

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00z5c89)**

Series 11

Simple Gifts

Simple Gifts started life as a Shaker Hymn and became incorporated into the hymn Lord of the Dance and Aaron Copland's ballet suite Appalachian Spring. Nora Guthrie describes the central place this tune has played throughout her life.

Pete Lashley tells how he heard it unexpectedly whilst touring in New Zealand.

Michael Carter explains why his father chose this tune for his famous hymn "Lord of the Dance" and Scott Malchus describes running a marathon whilst listening to this music.

Featuring:

Thomas Swain

Michael Carter

Nora Guthrie

Scott Malchus

Pete Lashley

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

SAT 00:30 Butterfly Mind (p04fpy0)

Can a Shaman cure writer's block?

David Greig goes on a very personal quest in an attempt to find out.

David Greig is one of our most respected and successful playwrights. He's also the Artistic Director of the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh.

But he is suffering from writer's block; he is 'exhausted, like a mined out mine'.

He's tried many a cure, without success, and now he wants to visit a Shaman to see if there is a solution to be found somewhere in the spirit world.

As quests go, it's slightly odd, sometimes light-hearted but serious in parts...

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

SAT 01:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6bf)

5. Confession

One week of mobilising the massive resources of police and security services has produced very little results.

But Commander Knowles has uncovered a rather tenuous link between Sue Swinton and one of the kidnappers...

Will the strange repercussions of an incident at Okefield Park ever be revealed?

Starring Leslie Sands.

Thriller series written by Ted Willis - adapted from his own novel,

PM Jack Stoddart Leslie Sands

Jess Stoddart Mary Wimbush

Victor Cyril Shaps

Commander Knowles ... Geoffrey Matthews

Hugh Lashwood Preston Lockwood

Valchik Anthony Daniels

Karel Jonathan Owen

Insp Wiley Scott Cherry

WPS Bellamy Ellen McIntosh

DI Martin Colin Starkey

Ben Tomkins David Goudge

Sgt Evans Jon Strickland

Alan Pelpoe William Eedle

Jane Moir Leslie

Sgt Macey/Wallace Brett Usher

Sue Swinton Charlotte Long

Director: Graham Gauld

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1984.

SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (m000c58m)

Charles Paris: So Much Blood

1. The Photo Call

An actor dies as thespian sleuth Charles Paris is rehearsing for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

A stage dagger turns murderously into a real one...

Francis Matthews stars as Charles Paris.

Six-part thriller serial adapted from his own book by Simon Brett.

Charles Paris Francis Matthews

Brian Cassells Hugh Laurie

Frances Jennifer Hilary

James Milne Alan McNaughtan

Maurice Skellern Harry Landis

Pam Northcliffe Sara Corper

Michael Vanderzee Mark Wing-Davey

Martin Warburton Michael Maloney

Willy Mariello Billy McColl

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

SAT 02:00 Trapped (b0076grw)

Series 1

All Downhill from Here

A group of friends are landed in a situation they're desperate to get out of - on the slopes of a ski resort.

Series of six black comedies written by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Nadine Olivia Colman

Clare Joanna Holden

Craig Mark Maier

Paul Chris Pavlo

Enzo Daniel Maier

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

SAT 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jsnb)

Series 5

Settle Out of Court the Burkiss Way

Find out 'What's My Gender', plus a galactic 'Panorama'.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Starring:

Fred Harris

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

SAT 03:00 To Hull and Back (b09tcm7)

Series 3

Fourth in Show

When Sophie's new boyfriend Inran tells her he doesn't like her glasses, she's desperate for a pair of Givenchy designer specs.

But the salon's client list is still worryingly short and she can't get the money together.

So when she hears a dog show is coming to town with big cash prizes to be won for well-groomed pets, Sophie realises how she might be able to make her designer dreams a reality.

Meanwhile, Sheila makes a worrying discovery and Jean meets a potential girlfriend...

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.

Lucy Beaumont's warm-hearted sitcom about Sophie's efforts to escape her overbearing mother, Sheila.

Sophie Lucy Beaumont

Sheila Maureen Lipman

Jean Kerrie Marsh

Ernie Norman Lovett

Baker Debra Baker

Dotty Annie Sawle

Producer: Sam Michell

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

SAT 03:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gth)

10. Decision

Piranesi makes an important decision.

Piranesi begins to recover details that the House has made him forget.

Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has.

In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone.

Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered.

The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous.

The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite. Susanna Clarke's novel about the dreamlike, gothic territory.

Piranesi.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Concluded by Samuel Anderson.

Producer: Alison Crawford

A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.

SAT 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmtb)

15. Secrecy

Love is in the air in the Rue Plumet. But why is Jean Valjean so obsessed with secrecy?

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.

Victor Hugo Joss Ackland

Jean Roger Allam

Cosette Lucy Whybrow

Marius Jonathan Forbes

Thenardier Henry Goodman

Maboeuf Timothy Alcock

Combeferre Carl Prekopp

Toussaint Annette Badland

Eponine Patsy Palmer

Gavroche Leigh Conwell

Babet Christopher Goodwin

Claque Ewan Bailey

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

SAT 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m52xh)

Series 2

Episode 2

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by:

* Writer, David Quantick

* Comedian, Stewart Lee

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 04:30 Lucky Heather (b0075s9h)

4. Unforgiven

Recently widowed Denis hires Heather to trace his first love Yvonne.

Just this side of nosey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.

Starring Lindsey Coulson.

Sitcom by Sue Teddern.

Heather Lindsey Coulson

Natalie Abigail Hart

Ryan Ben Crowe

Craig Tom George

Denis James Taylor

Allison Gemma Saunders

Charlotte Lisa Kay

Lisa Beth Chalmers

Maev Dearbhla Molloy

Yvonne Elizabeth Bell

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

SAT 05:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000d07l)

4. Moon Conjunction Uranus

The death of a young girl is linked to a magical sect.

But as the evidence comes together, it seems to point back at Lacroix.

Lieutenant General Lacroix is trying to police France despite the turmoil of the Revolution.

Starring David Calder.

Nigel Baldwin's detective series set in Amiens, 1791.

Lt Gen Lacroix ... David Calder

Madeleine ... Frances Tomelty

Duval ... Simon Ludders

Monet ... Brian Hibbard

Josephine ... Bethan Jones

Chalier ... Steve Hodson

Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan

Jean ... Robert Harper

Roland ... Christian Rodska

Michel ... Andrew Wincott

Simone ... Sara Harris-Davies

Original music by Paula Gardiner.

Director: Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

SAT 06:00 Steve May - Moonman (m00245lp)

Ambrose Byron has written a book.

He is a security guard in a shopping precinct, but nobody is inclined to take his literary talent seriously.

Byron v the world: an open match.

Starring Norman Beaton and Sylvestre Le Touzel.

Written by Steve May.

Byron ... Norman Beaton

Trina ... Sylvestre Le Touzel

Debbi ... Carolyn Backhouse

Morris ... Ewen Cummins

DJ/Chairman ... Steve Hodson

Coggin/Lord Imber ... Laurence Payne

Simon ... Ian Targett

Bookshop Manager/Schmidt ... Simon Cuff

Sales rep/DJ ... Stephen Rashbrook

Sally ... Emily Richard

Princess ... Camilla Power

Jag ... Richard Tate

Chat Show Host ... Michael Tudor Barnes

Critic ... Michael Deacon

Interviewer ... Paul Sirr

Youth ... Mark McKenzie

Youth ... Dwaun Ackerman

Director: Penny Gold

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1988.

SAT 07:15 Destiny Waltz by Daphne Glazer (m00245lr)

'She was just peddling down the road when her eye happened on the notice board: "Tea Dances every Wednesday 2-4pm. 50p."'

After 43 years of toiling in a pub kitchen, Annie quits, hoping destiny will come knocking again.

Daphne Glazer's short story read by Judith Barker.

Producer: Penny Gold

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

SAT 07:30 Difficult Women by Helen Lewis (Omnibus) (m00245lt)

An account of the complexities of being 'difficult' and the necessity of being so to achieve change.

Loosely described as a history of feminism, 'Difficult Women' brings into focus some of the lesser-known women pioneers,

and uses their failures and successes to tell the story of how progress has been made, and sometimes thwarted.

Helen Lewis describes the challenges and the pain endured by women, from the grim history of force-feeding suffragettes to

Maureen Colquhoun Britain's first openly gay MP, frequently erased from history.

Written and read by Helen Lewis.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed.

Producer: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in June 2020.

SAT 08:45 Tales From A Long Room by Peter Tinniswood (m0002mnr)

Series 1

What Do I Mean By?

Which is closer to godliness? Cleanliness or cricket? No contest!

Robin Bailey reads another of Peter Tinniswood's cricket tales, as the acerbic Brigadier.

Abridged for radio by the author.

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Producer: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016r51w)

Torn to Shreds

The bungling bureaucrats must dispose of a budget surplus of 75p.

But their efforts spark more ministerial mayhem.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler

Lamb Richard Murdoch

Mildred Murfin/Vere de Vere Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley

Sidney Lightfoot/Racing Commentator/Ted Sponge/Lord

Stilton John Graham

News Reader Bryan Martin

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

SAT 09:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m002451w)

Episode 1

An early radio outing for the legendary comic duo.

Ernie explains to Eric that because they're not in front of TV cameras, they can go anywhere they like.

So they head to a health farm via the Riviera - and opt for swashbuckling adventure as the Two Musketeers.

Starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise.

A radio romp written by Eric Merriman.

