



THE PRECIOUS THINGS

1970s Odd Pop and Rare Rock

The Precious Things season gives us the perfect opportunity to pore through the deeper alcoves of the archives to liberate material that would often otherwise lay unseen for decades. Today's compilation brings together a cornucopia of colourful clips of pop and rock stars from the 1970s; performances, reports, interviews and some inspired daftness. The scattergun approach of our compilation means that many styles and types of music and performer are included. Although the main focus may be the artists included, there is also much interest here in comparing and contrasting the styles of the different host programmes included. These comparisons can be made between the contemporary programmes but also with the very different styles and tones of today's programmes.

Clips today come from the following programmes:

Nationwide (the BBC's early-evening wraparound strand featuring items of interests from various BVC regions)

2Gs and The Pop People (an LWT music and dance programme featuring the Second Generation group with musical guest stars)

The Basil Brush Show (BBC puppet superstar Basil often featured musical guest stars on his show, usually involved in some comedy business with the host, a quick-witted, often faintly risqué fox partly based on ace cad Terry-Thomas)

It's Your Future (A Thames show that looked at future job prospects for teenagers. In this edition they consider pop music)

45 (Granada pop programme, hosted by David 'Kid' Jensen and broadcast from The Hardrock in Manchester)

Play It Again Stewpot (Yorkshire TV show, made before the rise of the pop video, with its own unique method of interpreting pop songs)

Russell Harty (The LWT chat show would occasionally feature music guests)

Magpie (Thames children's magazine programme aimed to be trendier than its BBC rival *Blue Peter* by offering features on items of interest to pre-teens and early teens, especially pop music items)

Look Alive (Granada pop music magazine programme)

Rock of Ages (LWT series featuring pop artists in performance and in interview)

The majority of clips come from ITV programmes and there are two reasons for this. Firstly the BBC pop and rock archives have been quite comprehensively plundered over the years whereas the ITV archives, split as they are between various ex-franchises, are harder to negotiate. Secondly the BFI is the official archivist for ITV and so holds a massive amount of ITV material from all the regions.

Dick Fiddy, December 2021

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Sat 11 Dec 15:00

An Evening with Vincent Price:

Vincent Price Is in the Country + Aspel and Company

Sat 11 Dec 17:50

Neil Innes and Terry Jones: East of the Moon (+ intro by producer Joy Whitby) + The Innes Book of Records

Fri 17 Dec 18:10

Christmas Specials of Yesteryear:

Magpie + Max Headroom's Giant Christmas Turkey

Sat 18 Dec 18:20

REGULAR PROGRAMME

African Odysseys: Billy Bang Lucky Man + intro by author Kevin Le Gendre, and Q&A with co-director Markus Hansen

Sat 11 Dec 17:30

Silent Cinema: The Virginian + intro by BFI Curator Bryony Dixon

Sun 12 Dec 13:00

Seniors' Free Archive Matinee: So Long at the Fair + Q&A (TBC)

Mon 13 Dec 14:00

Relaxed Screening: The Black Balloon

Tue 14 Dec 18:10

Projecting the Archive: I Could Go On Singing + intro by BFI Curator Josephine Botting

Thu 16 Dec 18:15

Bogarde at 100: The Servant

Thu 16 Dec 20:45; Mon 20 Dec 14:00 (Seniors' matinee + Q&A TBC);

Tue 28 Dec 18:30; Wed 29 Dec 17:55

Terror Vision: The Shout

Thu 30 Dec 20:50

BIG SCREEN CLASSICS

The Apartment

Wed 1 Dec 18:00 (+ pre-recorded intro by critic and improviser Tara Judah); Mon 13 Dec 14:30; Wed 22 Dec 20:40; Tue 28 Dec 18:10; Thu 30 Dec 20:30

Remember the Night

Thu 2 Dec 14:30; Mon 27 Dec 13:00; Thu 30 Dec 18:00

Meet Me in St Louis

Fri 3 Dec 20:45; Sun 19 Dec 12:20; Wed 22 Dec 18:00; Tue 28 Dec 12:20

Miracle on 34th Street

Sat 4 Dec 15:50; Sat 11 Dec 18:00; Fri 17 Dec 14:30

A Christmas Tale (Un conte de Noël)

Sun 5 Dec 17:50; Tue 28 Dec 15:15

Scrooge (aka A Christmas Carol)

Mon 6 Dec 18:30; Thu 16 Dec 21:00; Fri 17 Dec 18:20; Sat 18 Dec 18:10; Sun 19 Dec 15:40; Mon 20 Dec 18:10; Tue 21 Dec 14:30

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas

Tue 7 Dec 18:30; Sat 11 Dec 16:00; Tue 21 Dec 21:00; Thu 23 Dec 20:45

Gremlins

Wed 8 Dec 17:50 (+ intro by Justin Johnson, Lead Programmer); Sat 18 Dec 20:45; Wed 22 Dec 20:45; Wed 29 Dec 20:50

Bad Santa

Fri 10 Dec 20:45; Mon 13 Dec 20:50; Fri 17 Dec 21:00

It's a Wonderful Life

From Sun 12 Dec – Thu 23 Dec

Tokyo Godfathers (Tokyo goddofazazu)

Tue 14 Dec 20:45; Mon 20 Dec 20:45

Carol

Wed 15 Dec 17:50; Mon 27 Dec 18:00; Thu 30 Dec 14:20

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