Trisha tries to impress new friend Jill with some stuffed eggs.
Trisha Beattie Edmondson
Deepak Nikesh Patel
Tony John Dougal
Jill Natasha Cowley
Keith Finlay Robertson
The Hunk Luke MacGregor
Male Guest Gavi Singh Chera
Female Guest Catriona McFarlane
Katharine Whitehorn Karen Bartke
Director: Emma Harding.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.
THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jp95)
Series 2
A Wilson (Manager)
Captain Mainwaring is aghast when his chief clerk comes up in the world.
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
Sergeant John Le Mesurier
Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
Private Frazer John Laurie
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
The Verger Edward Sinclair
Captain Bailey Michael Knowles
Mr West Fraser Kerr
Announcer John Snagge
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.
THU 08:30 Wrinkles (m001whg2)
Series 2
4. Night and Day
The show supplying the answers to questions you never asked.
The mad-cap sitcom set in an old peoples' home.
Starring Tom Mennard and Anthea Askey.
Winston.....Ballard Berkeley
Mr Pettigrew.....David Ross
ArnoldGordon Salkilld
and the special guest appearance of Candice Barker (age 7 3/4).
Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor - the creators of Red Dwarf.
Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.
Recovered audio of a series lost from the BBC archive.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1981.
THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000r36s)
Series 25
Episode 1
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as London, divorce, names and bats.
Frankie Boyle
Sara Pascoe
Miles Jupp
Holly Walsh
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021.
THU 09:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b38)
Series 2
Episode 1
Ever thought your partner was more interested in your friends than you? If so, you're one step ahead of Cassie's new boyfriend and Pete's new girlfriend, who both have some surprises in store...
Amanda Murphy's comedy-drama series about Cassie and Pete, who'd make a great couple - if they weren't so busy being friends.
Starring Debra Stephenson as Cassie and David Lamb as Pete.
Dad Mike Grady
Mum Brigit Forsyth
Simon Shaun Dooley
PJ Brendan Burns
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.
THU 10:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014tcjb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
THU 11:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b0076tw5)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
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THU 13:30 Wrinkles (m001whg2)

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THU 19:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b38)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 One Foot In The Grave - A Celebration Of A Comedy Classic (b068hwy4)
Would you believe it?
In January 1990, BBC TV broadcast the very first episode of One Foot In The Grave, much of it filmed along England's South Coast.
Doreen Mantle - who played Mrs Warboys - looks back at the history of the classic TV sitcom about the ever grumpy Victor Meldrew (Richard Wilson) and his long-suffering wife Margaret (Annette Crosbie).
It ran for 6 series, plus festive specials and selected episodes were adapted for BBC radio.
Featuring:
Richard Wilson
Annette Crosbie
Angus Deayton
Series writer, David Renwick
Producer, Susan Belbin
Producer: Richard Latta
First broadcast on BBC Radio Solent in December 2014.
THU 21:00 Great Lives (m000j22j)
Sally Phillips on Hollywood star Myrna Loy
Sally Phillips chooses the comedy actress, Myrna Loy, star of The Best Years of Our Lives. With Matthew Parris.
When Sally Phillips first saw Myrna Loy, she burst into tears. It was in a film called The Best Years of Our Lives, about three veterans returning to their wives after World War Two.
Myrna Loy was most famous for the Thin Man series, and she also played voluptuous baddies in flicks like The Mask of Fun Manchu. But it's not just her screen career that inspires Sally, a star herself for work in Smack the Pony and Bridget Jones.
Myrna Loy was a hardworking and often fearless person, heavily involved with The Red Cross and UNESCO after the war.
The author of Fast Talking Dames, Maria di Battista, joins the discussion from Princeton.
Producer: Miles Warde
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2020.
THU 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001whgj)
Episode 9
Faber has done what he can to help Montag.
Now he's on his own, with the deadly Mechanical Hound in pursuit: the chase broadcast live into every home.
Ray Bradbury's cult classic was first published in 1953 but it imagines a world very like today, in which sophisticated mass media are used to pacify and control people; love is a commodity; attention spans are short and police hunts are live entertainment.
Poetic, dazzling and shocking: Ray Bradbury's vision of the future has become terrifyingly familiar.
Read by Alex Jennings.
Abridged by Sara Davies.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.
THU 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f69x)
9. Hospital
Lee and his wife go to the hospital to find out if the old woman really is his mother.
The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.
Lee Neil Dudgeon
Saskia Amelia Bullmore
Joe John Rowe
Hayley Christine Bottomley
Baxter Will Kirk
Written by Katie Hims.
Directed by Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
THU 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000y6sw)
Series 1
4. Privacy
Does encryption actually work? Why can't anyone set a good password? And what do we need privacy for anyway?
Comedian and Computer Scientist, Olga Koch takes a deep dive