With:

Elaine Taylor

Peter Hawkins

Music from:

Anita Harris

The Mike Sammes Singers

Burt Rhodes and his Orchestra

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

SAT 10:00 Unsung Heroines (m000p159)

3. Elsie Widdowson, Marjorie Hurst, Noor Inayat Khan, Josephine Butler, Nancy Wake, The Lumberjills, Rani of Jhansi
History is full of incredible women who did amazing things. And yet, even though their legacy is still felt today, their names aren't on the tip our tongues.

We've all heard of Florence Nightingale and Amelia Earhart - but what about Annie Russell Maunder, Jayaben Desai or Josephine Butler? They're much less well known, yet they all made significant and enduring contributions to our world.

The writer and comedian Viv Groskop has been trawling the BBC radio archives to find out about a kickass sisterhood that refused to stay at home when that's what was expected of them.

We meet the pioneering physician, Sophia Jex Blake; the Nobel laureate environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, the social reformer, Caroline Norton; the champion cyclist, Beryl Burton; we take a trip to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to learn about its founder, Mary Tealy. And many more.

Viv also invites contemporary women to nominate their favourite unsung heroines - so we hear from Clare Balding, Cathy Newman, Samira Ahmed, Natalie Haynes, Gemma Cairney, Angela Barnes and Jessica Fostekew about the females they call phenomenal.

From ancient Rome to the 21st Century, Viv Groskop brings inspiring women out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

Producer: Moy McGowan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2020.

SAT 11:00 Steve May - Moonman (m002451p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:15 Destiny Waltz by Daphne Glazer (m002451r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 12:30 Difficult Women by Helen Lewis (Omnibus) (m002451t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Tales From A Long Room by Peter Tinniswood (m0002mnr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016r51w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m002451w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Unsung Heroines (m000p159)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Nick Fisher - Finding Fellows (m0003kcx)

A computer expert surfs the internet for contacts, concealing his identity.

But what is his identity?

Sci-fi mystery drama written by Nick Fisher.

Richard Fellows Nicholas Woodeson.

Sal Sarah Rice

Geoff David Brooks

Tom Christopher Wright

Sally Karen Hayley

Other parts played by:

Alastair Danson

Alison Pettitt

Iwan Thomas

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

SAT 17:00 Steve May - Moonman (m002451p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:15 Destiny Waltz by Daphne Glazer (m002451r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 18:30 Difficult Women by Helen Lewis (Omnibus) (m002451t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Tales From A Long Room by Peter Tinniswood (m0002mnr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Men from the Ministry (b016r51w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m002451w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Unsung Heroines (m000p159)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000tpt2)

Geoff Norcott: Hates Being Told What To Do

The return of the award-winning comedian Geoff Norcott - this time to explain the origins of his right-leaning political ideology.

Geoff hates being told what to do - especially when he considers it's the state interfering with his and everyone else's lifestyle.

With the help of writer Chris Snowden, he doesn't hold back in saying where he thinks it's all gone too far and why the State should butt out.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

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

SAT 22:30 The Secret World (b03kv277)

Series 4

Episode 3

Mary Berry from The Great British Bake Off has to deal with a baking-related dispute between Ray Winstone and Bob Hoskins. Olympic director Danny Boyle is tasked with rescuing a cat from a tree, and James Naughtie seeks counselling from poet Roger McGough.

The Secret World is the impression show with a difference.

With

Jon Culshaw

Julian Dutton

Lewis MacLeod

Jess Robinson

Debra Stephenson

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton and Duncan Wisbey.

Produced and created by: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

SAT 23:00 Two Episodes of Mash (b01mqqt)

Series 2

Episode 3

Diane, Joe and David break loose from BBC Security and go on the run around Radio 4.

Hear them crash into programmes like Book At Bedtime and The Archers, before making their getaway with Aled Jones...

An animation of their Fishing Sketch by Tom Rourke can be seen on episode 1 of this series on BBC Radio 4 Extra's website.

A mix of silly, surreal sketches and banter starring Diane Morgan, and Joe Wilkinson.

With:

David O'Doherty

Paul Harry Allen

Bobbie Pryor

Gary Newman

Aled Jones.

Producer: Clair Wordsworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

SAT 23:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b02147zz)

Series 2

About Difficult Dads

Nathan's Dad celebrates his 50th birthday, but resents being made to feel middle-aged by his son.

So, he challenges him to see who is The Man of the House.

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

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

Will Nathan be able to persist and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference?

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

Written by: Nathan Caton.

Additional material by: Ola and Maff Brown.

Nathan Nathan Caton

Mum Adjoa Andoh

Dad Curtis Walker

Grandma Mona Hammond

Reverend Williams Don Gilet

Girl Chizzy Akudolu

Comedy Club Promoter Ola

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.

SAT 23:45 Sounding Off with McGough (b007jvnp)

6. The Way Things Are

Roger McGough's reflections on life, death and BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme.

With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator Andy Roberts.

Recorded at the Bath Festival.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04v8j59)

Poet Castaways

Michael Rosen

Author and children's poet Michael Rosen is castaway by Sue Lawley.

Since his first book, *Mind Your Own Business*, was published more than 30 years ago, Michael has been credited with revolutionising the way children's poems are written and performed.

Words and language have always formed an important part of his life. The son of two teachers, he was born into a London, Jewish family, and brought up in a home full of literature, conversation and debate. His poems often rely on snatches of dialogue and memories from his own childhood and relate his experiences with his own children.

His greatest commercial success has been his hugely popular retelling of the American folk tale *We're All Going on a Bear Hunt*.

He's also published a series of memories aimed at adults rather than children. In particular, these attend to the central tragedy of his life, the sudden death of his second son Eddie, when he was 18 years old. His death became a public matter because Eddie had featured so often in Michael's early work and was a well-known character to millions of children.

DISC ONE: Original Cast - Oh, What a Lovely War

DISC TWO: Ewan MacColl - Fourpence a Day

DISC THREE: Big Bill Broonzy - Black, Brown and White

DISC FOUR: Aretha Franklin - Spanish Harlem

DISC FIVE: John Doherty - Miss Ramsay

DISC SIX: Léo Ferré - Paname

DISC SEVEN: Smiley Culture - Cockney Translation

DISC EIGHT: Toumani Diabete - Taj Mahal's Tunkaranke

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Big Bill Broonzy - Black,

Brown and White

BOOK CHOICE: *The Complete Poems* - Carl Sandburg

LUXURY CHOICE: A didgeridoo belonging to his late son

Eddie

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)

Series 2

Elsa

David Attenborough recalls how, whilst en route to Madagascar, his BBC bosses asked him to break his journey in Kenya to visit the Adamsons.

Joy and George Adamson were famous for hand rearing a Lioness whom they named Elsa. She was the central character in the book written by the couple 'Born Free'. Sir David cleverly takes us from the romanticism of Born Free and being close to habituated lions, to the harsh reality of befriending a big cat.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m00246fm)

Poetry Please - Caroline Bird

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

Poetry Please - Caroline Bird.

Roger McGough is joined by the poet Caroline Bird, who

shares a selection of her favourite poems from the Poetry Please archive of listener requests.

Her choices include poems by Selima Hill, Ada Limon, Tomas Tranströmer, Luke Kennard, Carolyn Forché and Terrance Hayes.

Caroline Bird is a poet and playwright. She has five collections of poetry published by Carcanet.

Her most recent collection, *In These Days of Prohibition*, was shortlisted for the 2017 TS Eliot Prize and The Ted Hughes Award. A two-time winner of the Foyle's Young Poets Award, her first collection *Looking Through Letterboxes* was published in 2002 when she was 15. She won a major Eric Gregory Award in 2002 and was shortlisted for the Geoffrey Dearmer Prize in 2001 and the Dylan Thomas Prize in 2008 and 2010. She was one of the five official poets at the 2012 London Olympics. She is currently working on her sixth poetry collection.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

* Plus Daljit reads a poem from his *Poetry Extra Book of the Month: The Roots Belong To You* - a recently published anthology of 11-17 year old international poetry winners from the Poetry Society.

SUN 07:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (Omnibus) (m00246fp)

Episode 2

Following the joining of three tides, Piranesi reflects on the House and its inhabitants.

In his notebooks, day-after-day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the myriad statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other.

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Written by Susanna Clarke.

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes abridged by Sara Davies.

Concluded by Samuel Anderson.

Producer: Alison Crawford

A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00246fr)

Tim Minchin

Musical comedian Tim Minchin chooses 'What a Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong and 'Lullaby of Birdland' by Ella Fitzgerald.

SUN 08:50 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (Omnibus) (b007jtsc)

Episode 3

Marius is walking in the Luxembourg Gardens and sees Cosette. Just one glance and his life is changed forever!

But Valjean is nervous...

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Starring Joss Ackland, Roger Allam and David Schofield.

Omnibus of episodes 11 to 15 of 25.

Dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin Coghlan.

Victor Hugo... Joss Ackland

Jean Valjean Roger Allam

Inspector Javert ...David Schofield

Thenardier ... Henry Goodman

Cosette ... Lucy Whybrow

Marius ... Jonathan Forbes

Combeferre ... Carl Prekopp

Toussaint ... Annette Badland

Mme Thenardier ... Jane Whittenshaw

Eponine ... Patsy Palmer

Maboef ... Timothy Bateson

Azelma ... Helen Longworth

Gavroche ... Leigh Conwell

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (b008fd3n)

From 01/07/1958

Poking fun at tax bills and atomic power, plus some advice from Miss Romney Marsh.