into the world of computer science with her trusty virtual assistant Algo as the digital duo take the truths that you hold dear and tear them to shreds using logic, like a teenager on the internet.
A four part stand-up special exploring Nationality, Beauty, Health and Privacy through the eyes of a woman with half a masters degree in the social science of the internet. By applying computer science to the world around her, Olga and Algo take an hilarious and pedantic journey to reveal the inherent absurdities of the modern world.
Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin
Starring Sindhu Vee as Algo
Additional Material from Rajiv Karia
Produced by Benjamin Sutton
A BBC Studios Production
THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (m000zspj)
Series 10
Tim Downie
Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.
In this episode, star of Outlander and Paddington, Tim Downie, whose diary takes us back to his drama school days in North London in 1994 - reading Chekhov by candlelight, becoming a vegetarian and wearing a lot of collarless shirts.
Producer: Harriet Jaïne
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001wp8l)
Huge Davies 2/2
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats again to Huge Davies.
THU 23:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b0418p7r)
Series 2
What Makes Humans Human?
Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. This week: What makes humans human?
In the 1990's Susan worked at the United Nations in Geneva on the Human Genome project. It was a project which looked at the increasing genetic databases that were being set up all over the world. It got her thinking - can you really encapsulate people in one scientific code?
Susan thinks that the answer is no. Science is making great advances in coding human beings, but that's not what we are. Siblings share a genetic code but can be incredibly different. Everyone is made up of people we meet, books we read and experiences we have. Science is wonderful but we should also consider the human soul.
Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.
THU 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b012fqnq)
Series 1
Episode 3
An untimely death causes a lifestyle rethink for the Manchester DJ.
Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.
Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.
Despite his messy life, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity, "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".
Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.
Anne Reid Gran
Bernard Wrigley Sven
Christine Bottomley Lisa
Jim Poyser Vicar
Justin Moorhouse Justin
Lloyd Langford Bryn
Paul Copley Ray
Rachel Austin Receptionist
Susan Cookson Tanya
Producer: Steven Canny
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.
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FRI 05:00 Peter Tinniswood (b00758gq)

A Very Rare Bird Indeed

At a small family-run hotel on the Welsh coast, lonely Avril observes the guests while waiting for her philandering husband. Judi Dench stars in Peter Tinniswood's drama.

Avril Judi Dench

Maynard Peter Jeffrey

Morgan John Moffatt

Clayton Lou Hirsch

Marion Carolyn Jones

Gilbert Jeff Shankley

Major Rackham Derek Waring

Music by Simon Morecroft.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1997.

FRI 06:00 The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)

5. A Step In The Dark

The Toff refuses to be fobbed off and receives some useful advice...

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Mr Smith Reg Lye

Bert Ebbutt Douglas Blackwell

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b0076tz9)

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 5

Captain Hastings and Detective Inspector Japp are bewildered by the antics of the Belgian sleuth.

Hercule Poirot rushes back to Styles Court in a state of great excitement...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams

Japp Philip Jackson

Mary Susan Jameson

Evie Nichola McAuliffe

Cynthia Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Alfred Hugh Dickson

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

FRI 07:00 The Warlow Experiment by Alix Nathan (m00070zy)

5. Enraged

After three years, Powyss is losing heart with his experiment. But a cataclism awaits when the listening tube that Powyss had manufactured to spy on his prisoner is discovered by the enraged Warlow, who creates chaos in the cellar.

Herbert Powyss lives on an estate in the Welsh Marches with enough time and income to pursue a gentleman's fashionable investigation into botanical experimentation. But he longs to make his mark in the field of science – something consequential enough to present to The Royal Society in London. Influenced by something he's read, he decides to conduct a radical investigation into the Resilience of the Human Mind Without Society. He places an ad for a suitable guinea pig. Only one man is desperate enough to apply for the job; a semi-literate, angry wife-basher.

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Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.

FRI 07:15 Rachel's Cousins (b062n4n6)

5. Loyalties

When her boss offers her a promotion Rachel has to decide where her loyalties lie.

Glasgow lawyer Rachel is dealing with the wayward relatives she's been brought up to ignore after discovering they share the BRCA2 cancer gene.

Conclusion of Ann Marie Di Mambro's five-part drama.

Rachel Tamara Kennedy

Marilyn Gabriel Quigley

Josie Karen Bartke

Shirley Sarah McCaigie

Bobby Alan McHugh

Alex Robin Laing

Kevin Stevie Hannan

Becca Nicola Jo Cully

Carol Veronica Leer

Other parts are played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b080t886)

Series 11

Poetry? No Thanks

Ed becomes involved in the work of a committee when he agrees to get involved in the erection of a statue on university grounds to honour the plucky wartime songbird 'Beryl Bassett'.

This means not only ploughing through hundreds of entries for a poetry competition to find a suitable ode to be read at the unveiling, but liaising with Beryl's son who has his eye on Antonia, a small gauge railway and a dubious family past.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Bobby Nicholas Farrell

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Max Divian Ladwa

Antonia Sylvestra Le Touzel

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b0647y7d)

Series 2

Episode 8

Baby Helen is annoying Kate and George's neighbours.

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Richard Briers

Kate Prunella Scales

Kate's Mother Joan Sanderson

George's Mum Diana King

George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner

Miss Hudson Pearl Hackney

Mr Manderson Lockwood West

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

FRI 08:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008g6v4)

Transport of Delight

Demobbed Old Ned heads south after the war and joins a special construction team.

Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour".

Written by Ted Walker.

Narrated by Bernard Cribbins.

Big Jim Norman Rossington

Harold Perkins Roland Curram

Old Ned Harold Goodwin

Nimrod David John

Turps Sylvester McCoy

Chick David Beckett

The Farmer Douglas Blackwell

The Farmer's Daughter Karen Ascoe

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m000wz2d)

Series 11

Brasenose College Oxford

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from Brasenose College, Oxford take on their professors.

A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including philosophy, law and chemistry.

Questions range from rocket fuel and robbing a bank to Plato and pole vault.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

FRI 09:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b016ljx7)

Series 1

January 1st to 5th

Mouth-watering entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench.

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

In a mixture of narrative, dialogue and recipes, Damien unflinchingly captures every angle of his day-to-day life, "no matter how grisly or, indeed, how gristly".

Damien and his partner, Anthony, deciding on their New Year's Resolutions. They start by finally making up their minds to commit to each other...namely, by signing up a builder, Mr Mullaney to install a new kitchen which Damien hopes will eventually become the food and preparation space that he's always dreamed of.

On top of all this, Anthony decides to get fit and Damien decides to do a radio programme about the French bean. But not everything goes according to plan...

Also featuring Damien's easy-to-follow recipes: for a "Super Simple" Roast Beef, cooking your own pasta, and "Marvellously Moist Muffins".

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Researcher Alex Treagar

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

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FRI 19:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b016ljx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Playing the Salesman (b0076wzk)

Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman is a great tragedy of an ordinary man, and all over the world people identify with Willy Loman. The play was first performed 75 years ago, on 10th February, 1949. Arthur Miller also died on 10th February, in 2005. To mark this Radio 4 is repeating Playing the Salesman, presented by Christopher Bigsby, Miller's biographer. It was first broadcast in 2006.

Christopher Bigsby hears from great actors - Dustin Hoffman, Warren Mitchell, Brian Dennehy, Alun Armstrong and Ying Ruocheng - about playing the role. Ying, who played Willy in Miller's production on Beijing, speaks about how this play, set in capitalist America, nonetheless spoke to Chinese people in 1983.

John Malkovich and Marjorie Yates, who played Biff and Linda, and the directors Michael Rudman, David Thacker and Bob Falls, recall working with the author, and in recordings made in the year before he died, Arthur Miller reflects on the Everyman he created.

Producer: Julian May.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2006.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b01b9jpd)

Series 13

Baker Street

Baker Street is Gerry Rafferty's glorious and instantly recognisable hit.

It's arguably the most popular track from his widely respected musical legacy. (Gerry sadly died aged just 63 in 2011)

His daughter Martha Rafferty recalls hearing him develop the melody in the attic of their Glasgow home. His inspiration for the lyrics came from a book by Colin Wilson about the sense of disconnection from the world that artists often feel.

Featuring:

Musician and founder member of Stealer's Wheel, Rab Noakes. Singer-songwriter, Betsy Cook

Poet, Ian McMillan

Busker, Gavin Randle

Guitarist, Hugh Burns

Music featured:

An acoustic version of Baker Street is played especially for Soul Music by the Hugh Burns.

The original demo of Baker Street, on which Gerry Rafferty plays the famous sax solo on guitar.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Karen Gregor (whose first decision when starting work on this programme was to NOT mention the urban myth about Bob Holness and the saxophone riff!)

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012

FRI 21:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b01qctqr)

Series 4

On The Waterfront

Paul Gambaccini returns with the series about how some of the greatest Best Picture Oscar winning films were made, and what they tell us about the history of the time.

The 27th Academy Awards, for films released in 1954, were dominated by 'On The Waterfront', a gritty, black and white masterpiece, set at the highly unionised New Jersey docks, then

controlled by the mob.