The very first outing of Kenneth Horne's revered comedy troupe.

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Ron Moody

Stanley Unwin

Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio and the BBC Review Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

A madcap mix of sketches and songs, *Beyond Our Ken* hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like

Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles. The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 13 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 1.

The audio was restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1958.

SUN 10:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m00246ft)

Series 2

The Storm

When a precarious telegraph pole threatens their home, Evadne and Hilda head for Maud's house.

Although Maud and her family are very accommodating, it's not Evadne's cup of tea.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

Brought to you from the genteel setting of the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressel, where the musical duo reside.

Written by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe

Dame Hilda Brackett George Logan

Maud Daphne Heard

Tom Peter Wheeler

Three series ran on BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.

In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series *Dear Ladies*.

Producer: James Casey

A BBC Manchester production first broadcast on Radio 4 in 1978.

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SUN 16:00 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b0952xvg)

1. Peril

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

Alan Garner's fantasy novel first published in 1960.

Starring Robin Bailey.

Dramatised in four parts by David Wade.

Cadellin Robin Bailey

Gowther Mosscock/Narrator James Tomlinson

Susan Andrea Murphy

Colin Mark Kingston

Selina Place Rosalind Knight

Bess Patsy Byrne

Guard/Ticket collector George Parsons

Farmer/Porter Ronald Herdman

Crow Anne Jameson

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1989.

SUN 16:30 Catch My Breath (b007k391)

3. Connections

Two women. Two Adams - but what's the connection? Are they "Demon" or "Liberator"?

Starring Claire Knight and Suzanne Donaldson.

Marty Ross's supernatural thriller.

Kate Claire Knight

Colleen Suzanne Donaldson

Strachan Liam Brennan

Old Strachan John Shedden

Donnie Lewis Howden

Isla Eileen McCallum

Octavia Lucy Patterson

DC Carbeth James Bryce

WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford

Dennis Finlay McLean

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. - first broadcast in December 2007.

SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04v8j59)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m00246fm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SUN 18:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (Omnibus) (m00246fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00246fr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (Omnibus) (b007jtsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 Beyond Our Ken (b008fd3n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m00246ft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen (b0080p90)

Go to Joan Glover

An educational theatre troupe with an unusual agenda visit the school in the remote northern town.

The first incarnation of the award-winning black comedy, about the "local people" of Spent - before it hit TV.

Starring:

Mark Gatiss

Reece Shearsmith

Steve Pemberton

Written by the cast and Jeremy Dyson.

The League of Gentlemen won a Perrier Edinburgh Festival award in 1997 and this radio series debuted in the same year. They also won a Sony Radio Award. The cult series switched to TV for three series on BBC 2 from 1999, plus stage shows and a feature film.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

SUN 22:30 Electric Ink (b011kvmm)

Series 1

Episode 3

Editor Oliver wants Terry from Tottenham, as 'street boy' Freddy inadvertently breaks a top story in the Treasury.

Starring Robert Lindsay and Alex Jennings.

Old hacks meet new media in Alistair Beaton's satire set in the changing world of the newspaper industry.

Maddox Robert Lindsay

Oliver Alex Jennings

Amelia Elizabeth Berrington

Tasneem Zita Sattar

Masha Debbie Chazen

Freddy Ben Willbond

Announcer Matt Addis

With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

SUN 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b008qs25)

Series 1

Hero Worship

When Satan argues with the professor, he's introduced to one of his heroes, Leonardo da Vinci :

"The Renaissance. What a waste of time that was! I never got a penny for my helicopter."

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Grout

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Gary, The Demon Steven O'Donnell

Other characters played by:

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SUN 23:30 Twenty Players (b06kxptb)

Series 1

Frankie Swoop

Barry Davies tells the story of a most precociously talentless footballer.

Simon Bullivant's album of forgotten sporting heroes in a highly collectible series of six parts.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

SUN 23:45 Hearing with Hegley (b0075sym)

Series 3

Episode 8

John Hegley continues his series with a combination of live poetry readings and studio-based contributions from special guests.

The nation's second favourite comic poet has a haircut and recites poems about dogs - alive and stuffed.

Plus a song with Brother Andrew about cut-price accommodation.

Starring John Hegley.

Character comedian Andrew Bailey gives John a haircut.

Also appearing - Mark Radcliffe and Mark Riley.

Producer: Nigel Piper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024

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

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Catch My Breath (b007k391)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04v8j59)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m00246fm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (Omnibus) (m00246fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00246fr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (Omnibus) (b007jtsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Beyond Our Ken (b008fd3n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m00246ft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6wf)

6. Staccato

Police have arrested Tomkins whose plane was used for kidnapping the Prime Minister and his wife.

Commander Knowles has moved in on Sue Swinton. Time is running out - and he desperately needs to break down her resistance....

Will the strange repercussions of an incident at Okefield Park ever be revealed?

Starring Leslie Sands.

Conclusion of Ted Willis's thriller series - adapted from his own novel,

Jack Stoddart ... Leslie Sands

Jess Stoddart Mary Wimbush

Victor Cyril Shaps

Commander Knowles Geoffrey Matthews

Hugh Lashwood Preston Lockwood

Sue Swinton Charlotte Long

Inspector Wiley Scott Cherry

Jane Moir Leslie

Thornby Colin Starkey

Valchik Anthony Daniels

Karel Jonathan Owen

Colonel Ackland Bernard Brown

Director: Graham Gauld

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1984.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (m000cb2p)

Charles Paris: So Much Blood

2. D.U.D.S. on the Fringe

Charles Paris investigates the death of Willy Mariello and meets

Anna Duncan, one of the students appearing on the Edinburgh Fringe.

Francis Matthews stars as thespian sleuth, Charles Paris.

Simon Brett's thriller serial adapted from his own book.

Charles Paris Francis Matthews

Brian Cassells Hugh Laurie

Pam Northcliffe Sara Corper

Martin Warburton Michael Maloney

Anna Duncan Kim Thomson

Jean Mariello Frances Low

Michael Vanderzee Mark Wing-Davey

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

MON 07:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygd)

Face Value

The show has failed to deliver, but Emerald's too desperate to

give up so easily. Her feathers are ruffled when a bright and

talented intern arrives.

Starring Llewella Gideon.

Lisselle Kayla's sitcom about a vain, ambitious black woman

who dreams of becoming a chat show queen.

Tristram Jonathan Firth

Fabio Iwan Thomas

Victor Dean Hill

Eunice Sheila Reid

David Jonathan Keeble

Tanesha Jo Martin

Director: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

MON 07:30 The Navy Lark (m00246gq)

Series 11

CPO Pertwee's Long Service Medal

Chief Petty Officer Pertwee faces disappointment after a

meeting with Captain Povey.

How can the crew of HMS Troutbridge help?

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Commanding Officer Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Aldicot

Romana Heather Chasen

Taffy Goldstein / Uncle Ebenezer Tenniel Evans

The Padre Michael Bates

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959

and 1976.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1970.

MON 08:00 North by Northamptonshire (b017mx3z)

Series 2

Episode 1

As is well-known: Yorkshiremen wear flat caps and Essex girls

wear short skirts; Liverpudlians are scallies and Cockneys are

wideboys.

Northamptonians gaze wistfully at these stereotypes and wish

for an identity of any kind and a label less ridiculous than

Northamptonians.

Northamptonshire, let us be clear, is neither north, nor south

nor in the Midlands. It floats somewhere between the three

eyeing up the distinctiveness of each with envious eyes. Now

Katherine Jakeways is giving Northamptonshire an identity.

And she waits, benevolently, for her home-county to thank her.

And possibly make her some kind of Mayor.

Geoffrey Palmer joins the same incredible cast from the first

series - including Sheila Hancock as the Narrator, Penelope

Wilton, Mackenzie Crook, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon.

Wadenbrook is a small market town in a corner of

Northamptonshire, and will be familiar to anyone who has ever

lived anywhere. This year, its residents are building up to a

Dickensian Festival weekend, so expect mob caps, cravats and

shawls which are usually used as cat-blankets.

Written by and also starring Katherine Jakeways.

Keith John Biggins

Rod Mackenzie Crook

Jonathan/Ken Kevin Eldon

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Helen Jessica Henwick

Esther/Jacqui Katherine Jakeways

Jan Felicity Montagu

Norman Geoffrey Palmer

Angela Lizzie Roper

Mary Penelope Wilton

Frank Rufus Wright

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

MON 08:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw49)

1. Weekly Rep

Actor Timothy West reads from letters he wrote to his actress

wife, Prunella Scales, over a period of 30 years while on tour

around the UK.

It's 1961 and Timothy is working in weekly repertory theatre at

Nottingham's Theatre Royal, before heading north...

His collection was first published in 1994.

Producer Michael Earley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

MON 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmv)

16. The Rivals

Can Marius persuade his Grandfather to let him marry Cosette

before Valjean takes her to England?

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Dramatised in 25 episodes by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin

Coghlan.

Victor Hugo Joss Ackland

Jean Roger Allam

Cosette Lucy Whybrow

Gillenormand Leslie Phillips

Marius Jonathan Forbes

Eponine Patsy Palmer

Enjolras Peter Darney

Combeferre Carl Prekopp

Toussaint Annette Badland

Gavroche Leigh Conwell

Vendor Sean Baker

Director Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00246gt)

News and views from Westminster with Sean Curran.

MON 09:30 Fungi - The Fifth Kingdom (b008nwj)

1. A World Wide Web

Mycologists at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, reveal some

extraordinary facts.

Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists studying

fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of

organisms on the planet.

Producer Sheena Duncan

A BBC Natural History Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2008.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m00246gx)

Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Truth Revealed

by God

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Truth

Revealed by God

Presenter: Fr Paschal Uche

Reading: Psalms 43: 1-5

Music:

Trust - Philippa Hanna

The Lord is my light and my salvation - St Martins Voices

Great is thy faithfulness - Carrie Underwood & CeCe Winans

MON 10:00 Sounds Natural (b01slst)

Peter Cushing

Award-winning actor Peter Cushing takes a break from making

horror films to discuss his enthusiasm for the British

countryside and its wildlife.

Aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Peter tells Derek Jones how he used to spend hours with his late

wife Helen watching wild birds from their home on the estuary

at Whitstable in Kent.

Peter Cushing, OBE: died aged 81 in 1994.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1972.

MON 10:30 Sweet Mother KD (b07pgvjn)

Laura Barton sorts through myth and misdirection to tell the

story of Karen Dalton, the folk world's answer to Billie Holiday.

Karen was a mesmerising singer, the queen of Greenwich

Village. Playing 12-string guitar or long-neck banjo, she sang

blues, folk, country, pop, Motown - re-making each song in her

own inimitable, heartbreakingly style. She was never known as a

songwriter in her lifetime, but rather as an interpreter of other

people's songs.

Dalton's sometime harmonica player Bob Dylan wrote in his

memoir, "my favourite singer was Karen Dalton... she had a

voice like Billie Holiday's and played the guitar like Jimmy

Reed and went all the way with it."

She went all the way with it. Karen Dalton went so far that it

seems not many people were prepared to follow and her life

story is peppered with gaps and sadness, a catalogue of tall tales

left in her wake. She was married and divorced twice, with two

children, while still in her teens.

Some say she was half-Cherokee, that she kidnapped one of her

own children and ran away to New York City.

Some say that she had to be tricked into recording her first

album, and that her missing teeth came at the hands of a jealous

lover.

Some say she was homeless, penniless and that she died of

AIDS on the New York streets. That particular detail happens

not to be true, but what is certain is that she was a powerful

singer and performer who - whether through disinterest on her

part, lousy timing, bad luck or bad habits - never really realised

her potential.

The mysteries that surround her life may be part of the reason

for a recent resurgence of interest in Karen Dalton. In the last

few years, several CDs of reissued and previously unreleased

material have appeared.

But there's been another, more illuminating, if bitter-sweet,

reinvention as well.

After Karen Dalton's death, her papers came into the possession

of her friend Peter Walker. Contained in these folders, among

the transcriptions of traditional songs, mementoes, doodles and

fragments, are a number of original poems and songs that shed

a new light on a performer previously only known for giving

heart-breaking voice to other people's material.

Featuring:

Sharon Van Etten

Dan Hankin,

Josh Rosenthal

Peter Stampfel

Peter Walker

Producer: Martin Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

MON 11:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6wf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (m000cb2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (m00246gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 North by Northamptonshire (b017mx3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

Series 2

Episode 2

The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove

that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Hosted by Clive Anderson.

Gyles Brandreth and Natalie Haynes

battle it out against

John O'Farrell and Richard Herring.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MON 14:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00fz0wd)

Saga Louts

When Brian's parents offer to take him and his family on

holiday, he can hardly say no.

A 40-something son must watch from the sidelines as his newly-

retired parents spend their hard-earned cash on themselves.

Starring Kris Marshall

Sitcom written by Clive Coleman

Harry Kris Marshall

Jo Raquel Cassidy

Brian Kenneth Cranham

Liz Judy Parfitt

Jess Antonia Thomas

With Stephen Critchlow, Chris Pavlo and Janice Acquah

Director: Sam Hoyle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

MON 15:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00246h0)

1. Flight from London

His wife's friends find Charles Strickland a dull dog.

He is a stockbroker with nothing to say for himself at her

glittering literary gatherings.

His time is still to come.
W. Somerset Maugham's novel, first published in 1919, was inspired by the life of the artist Paul Gauguin.
Starring Ronald Pickup, Patrick Allen and Margaret Whiting.
Dramatised in four episodes by Jeffrey Segal.
Maugham Ronald Pickup
Charles Strickland Patrick Allen
Amy Strickland Margaret Whiting
Robert Strickland Michael Tudor Barnes
Rose Waterford Phyllida Nash
Colonel MacAndrew Bernard Brown
Mrs MacAndrew Ellen McIntosh
Other parts played by:
Helen Atkinson-Wood
Arnold Diamond
David Garth
Narissa Knights
Clive Panto
Helen Schroder
Director: John Cardy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.
MON 16:00 Sounds Natural (b01slst0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Sweet Mother KD (b07pgvjn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6wf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (m000cb2p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygkd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
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MON 20:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00fz0wd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00246h0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m0023y9h)
Series 93
5. Cheek by jowl with some stubbly nosed man
Kiell Smith-Bynoe, Jennyclair, Josie Lawrence and Julian Clary join host Sue Perkins for the long-running, quick-thinking Radio 4 panel game. Each player tries to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation on subjects including Letting The Cat Out Of The Bag, Styling It Out, and Retiring To The Seaside.
Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
Producer: Rajiv Karia
An EcoAudio certified production.
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0019r7w)
Series 1
Manchester to Bournemouth
Alexei Sayle takes another train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - by actually talking to his fellow passengers.
In this episode, he travels from Manchester to Bournemouth. Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:
* Moira who, as a dedicated Manchester City fan, has sky blue hair, sky blue clothes and even a sky blue house.
* Jean who's been visiting a lifelong friend who worked alongside her as a psychiatric nurse.
* Steven and Simon who are both accountants spending their leisure time travelling the world together to go to top music gigs
* Rail enthusiast and veteran record producer, Pete Waterman on one of his thousands of trips on the west coast line.
Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons
A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00249zt)
Tom Ward 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Rob Deering talks to Tom Ward.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0023ygg)
Series 115
Inflation and Incinerators
This week on The News Quiz, the panel assess the fall in inflation, Wes Streeting's latest bright idea.
Written by Lucy Porter, with additional material by: Mike Shephard, Tasha Dhanraj, Peter Tellouche and Alfie Packham.
Producer: Rajiv Karia
Executive Producer: James Robinson
Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4
An Eco-Audio certified Production
MON 23:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life

(m000g451)
Series 3
Summer
Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed quest to make sense of the human experience.
With jokes and songs, Mark is aided by the sardonic musical brilliance of Flo and Joan, and by a different comedy friend in each programme. This week, it's Sofie Hagen.
This series examines the four seasons of the year and the seasons of a human life, as Mark - at the halfway point of his expected lifespan - considers what might come next.
This week, Mark and his guests look at Summer - the prime of life, the highpoint of the year, and soon to be the only season we'll have!
Produced by Lianne Coop.
An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.
TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024
TUE 00:00 Sounds Natural (b01slst0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Sweet Mother KD (b07pgvjn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6wf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (m000cb2p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygkd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 The Navy Lark (m00246gq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 North by Northamptonshire (b017mx3z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw49)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmvl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00fz0wd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00246h0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m001dfpg)
Bertie and the Crime of Passion
1. A Pistol in the Pocket
1891: There's a fatal shooting at the Moulin Rouge nightclub in Montmartre.
Bertie, the Prince of Wales - and future King Edward VII - has just arrived in Paris and loves to get involved in a spot of amateur sleuthing.
So, he embarks on an investigation, which takes him through the streets of Paris alongside his famous and glamorous actress companion - Sarah Bernhardt.
Peter Lovesey's royal historical whodunit.
Starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire.
Dramatised in four parts by Geoffrey M Matthews.
Bertie Robert Lang
Sarah Bernhardt Jane Lapotaire
Jules Olivier Pierre
Georges David Timson
Toulouse-Lautrec Andrew Branch
Valentin Roger May
Director Matthew Walters
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1995.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (m000cctj)
Charles Paris: So Much Blood
3. First Lunch
Charles is continuing his investigations into the death of Willy Mariello.
Now he turns his attention to James Milne, owner of the house where the other university actors are staying...
Francis Matthews stars as thespian sleuth, Charles Paris.
Simon Brett's thriller serial adapted from his own book.
Charles Paris Francis Matthews
Pam Northcliffe Sara Corper
Martin Warburton Michael Maloney
Anna Duncan Kim Thomson
Lesley Petter Lesley Manville
James Milne Alan McNaughtan
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.
TUE 07:00 Living with Betty (b09gvdzc)
Episode 2
A reconciliation dinner for Trevor and Katherine has an unexpected outcome.
Starring Barbara Windsor and Peter Sallis.
North meets South in Arline Whittaker's sitcom.
Betty Barbara Windsor
Bill Glynn Edwards
Harold Peter Sallis
Muriel Rosalind Knight
Trevor Simon Molloy
Katherine Diana Mather

Recorded at City Varieties in Leeds.
Producer: Mike Craig
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1986.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)
Series 6
The Mighty Wurlitzer
Neddie Seagoon propels his mighty organ across the Sahara Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenlade
Producer: Peter Eaton
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1956.
TUE 08:00 Alone (m000bg44)
Series 2
Friday Nights, Saturday Mornings
Will's new girlfriend Hannah has a problem with Mitch being around all the time and, to Ellie's dismay, Will finds himself having to make a difficult decision. Meanwhile, Louisa is convinced her acting career is collapsing and she is determined to get her retaliation in first.
Sitcom about five single, middle-aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.
Mitch is a widower and part-time therapist, looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living with Will, his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother.
Elsewhere in the building is schoolteacher Ellie who is shy, nervous and holds a secret candle for Mitch. Overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa, and socially inept IT nerd Morris complete the line-up of mis-matched neighbours.
Mitch Angus Deayton
Will Pearce Quigley
Ellie Abigail Cruttenden
Hannah and Rebecca.....Carrie Quinlan
Louisa Kate Isitt
Morris Bennett Arron
Written and created by Moray Hunter
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy Productions
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2019.
TUE 08:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4f)
2. Subversive Shakespeare
1969: Timothy West reflects on his years with Prospect Theatre, performing in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and later taking over as director for the Old Vic Theatre Company...
Actor Timothy West reads more of the letters he wrote to his actress wife, Prunella Scales, over a period of 30 years while on tour around the UK.
Producer Michael Early
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
TUE 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmw2)
17. Revolution
The French capital city is on the brink of revolution. Marius and his friends are determined to play a role. Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.
Dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
Victor Hugo Joss Ackland
Jean Roger Allam
Cosette Lucy Whybrow
Marius Jonathan Forbes
Combeferre Carl Prekopp
Toussaint Annette Badland
Enjolras Peter Darney
Grantaire Ewan Bailey
Eponine Patsy Palmer
Fricasse Sarah Paul
Gavroche Leagh Conwell
Sergeant Sean Baker
Captain Christopher Goodwin
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.
TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00244qh)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
TUE 09:30 Fungi - The Fifth Kingdom (b008p84c)
2. What Lies Beneath
More fungi can be found in woodlands than anywhere else, appearing every autumn as their fruit bodies burst through the ground.
Cardiff University's Lynne Boddy reveals the complex struggles which take place underground.
Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists studying fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of organisms on the planet.
Producer Sheena Duncan
A BBC Natural History Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2008.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m00244ql)
Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Courage and

Empowerment

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) -

Courage and Empowerment

Presenter: Grace Thomas

Reading: Joshua 1:5-9

Music:

Call on Him - London Community Gospel Choir

Cold World - Beverley Knight feat. London Community Gospel Choir

Lead my feet - Seth Pinnock & A New Thing

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09cz3mf)

Rick Edwards and George Lamb

Presenters Rick Edwards and George Lamb join Harriett

Gilbert to talk about their favourite books by Dave Eggers, Jane Gardam and Yvon Chouinard.

Heroes of the Frontier by Dave Eggers

Publisher: Penguin

Queen of the Tambourine by Jane Gardam

Publisher: Abacus

Let My People Go Surfing by Yvon Chouinard

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

TUE 10:30 The Physicist's Guide to the Orchestra (b01p3n9f)

In 1945, Benjamin Britten wrote 'The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, showing off the instruments of the orchestra in a short film.

Viewers are taken through each section of the orchestra accompanied by a narration which describes the different sound quality of instruments:

'Clarinets ... make a beautifully smooth, mellow sound', flutes have a 'sweet voice' and the oboe has a 'plaintive quality.'

Trevor Cox looks at the physics behind the way orchestral instruments produce their unique sound.

How is the sound produced, and how much does the material from which the instrument is made affect the sound? Trevor Cox is Professor of Acoustic Engineering at the University of Salford.

He talks to scientists who have studied musical instruments:

* David Sharp from the Open University

* Mike Newton at Edinburgh University

* Jim Woodhouse of Cambridge University

Members of the BBC Philharmonic provide the players' perspective.

Producer: Nick Holmes

An R&M North production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2012.

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TUE 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmw2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Act Your Age (b00fn0vg)

Series 1

Episode 1

Simon Mayo hosts a three-way play-off to establish which generation of comedians is the funniest.

Captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker are joined by guests Josh Howie, Stephen K Amos and Barry Cryer.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

TUE 14:30 Romantic Friction (b00764mh)

An Ending..?

Brian has gone to the Shetland Isles to make giant fibreglass ducks.

Meanwhile Anna's head is throbbing because she's been hitting the cooking sherry.

Her romantic novel is on hold, her characters are unhappy and her publisher is nagging her for a finished copy.

Is there any chance of a happy ending?

Starring Samantha Bond and Hugh Bonneville.

Conclusion of Michelle Read's four-part comedy-drama series.

Anna Samantha Bond

Brian Hugh Bonneville

Deirdre Beth Chambers

Fertility Doll Adjoa Andoh

Buddah Kammy Darweish

Brenda Michelle Read

Bob Andrew Wincott

Minnie Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Book Michael Fenton Stevens

Dougie Ewan Bailey

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

TUE 15:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00244qp)

2. Loose in Paris

Freed from the strait-jacket of respectability, Charles Strickland is prepared to starve for his art.

Those who befriend him, it seems, are required to suffer too. W. Somerset Maugham's novel was inspired by the life of the artist Paul Gauguin.

Starring Ronald Pickup, Patrick Allen and Margaret Whiting. Dramatised by Jeffrey Segal.

Maugham Ronald Pickup

Charles Strickland Patrick Allen

Amy Strickland Margaret Whiting

Dirk Stroeve Ronnie Stevens

Blanche Stroeve Rosalind Ayres

Dealer James Bryce

Jouvert William Hope

Director: John Cardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Heresy (m0018grv)

Series 12

Episode 5

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.

This week with Katy Brand, Phil Wang and David Mitchell. Written, presented and produced by Victoria Coren Mitchell

with additional material from Dan Gaster and Charlie Skelton Series created by David Baddiel

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b0076q2b)

Series 2

Episode 6

Time to hark back to a gentler age of radio for a rollicking archive adventure.

Crossword challenges and dinner with the devil.

Cerebral sketch show written by and starring:

Neil Edmond,

Justin Edwards

James Rawlings

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 23:00 Crème de la Crime (b0089jzj)

Carripon up the Jungle

Mutiny, murder, and a possible parking fine in a dastardly case of felony afloat.

David Pershore travels to the tropics of the Far East. That is, if he can bear to have the inoculations.

Recalled by Michael Feydeau -TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore

Using a daring mixture of reconstructions, interviews, music and specially made noises, tales from the vaults of villainy.

Written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

With:

Olivia Colman

Ewan Bailey

Director: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

TUE 23:15 Warhorses of Letters (b01peqkr)

Series 2

Episode 4

It's the eve of Waterloo and our two heroes face the prospect of seeing each other face to face, if only it was not across a battlefield.

And is Marengo's life at risk from another more immediate enemy?

The continuing romantic correspondence between two of history's most important horses: Napoleon's mount Marengo and the Duke of Wellington's own Copenhagen.

Marengo Stephen Fry

Copenhagen Daniel Rigby

Narrator Tamsin Greig

Written on their behalf by Marie Phillips and Robbie Hudson.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007i32k)

Series 1

Love

The sci-fi star and his crew set sail on a romantic cruise.

Written by and starring Richard Herring and Stewart Lee.

With:

Tom Baker

Rebecca Front

Armando Iannucci

Producer Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (m001dfgz)

Bertie and the Crime of Passion

2. The Artist in the Barn

Bertie - the Prince of Wales and keen amateur sleuth - is hot on the trail of the Moulin Rouge murderer.

More vital clues are unearthed with the help of his glamorous companion, Sarah Bernhardt.

Peter Lovesey's royal historical whodunit - set in 1891 Paris.

Starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire.

Dramatised by Geoffrey M Matthews.

Bertie Robert Lang

Sarah Bernhardt Jane Lapotaire

Jules Olivier Pierre

Tristan Paul Jenkins

Rosine Tracy Wiles

Goron Geoffrey Whitehead

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1995.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (m000ce9v)

Charles Paris: So Much Blood

4. Legal Aid

Convinced Willy Mariello's been murdered, Charles Paris enlists the help of his solicitor friend, Gerald Venables, in the investigation...

Francis Matthews stars as thespian sleuth, Charles Paris.

Simon Brett's thriller serial adapted from his own book.

Charles Paris Francis Matthews

Anna Duncan Kim Thomson

James Milne Alan McNaughtan

Gerald Venables Jeremy Child

Jean Mariello Frances Low

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.

WED 07:00 Ballylenon (b00807h2)

Series 5

Episode 5

Wrangling over the Hoover cottage continues, as Stompy's protest backfires.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, County Donegal in 1956.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Mrs McFinney Aine McCartney

Stumpy Bonnat Gerard McSorley

Josie Doherty Cathy White

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Bohunkus Smith BJ Hogg

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

WED 07:30 The Missing Hancock's (b04ly3xv)

Series 1

The Matador

Tony uses Sid's travel agency to book a holiday in Spain, little knowing that Sid also runs a bullfighting business.

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of

Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.

But 20 episodes of the show were missing from the BBC archives, until four highly successful series lovingly reimagined them before a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre. In this recreation: Tony uses Sid's travel agency to book a holiday in Spain, little knowing that Sid also runs a bullfighting business....

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Sid James Simon Greenall

Andree Melly Susy Kane

Classic Hancock score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

Producers: Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson.

The original version of 'The Matador' was first broadcast in July, 1955.

A BBC Studios production first broadcast on Radio 4 in October 2014.

WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04v3838)
Series 2

The Well of Loneliness

Tom's father uncovers some potentially life-changing news through his research into the family tree. Tom is press-ganged into helping him find a church which might contain disturbing news for the Wrigglesworth name.