A real tale of corruption and murder on the waterfront is transformed into a fiction - as a simple minded ex-boxer, played by Marlon Brando, wrestles with his conscience as he turns informer to win the girl he loves.

This film not only gives us the most famous scene ever to take place in the back of a taxi, ("I coulda been a contender!"), it also showcases the talents of director Elia Kazan, and an astonishingly strong support cast - Rod Steiger, Karl Malden, Lee J Cobb and newcomer Eva Marie Saint- Method Acting at its height.

It also marks the end of the powerful team of director Elia Kazan and Method actor Marlon Brando - blown apart by Brando's horror at Kazan's decision to testify in front of the House Un-American Activities Committee, HUAC - then investigating the red-scare in Hollywood.

Is it a coincidence that 'On the Waterfront' tells the story of a man who informs - snitches on his friends - but holds the moral high ground?

Featuring a rich mix of archive and original interviews with actors, screen writers and film critics, and a revelatory interview with Thomas Hanley, a real life longshoreman who played Brando's young friend Tommy back in 1954.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

FRI 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001whfc)

Episode 10

Montag has found friends and evaded the authorities, for now. There may be a way to save the books that still exist, and even those that do not.

Ray Bradbury's cult classic was first published in 1953 but it imagines a world very like today, in which sophisticated mass media are used to pacify and control people; love is a commodity; attention spans are short and police hunts are live entertainment.

Poetic, dazzling and shocking: Ray Bradbury's vision of the future has become terrifyingly familiar.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

FRI 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f7xq)

10. Coma

Joe goes back to the intensive care unit to see his old friend Marion who is still in a coma.

The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.

Joe John Rowe

Marion Marcia Warren

Lee Neil Dudgeon

Saskia Amelia Bullmore

Written by Katie Hims.

Directed by Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

FRI 22:00 Unspeakable (m001wgzv)

Ever had an emotion or sensation on the tip of your tongue, but you just can't find the word? Finally, here's the show for you. Stand-up Phil Wang and lexicographer and etymologist Susie Dent challenge guests to dream up new words for universal, shared concepts and experiences which have always lacked names. Until now!

We've got our best people on the case. Linguists?

Anthropologists? Nope. Comedians!

Phil Wang and Susie Dent welcome guests putting forward a new word suggestion, hilariously picking apart each other's pitches. Unspeakable is a celebration of language and shared experiences and it's a cure for that relatable moment when we're lost for words.

Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent

Guests: Stephen Fry, Laura Smyth and Maisie Adam

Created by Joe Varley

Writer: Matt Crosby

Recorded by Jerry Peal

Programme Associate: Andy Brown

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockmun

A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Rum Bunch (b08q63kz)

Clenton

Justin Edwards, Mel Giedroyc and Dave Mounfield are in the fictional town of Clenton to perform a poorly researched re-enactment of the life of Annie Oakley, the gun toting legend of the Wild West.

Due to Mel's terrible American accent, Justin has asked Clare Grogan to take on the main role - much to Mel's annoyance.

Meanwhile Dave is trying to boost the sales of his homemade fish paste by getting a celebrity endorsement.

Things take a turn for the worse after Clare, inspired by her criminal alter ego, goes off script.

Will Mel ride to her old friends' rescue? Will they be able to understand what she says if she does?

Starring:

Justin Edwards

Mel Giedroyc

Dave Mounfield

With Jane Asher.

House band: Jason Hazeley and David Reed - The Penny

Dreadfuls

Producer: Jim North

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May

2017.

FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007jqw0)

Series 1

Episode 1

Having left the BBC, Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe embark on a new career as spin doctors in the world of government and media relations.

They're visited by the Chairman of the Conservative Party, who offers to establish them on the road to solvency...

Mark Tavener's political comedy stars Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.

With:

Jeremy Clyde

Tony Gardner

Simon Greenall

Siobhan Hayes

Martin Hyder

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

FRI 23:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

From Scythians to Shakespeare

From the Scythians to the Crusades.

The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.

With guest star Juliet Stevenson.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

FRI 23:45 Before They Were Famous (b05xh3nk)

Series 3

Episode 4

Ian Leslie presents the show that brings to light the often surprising first literary attempts of the world's best known writers.

In this episode, the author of Fight Club, Chuck Palahniuk is found to have started out doing out questionable advice as editor of the letters page of a US newspaper's children's supplement.

Next up, we hear Marcel Proust's unexpected ornithological leanings and previously undiscovered entries from Raymond Chandler's adolescent diaries.

To finish, there's another of Henrik Ibsen's uncomfortable Christmas cracker jokes.

Producer: Claire Broughton

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.