Meanwhile, Tom's mum and gran enter the cut-throat world of competitive well-dressing.

Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Granny Judy Parfitt

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

WED 08:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4h)

3. Homesickness

Timothy West reads letters written to his wife Prunella Scales during his 1975 RSC 'Hedda Gabler' tour of Australia and America. He also reflects on the Oscar ceremony for that year, and finding his son at the airport sweet stall.

The British actor reads from 'I'm Here I Think, Where Are You?' - a collection of letters written to his wife, Prunella Scales, over a period of thirty years... The collection was originally published in 1994.

Producer Michael Earley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

WED 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmwk)

18. Fighting

Valjean joins Marius and his friends on the barricades as the fighting increases on the streets of Paris.

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Dramatised by Sebastian Backkiewicz.

Victor Hugo Joss Ackland

Jean Roger Allam

Javert David Schofield

Marius Jonathan Forbes

Combeferre Carl Prekopp

Enjolras Peter Darney

Grantaire Ewan Bailey

Eponine Patsy Palmer

Fricasse Sarah Paul

Gavroche Leigh Conwell

Rebel Sean Baker

Rebel Christopher Goodwin

Director Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001

WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00246h7)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

WED 09:30 Fungi - The Fifth Kingdom (b00dc2m7)

3. Grassland Gems

Some fungi like nothing better than old unimproved grassland.

From red to yellow and pink to green, amateur naturalist

Rosemary Winnall reveals the colourful delights of her garden

where endless waxcaps, fairy clubs and earth tongues emerge.

Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists studying

fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of

organisms on the planet.

Contributors Lyn Body, Brian Spooner, Mike Roberts,

Rosemary Winnall

Producer Sheena Duncan

A BBC Natural History Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2008.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m00246hb)

Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Finding the

Real Me

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Finding

the Real Me

Presenter: Augustine Tanner-Ihm.

Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Music:

Found Myself a Reason - The London Gospel Choir

Imagine Me (Kirk Franklin) - Melodees from Heaven

Something Inside So Strong - The Spirituals

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000fn9t)

Everyone's A Star

YouTube is a cultural behemoth.

It's the second biggest website on the internet after Google and is watched by people across the world for over a billion hours a day.

But what effect is it having on us as individuals, and on our society?

Tech journalist Chris Stokel-Walker charts the video sharing website's rise from an idea in a computer engineering student's bedroom to a platform with a reach far greater than the BBC and all other television networks put together.

Chris meets one of the internet's original vloggers, talks to an early YouTube celebrity and finds out what it's like to become famous on YouTube in 2020.

He also explores the dark side of the website. In the past 18 months, YouTube has been accused of driving political extremism and giving credence to conspiracy theories and fake news.

How did one simple design decision taken by higher ups at the company help fuel those accusations?

Chris talks to an ex-YouTube insider who helped build the algorithm that lies at the centre of that decision.

We hear from an American teenager who says watching videos on the website was the reason he became a far-right radical.

And we talk to an academic whose research helped uncover a shocking and terrible secret that forced YouTube to reckon with its fiercest critics.

Producer: Joe Sykes

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.

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WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b0211jrj)

Series 27

2013 Heat 5

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The contestants will have to display their knowledge of music in all its variety, from Puccini and Wagner to Elvis Costello and the music of the Bond films.

There are plenty of musical extracts to identify, both familiar and surprising.

The fourth trio of competitors battling it out in the BBC Radio Theatre, London are:

David Hodder from Camberley in Surrey;

Martin Jackson from London

Trevor Hanley from Hove.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.

WED 14:30 Hazelbeach (b00m0zz5)

Series 2

Weed

Nick and Ronnie discover that there is a fate worse than James.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy about likeable conman

Ronnie Hazelbeach starring Jamie Forman.

Ronnie Hazelbeach Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazely

James Neil Stuke

Chloe Tracy Wiles

Vince David Hargreaves

Joe Snow David Stafford

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

WED 15:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00246hd)

3. A Marriage Destroyed

To put paint on canvas is now the breath of life to Strickland.

Nothing else, no one, matters, including himself.

W. Somerset Maugham's novel, first published in 1919, was

inspired by the life of the artist Paul Gauguin.

Dramatised in four episodes by Jeffrey Segal.

Starring Ronald Pickup, Patrick Allen and Rosalind Ayres.

Maugham Ronald Pickup

Charles Strickland Patrick Allen

Dirk Stroove Ronnie Stevens

Blanche Stroove Rosalind Ayres

Doctor Jon Strickland

Sister Helena Breck

Director: John Carley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 22:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m0023y0q)

Series 1

3. John Robins & Michelle De Swarte

Comedian and obsessive Ivo Graham welcomes 2 guests to share their biggest obsessions with him.

British Podcast Award-winning comedians John Robins and Michelle De Swarte join Ivo this week. John is obsessed with musical icon and prolific songwriter Frank Zappa, while

Michelle spends more than she's willing to admit on skincare. Ivo also delves into the audience to find out what their

proclivities are, and finally Ivo is joined by a Very Obsessed Person, or 'VOP'. This week, Paul Beckmann not only tells us

of his love of Fortresses of the UK, but his wife, Katia also joins to explain just how deep the obsession goes.

Hosted by Ivo Graham

Featuring John Robins, Michelle De Swarte and Paul & Katia Beckmann

Written by Ivo Graham and Matthew Crosby

Additional Material by Ray Badran, Cody Dahler, Christina

Riggs and Peter Tellouche

Recorded at the Marylebone Theatre by Duncan Hannant and

Donald McDonald

Sound edited by Charlie Brandon-King

Production Coordinators: Katie Baum and Jodie Charman

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies, a BBC Studios Audio

production for Radio 4

An EcoAudio certified production

Show image: Matt Stronge

WED 22:30 The Goldfish Bowl (m0018q2p)

Series 2

Episode 7

Anton and Liam - the Eric and Ernie of the fish fraternity - are back with more underwater wit and fishy frivolity.

Will Anton be able to survive the choppy waters of buying real estate?

Starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl.

Goldfish bowl based sitcom written by Shaun Prendergast.

Anton Sean Foley

Liam Hamish McColl

Susan Tracy Ann Oberman

Struan Shaun Prendergast

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

WED 22:45 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03zx9pg)

Episode 2

Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler discovers ancient

Egyptian music and what the Dutch think of British pubs.

With Fiona MacDonald.

Producer: Mark Savage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0024b9n)

Tom Ward 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Rob Deering talks to Tom Ward.

WED 23:00 The Big Fun Show (b00kvb5d)

Episode 1

If you like your fun big, then it's time to put the canasta away, pop the grapefruit juice back in the fridge, and finish all the Toffees.

The Big Fun Team are here with half an hour of big fun!

Written and presented by Paul Merton and John Irwin.

Also starring:

Josie Lawrence

Neil Mullarkey

Tony Hawkes

Julian Clary

Music by Tony Hawkes.

Additional material by the cast, Steve Edgar, Ian McPherson,

Paul Jackson and Jeremy Hardy.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

WED 23:30 The Skwer (m0023y10)

Series 12

Episode 6

The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before.

Jon Holmes remixes the news into a satirical concept album.

This week: The Economy in Wonderland, Choppy Days, and

The Invasion of the European Commission on Human Rights.
 Producer: Jon Holmes
 An unusual production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:45 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b04fzfy9)
 Series 1
 Doing the Best for Daniel
 A single mother will stop at nothing to give her son the best education and future.
 But might she have gone too far?
 Written by and starring Jenny Eclair.
 Leading actresses star in Jenny's comic series about women facing a crisis in their lives.
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

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 Bertie and the Crime of Passion
 3. House of Pleasure
 Bertie - the Prince of Wales - is bewildered by the apparent lack of motive for the Moulin Rouge murder.
 He's convinced that he knows who didn't carry out the shooting, while Sarah Bernhardt has her own suspicions.
 In pursuit of the truth, Bertie must visit a notorious 'house of pleasure'...
 Peter Lovesey's royal historical whodunit - set in 1891 Paris.
 Starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire.
 Dramatised by Geoffrey M Matthews.
 Bertie Robert Lang
 Sarah Bernhardt Jane Lapotaire
 Goron Geoffrey Whitehead
 Morgan John Hartley
 Juliette Zulema Dene
 Rosine Tracy Wiles
 Mimi Linda Regan
 Hermione Tessa Worsley
 Concierge Diana Payan
 Francis Stephen Critchlow
 Director: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1995.
THU 06:30 Whodunnits (m000ccwc)
 Charles Paris: So Much Blood
 5. Last Lunch
 Charles suspects Anna Duncan of murdering Willy Mariello, but her fellow-student Martin Warburton is still behaving strangely.
 Francis Matthews stars as thespian sleuth, Charles Paris.
 Simon Brett's thriller serial adapted from his own book.
 Charles Paris Francis Matthews
 Anna Duncan Kim Thomson
 James Milne Alan McNaughtan
 Frances Jennifer Hilary
 Brian Cassells Hugh Laurie
 Martin Warburton Michael Maloney
 Stella Galpin-Lord Sheila Mitchell
 Guide Fraser Kerr
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.
THU 07:00 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jltzd)
 Plastic Balls and Sewing Machines
 Butterthwaite is getting a new museum - can Graham get an exclusive on the opening?
 John Gradwell's six-part sitcom about life in Butterthwaite's local newspaper office.
 Bert Ball Jeffrey Holland
 Graham Carpenter Robert Beck
 Brenda Thistlethwaite Frances Jeater
 Arnold Beasley David Ryall
 Vicky Cox Sue Devaney
 Lawrence Stevens Dean Williamson
 All other parts played by Rachel Atkins, Mark Gatiss, Peter Serafinowicz, Peter Silverleaf and Dave Lamb
 Producer: Kathy Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.
THU 07:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jpyy)
 7. The First Meeting
 Pike and Hodges campaign to save the pier, while Uncle Arthur upsets Mavis
 Starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.
 A seaside saga of pier perpetuation.
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Frank Pike Ian Lavender
 Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee
 Miss Perkins Vivienne Martin
 Fred Guthrie Glyn Edwards
 Based on the Dad's Army characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1984.
THU 08:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)
 Series 3
 Legacy
 After a recent brush with death, Richard considers the legacy he will leave behind.
 So he ponders the best way to bequeath something to the next generation.
 Jon Canter's not quite true autobiography of Richard Wilson.
 Will you believe any of it?
 Himself Richard Wilson
 Himself David Tennant
 Himself John Humphrys
 Herself Kathy Clugston
 Himself Daniel Evans
 Mr Bean Simon Greenall
 Jennifer La Marr Lucy Robinson
 Lucinda Lucy Robinson
 Margy Kellie Shirley
 Mary McCormack Martine McMenemy
 Julie Eva Feiler
 Produced and directed by Clive Brill.
 A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.
THU 08:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4l)
 4. When in Rome
 October 1985: Timothy is asked to perform in The Vatican to mark the anniversary of the martyrdom of St Cyril and St Methodius.
 British actor Timothy West reads from his own work 'I'm Here I Think, Where Are You?' - a collection of letters he wrote to his wife, Prunella Scales, over a period of thirty years while on tour. The collection was originally published in 1994.
 Producer Michael Earley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
THU 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmwz)
 19. Bombardment
 The French army is determined to put down the student uprising.
 Marius and his friends pay dearly for their part in it.
 Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.
 Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.
 Victor Hugo Joss Ackland
 Jean Roger Allam
 Cosette Lucy Whybrow
 Marius Jonathan Forbes
 Javert David Schofield
 Combeferre Carl Prekopp
 Toussaint Annette Badland
 Enjolras Peter Darnay
 Rebel Christopher Goodwin
 Grantaire Ewan Bailey
 Director Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001
THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00244qt)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
THU 09:30 Fungi - The Fifth Kingdom (b008p7vd)
 4. Anywhere and Everywhere
 Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists studying fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of organisms on the planet.
 Taking part Brian Spooner and Mike Roberts
 Producer Sheena Duncan
 A BBC Natural History Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2008.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m00244qs)
 Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - No Kingdom divided
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - No Kingdom divided
 Presenter: Angel Morgan
 Reading: Matthew 12:25-31
THU 10:00 Great Lives (p00gj68r)
 Joan Littlewood
 Victor Spinetti was working as a comedian in a strip-club when Joan Littlewood invited him to join her 'Theatre Workshop'.
 It was this which set him on the road to Broadway.
 He tells Matthew Parris about the joys of working with a great director (who hated to be called a director) and how she cured his 'apologetic feet'.

Other parts of Joan's story are supplied by theatre-historian Nadine Holdsworth.
 Featuring archive interviews with Joan Littlewood herself.
 Producer: Peter Everett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
THU 10:30 Henry Cyril Paget: Lord Of The Dance (b00m36bl)
 Sheila McClellon investigates why, in 1904, Henry Cyril Paget - the "dancing marquis" - was bankrupted by his love of theatre.
 As a child, Sheila McClellon spent her summer holidays in Anglesey, where she became obsessed with the story of the Fifth Marquis, Henry Cyril Paget, an extravagant eccentric who converted the chapel at his stately home into a theatre and spent enough to bankrupt the family in the space of six years.
 His was a life of jaw-dropping excess. After the bankruptcy, a series of auctions held to recoup some of the money he had spent lasted several months and consisted of 17,000 lots, including some of the most lavish costumes in existence and jewels worth millions of pounds in today's money.
 The family was keen to erase him from their history, and little has been known about him until now, as Sheila returns to the scene of her family holidays to find out more about the man dubbed by locals, 'The Mad Marquis'.
 Producer: Geoff Bird
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.
THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m001dfmy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 Whodunnits (m000ccwc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jltzd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jpyy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmwz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 Dilemma (b05pmrtt)
 Series 4
 Episode 1
 Sue Perkins returns with a fourth series of the show that puts the big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel.
 This week, it's the turn of comedians Sarah Millican and John Robins, journalist Michael Deacon and former Blue Peter presenter Janet Ellis, who discuss how to deal with sexist wedding DJs, answer an audience question about coming out for a second time, and pit themselves against the moral clock in the Quickfire Round, where shades of gray are discarded in favour of immediate, black-or-white responses. Episode one of six.
 Dilemma is presented by Sue Perkins, and was devised by Danielle Ward.
 Presenter ... Sue Perkins
 Guest ... Sarah Millican
 Guest ... Michael Deacon
 Guest ... Janet Ellis
 Guest ... John Robins
 Devised by ... Danielle Ward
 Producer ... Ed Morrish.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
THU 14:30 The Brothers (b00zpgps)
 Series 3
 First Aid
 Michael aims to dump his fiancée, Nigel suffers, and Zorro wields some murderous crutches. Stars Adam Godley. From March 2007.
THU 15:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00244r0)
 4. Peace on Tahiti
 Charles Strickland finds rest at last - but will he cheat the world of his artistic masterpiece?
 W. Somerset Maugham's novel, first published in 1919, was inspired by the life of the artist Paul Gauguin.
 Dramatised in four episodes by Jeffrey Segal.
 Starring Ronald Pickup, Patrick Allen and Valerie Murray.
 Maugham Ronald Pickup
 Charles Strickland Patrick Allen
 Nichols Douglas Blackwell
 Tough Bill Henry Stampfer
 Australian Jon Strickland
 Tiare Johnson June Tobin
 Ata Valerie Murray
 Capitaine Brunot Jeffrey Segal
 Dr Coutras Andre Maranne
 Amy Strickland Margaret Whiting
 Robert Strickland Michael Tudor Barnes
 Director: John Carby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (p00gj68r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:30 Henry Cyril Paget: Lord Of The Dance (b00m36bl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
THU 17:00 Whodunnits (m001dfmy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:30 Whodunnits (m000ccwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 18:00 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jltzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmwz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Dilemma (b05pmrtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Brothers (b00pzzgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00244r0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m0023x9z)

Series 3

3. Money

Comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch and her sassy digital assistant Algo open up their bank balances and tackle the controversial topic of money. What exactly is money? What does it mean to "have money"? Are taxes even real? No seriously, should you be opening those letters from HMRC at all?

Performed by Olga Koch

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin

Featuring Rajiv Karia as Algo

Additional material from Rajiv Karia, Peter Tellouche and Christina Riggs

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios Audio Production for BBC Radio 4

THU 22:30 On the Hour (b007k3zk)

Series 1

Episode 4

Why cream maybe good for you - and another motorway goes missing...

All the news as it happens, if it happens - and the sport must go on for a bereaved Alan Partridge.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris. With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01pty49)

Series 5

Benjamin Zephaniah

The late poet Benjamin Zephaniah watches his first James Bond movie and tries his first mug of builder's tea.

Series in which guests experience new things and give their verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke - and explain why they've waited so long to do it.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

THU 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lp32n)

Series 1

Episode 3

Arthur Smith invites an audience into his home in Balham, south London, for music and comedy.

With guest comedians:

Nat Luurtsema

Seann Walsh

Micky Flanagan.

In the kitchen, Arthur learns a thing or two about rock n' roll from guest band Alabama 3 (responsible for the theme tune to The Sopranos).

Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.

Producers: Sam Michell and Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (p00g68r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Henry Cyril Paget: Lord Of The Dance (b00m36bl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (m001dfm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (m000ccwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jltzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmwz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Dilemma (b05pmrtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Brothers (b00pzzgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 W Somerset Maugham - The Moon and Sixpence (m00244r0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (m001dfm)

Bertie and the Crime of Passion

4. A Trail of Poison

Bertie - the Prince of Wales - discovers more about Maurice's promiscuous past.

But he seems to be as far away as ever from solving the murder at the Moulin Rouge....

Conclusion of Peter Lovesey's royal historical whodunit - set in 1891 Paris.

Starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire.

Dramatised by Geoffrey M Matthews.

Bertie Robert Lang

Sarah Bernhardt Jane Lapotaire

Jules Olivier Pierre

Goron Geoffrey Whitehead

Francis /Registrar Stephen Critchlow

Tristan Paul Jenkins

Jacques/Mustafa Daniel Philpott

Landlady Tessa Worsley

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (m000chjt)

Charles Paris: So Much Blood

6. Up In The Castle

With one suspect cleared of murdering Willy Mariello, a bomb is planted in Charles Paris's bag - meaning suspicions shift elsewhere...

Francis Matthews stars as thespian sleuth, Charles Paris.

Conclusion of Simon Brett's thriller serial adapted from his book.

Charles Paris Francis Matthews

Anna Duncan Kim Thomson

James Milne Alan McNaughtan

Martin Warburton Michael Maloney

Frances Jennifer Hilary

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.

FRI 07:00 Trapped (b0076gw4)

Series 1

Stand-Up Tragedy

Backstage at a comedy club, four comedians are about to discover that life on the circuit isn't always a laugh a minute. In fact we could be heading for a Stand Up Tragedy...

Six black comedies by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Bill Philip Jackson

Lynn Lynne Ferguson

Rob Chris Pavlov

Andy Mark Maier

Pietr Daniel Maier

Froggy Ralph Ineson

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

FRI 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)

Series 5

Wave Goodbyes to CBEs the Burkiss Way

The cult sketch show team's last-ever episode.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.

With special guest David Jason.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

FRI 08:00 To Hull and Back (b09v2x5b)

Series 3

Welcome to the Family

Sophie auditions for the panto at New Hull Theatre so she can show Imran she's more than just a hairdresser.

But when Sophie doesn't get a part, Sheila decides to take matters into her own hands so she can see her daughter on that famous stage, fulfilling her dreams.

And of course, more importantly, so she can impress the committee for Kirkella ladies golf...

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.

Lucy Beaumont's warm-hearted sitcom about Sophie's efforts to escape her overbearing mother, Sheila.

Sophie Lucy Beaumont

Sheila Maureen Lipman

Jean Kerrie Marsh

Nigel the Director Mike Bubbins

Imran Shane Zaza

Producer: Sam Michell

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

FRI 08:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4l)

5. Another Crack at Lear

Timothy reflects on the Bristol Old Vic and touring in 'King Lear' in Ireland.

1990: Timothy returns to the Bristol Old Vic as associate director, replete with every diminishing financial backing.

1992: Tivoli Theatre, Dublin, to play King Lear. Timothy has to

work with a Japanese costume designer and a host of digital watches that regularly go off during the quietest section of the play.

British actor Timothy West reads from his own work "I'm Here I Think, Where Are You?" - a collection of letters he wrote to his wife, Prunella Scales, over a period of thirty years while on tour. The collection was originally published in 1994.

Producer Michael Earley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

FRI 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmxz)

20. Sewers

Valjean must find his way through the maze of the Paris sewer system if he is to save the life of Marius.

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.

Victor Hugo Joss Ackland

Jean Roger Allam

Cosette Lucy Whybrow

Javert David Schofield

Thenardier Henry Goodman

Toussaint Annette Badland

Policeman Peter Darney

Policeman Sean Baker

Directed by Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m002450z)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

FRI 09:30 Fungi - The Fifth Kingdom (b008p7vf)

5. A Fungus Amongst Us

For all their fascinating lifestyles, fungi can be our friend or foe. Mycologists reveal the impact that fungi have had on the planet and how our survival is dependent on theirs.

Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists who study fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of organisms on the planet.

Taking part:

Elizabeth Johnson

Lyn Body

Brian Spooner

Mike Roberts

Producer Sheena Duncan

A BBC Natural History Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2008.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0024512)

Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Pass no judgement

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Reclaiming Narratives (Black History Month) - Pass no judgement

Presenter: Seth Pinnock

Reading: Romans 2:1-8

Music:

Be thou my vision - The Spirituals

Were you there - The Spirituals

The Lord is my shepherd - Cissy Houston & the Georgia Mass Choir

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0017swt)

Young Hearts Run Free by Candi Staton

Candi Staton and others celebrate this 1970's disco classic which delivers an optimistic message.

Written by David Crawford and released in 1976 this is the kind of song that feels like a carefree celebration, something to lose yourself in on the dancefloor.

But its story isn't quite so simple. As Candi tells Soul Music, Young Hearts Run Free was influenced by her own troubled and abusive relationship which she struggled to leave. In fact the creation of the song helped her gain the confidence to finally walk away.

Other contributors are:

Singer songwriter, Glen Hansard. He performs the song 'as' his mother because it reminds him so much of what the song meant to her.

Ziggi Battles, a singer who chose to cover the song as a way of rejoicing in the role it played in recovering from a very difficult time.

Jason Gilkison, the Creative Director of Strictly Come Dancing. It will forever remind him of the first time he choreographed a group dance for Strictly at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. His grandfather had danced there himself as a young man, before establishing the first dance school in Perth, Australia, which is where Jason developed his own love of ballroom dancing.

Neil Brand, composer and broadcaster, analyses why the piece works musically. He also describes the pure joy of a version by Kym Mazelle and - unlikely as it seems - the actor and opera singer, Paul Sorvino. It was used as the soundtrack to the ballroom scene in Baz Luhrmann's film of Romeo and Juliet.

Versions used: Candi Staton; Glen Hansard; Maz O'Connor; Ziggi Battles; Gloria Estefan; Kym Mazelle; Kym Mazelle (Ballroom Version) with Paul Sorvino

Produced for BBC Audio in Bristol by Karen Gregor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

FRI 10:30 Freedom Song (b008q0sr)

When celebrated African-American contralto Marian Anderson was refused permission to sing at Washington's Constitution Hall in 1939, the result was a free concert at the Lincoln memorial.

75,000 people gathered to hear Anderson's solo recital.

Tony Phillips tells the story of a remarkable event where the

worlds of high art and civil rights were brought together.
Produced at BBC Manchester by Ekene Akalawu.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (m001dfms)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (m000cbjt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Trapped (b0076gw4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 To Hull and Back (b09v2x5b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mb1r1)
Series 2
Episode 3
James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.
Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Singer, Clare Grogan
Journalist, Danny Kelly
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Written and researched by James Walton
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

FRI 14:30 Lucky Heather (b0075sg8)
5. True Grit
Heather used to clean for Angela. Now Angela suspects her teenage daughter is on drugs so asks Heather to investigate. Just this side of nousey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.
Starring Lindsey Coulson.
Sitcom by Sue Teddern.
Heather Lindsey Coulson
Natalie Abigail Hart
Ryan Ben Crowe
Charlotte Lisa Kay
Joe Gavin Muir
Angela Bond Jilly Bond
Barman Tim Treloar
Director: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

FRI 15:00 Wakefield (b00rs19x)
A dull middle-aged man has been living his monotonous ordinary life for years.
He devises a plot to temporarily leave home in order to observe the effect on his wife from a flat opposite.
But he stays away much longer than expected.
And it becomes more and more difficult for him to return...
Starring David Haig.
Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story, first published in 1835.
Dramatised by Martyn Wade.
Wakefield David Haig
Hawthorne John Rowe
Mrs Wakefield Richenda Carey
Mr Lucas Ferris Jonathan Keeble
Mrs Brand Jennie Stoller
Doctor Gordon Reid
Producer: Cherry Cookson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m0017swt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Freedom Song (b008q0sr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (m001dfms)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (m000cbjt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Trapped (b0076gw4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 To Hull and Back (b09v2x5b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 I'm Here I Think, Where Are You? by Timothy West (b007jw4n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mb1r1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Lucky Heather (b0075sg8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Wakefield (b00rs19x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Exposure (m0024514)
Loosely based on the true story of comedian and actor Jordan Gray, Exposure stars Jordan as Grace, an attention-starved reality star desperately trying to remain relevant after the world has moved on.
Grace always knew she deserved to be famous. Her appearance on Sing For the Nation's Love – the UK's favourite TV talent show – made her an overnight sensation, accelerated by the story of her gender transition.

The British public created an omnivorous fame monster - soaking up their acclaim, while feeding off the hot potato of identity politics. But reality TV is cyclical - and hot potatoes eventually go cold.
A year on, her fame has plummeted and Grace is left chasing the identity she forged beneath the limelight. How can she convince the world she's still special when no-one's listening anymore?
This is a comedy about a woman who has been allowed to define her identity - but not her fame.
Aided by her curmudgeonly but lovable father (Vincent Franklin), a reluctant sister/PA (Selin Hizli) and a trend-chasing agent (Harry Trevaldwy), Grace will do anything to climb the showbiz ladder and reach the level of fame she knows she deserves. Who needs dignity when you've got attention?
Written and Created by Jordan Gray
Cast:
Grace/Hacker Jordan Gray
Dad Vincent Franklin
Toadie Selin Hizli
Director/Police/Dog Track Announcer Marc Pickering
Gavin/Police/Surgeon Adrian Richards
Caeser Harry Trevaldwy
Jada Blink/Police/Radio DJ Sarah Twomey
Production Team:
Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield
Broadcast Assistant: Tashi Radha
Executive Producer: Simon Nicholls
A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 The Million Pound Radio Show (b007k1j3)
Series 2
Episode 8
Motsom's Syndrome - and a nuclear attack.
Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.
Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.
With:
Harry Enfield
Morwenna Banks
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0024b9l)
Tom Ward 3/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Rob Deering talks to Tom Ward.

FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007zmmr)
Series 3
Episode 4
Martin has a sporting challenge, but can Charles save a disgraced minister?
Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire. Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the world of government and media relations.
Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry
Martin McCabe John Bird
Sir Archibald Sullivan Tony Gardner
Clive Tom George
Sandy Siobhan Hayes
Johannes Pollard Chris Pavlo
Maurice David Timson
With Beth Chalmers
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

FRI 23:30 Elvenquest (b00k9d80)
Series 1
Episode 5
The Questers face the Tower of Tests and are horrified when one of their number is struck down. Meanwhile Lord Darkness must confront some revolting slaves.
More comic adventures set in lower Earth where fantasy writer Sam has been coerced into joining a band of intrepid heroes as they battle the dread forces of evil in search of the legendary sword of Asnagar!
Fantasy sitcom written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
Sam Stephen Mangan
Vidar Darren Boyd
Dean Kevin Eldon
Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman
Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
Kreech Kevin Eldon
Amis James Bachman
With:
Chris Pavlo
Lizzy Watts
Clare Wille
Producers: Anil Gupta & Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.