



Talking Pictures
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CHRISTMAS EVE Mon-24-Dec on TALKING PICTURES TV

06:00 TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1946)

A beautiful adaptation of the famous poem, with a mixture of animation and live action.

06:15 FOREVER ENGLAND (1935) Directed by Walter Forde

Starring: John Mills, Betty Balfour, Barry MacKay & Jimmy Hanley.

During WW1, a group of British troops are captured by Germans after their ship sinks.

07:45 BUSY BODIES (1933) Directed by Lloyd French

Starring: Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Stan and Ollie do battle with inanimate objects & their co-workers during a routine work day at the saw mill.

08:10 SCROOGE (1935) Directed by Henry Edwards

Starring: Seymour Hicks, Donald Calthrop, Robert Cochran and Oscar Ashe.

The first existing sound version of Charles Dickens classic story of the miser Scrooge.

09:45 RHYTHM SERENADE (1943) Directed by Gordon Wellesley

Starring: Vera Lynn, Peter Murray-Hill, Julien Mitchell, Jimmy Jewel & Ben Warriss.

During WW2, A teacher is persuaded to organise a nursery for a military factory.

11:30 TOWED IN A HOLE (1932) Directed by George Marshall

Starring: Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy with Billy Gilbert.

Stan convinces Ollie that they should become fishermen, but making a boat seaworthy is not an easy task.

11:55 HOME FOR CHRISTMAS (1990) Directed by Peter McCubbin

Starring: Mickey Rooney, Simon Richards, Lesley Kelly and Chantelle Kent.

A homeless man befriends a young child over the Christmas holidays, developing a bond that will change their lives forever.

13:55 HIGH FLIGHT (1957) Directed by John Gilling

Starring: Ray Milland, Bernard Lee, Kenneth Haigh & Anthony Newley.

An R.A.F Commanding Officer must deal with a testing cadet, but the Cadet reminds him of his younger self.

15:40 BFI: THE CHRISTMAS TREE (1966) Directed by Jim Clark

Starring: Brian Blessed, William Burleigh, Anthony Honour and Kate Nicholls.

Gary is determined to get a tree for the children who will be in hospital for Christmas and so enlists the help of his brother and sister to help him in his quest.

16:50 FOR THE LOVE OF ADA CHRISTMAS SPECIAL (1971) Directed by Ronnie Baxter

Starring: Irene Handl, Wilfrid Pickles, Jack Smethurst and Barbara Mitchell. **PREMIERE**

A Christmas Special of the gentle 70s sitcom. As Ada wonders what to do with the cold left-over Christmas Pud, Walter bemoans that Christmas isn't what it used to be. Ruth and Leslie aren't talking, as he is suffering from amnesia and a giant Hangover after the Christmas office party – so Ada decides to teach him a lesson and plant a bra in his car...

17:30 GREAT EXPECTATIONS (1974) Directed by Joseph Hardy

Starring: Michael York, Sarah Miles, Margaret Leighton, James Mason & Anthony Quayle.

Charles Dickens' tale of an orphan given the opportunity to escape from poverty. (Subtitles Available).

20:00 DANGER UXB (1979) **PREMIERE** S1, Ep8: **Bad Company** Directed by Ferdinand Fairfax.

Starring: Anthony Andrews, Judy Geeson & Kenneth Farrington.

A new C.O's method of discipline borders on the psychotic, so the overworked men of the unit consider mutiny.

21:00 POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS (1951)

A silhouette animation post office information film. A real nostalgic festive piece!

21:05 THE HOLLY AND THE IVY (1952) Directed by George More O'Ferrall

Starring: Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson, Denholm Elliott and Margaret Leighton.

Martin is a widowed British reverend who knows his parishioners better than his own children. Martin's detachment from his family is never more evident than at Christmas, when the family comes together to celebrate. Their story includes a remembrance of their World War II trials.

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23:00 THE GENTLE TOUCH (1984) **PREMIERE** S5, Ep13: **Exit Laughing.** Directed by Gerry Mills

Starring: Jill Gascoine, William Marlowe, Paul Moriarty and Wanda Ventham.

A minor civil servant is found dead in rather exotic surroundings. (Final episode).

00:00 THE DEVIL AND DANIEL WEBSTER (1941) Directed by William Dieterle

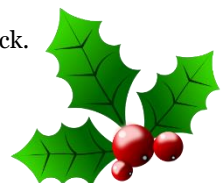
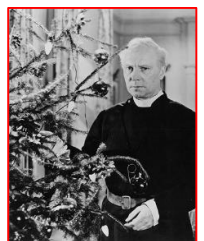
Starring: James Craig, Edward Arnold, Walter Huston, Jane Darwell and Simone Simon.

A New England farmer makes a deal with the Devil to give up his soul for 7 years of prosperity and good luck.

02:00 AN ALLIGATOR NAMED DAISY (1955) Directed by J Lee Thompson

Starring: Donald Sinden, Diana Dors, James Robertson Justice and Jeannie Carson.

When Peter Weston returns to England he finds that Daisy, a tame alligator, has been left in his care.



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CHRISTMAS DAY **Tues-25-Dec** on **TALKING PICTURES TV**

06:00 GOOD MORNING, BOYS (1937) *Directed by Marcel Varnel*

Starring: Will Hay, Martita Hunt, Lilli Palmer, Charles Hawtrey & Peter Gawthorne.

A teacher of a boy's school unwittingly helps an escaped convict.

07:35 GLIMPSES: CHRISTMAS IN BRITAIN

Join the festive cheer all over the country in this short film showing how Christmases past were celebrated in London, the great British countryside and a traditional British home.

07:45 WATERLOO ROAD (1944) *Directed by Sidney Gilliat*

Starring: John Mills, Stewart Granger, Alastair Sim and Joy Shelton.

After Jim reports for military duty, he suspects that his bride has been seeing another man.

09:20 THE UGLY DUCKLING (1959) *Directed by Lance Comfort*

Starring: Bernard Bresslaw, Jon Pertwee, Reginald Beckwith and Richard Wattis.

Henry Jekyll is an outsider waiting for a purpose in life until he discovers, by accident a secret family formula that will literally change him!

11:00 SILENT NIGHT (1939)

A history of the origins of Silent Night in a 'glimpse' of a film produced under the supervision of the Rt. Rv. Archbishop Dr. Ignatius Ridder on the site where the original events took place.

11:15 THE BULLDOG BREED (1960) *Directed by Robert Asher*

Starring: Norman Wisdom, Edward Chapman, Terence Alexander & David Lodge.

Norman Puckle joins the Navy under the same Admiral he refused to yield to in the harbour.

13:15 BFI: TERMINUS (1961) *Directed by John Schlesinger*

Iconic short of a day in the life of a London Railway Station.

13:50 SCROOGE: A CHRISTMAS CAROL (1951) *Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst*

Starring: Alastair Sim, Mervyn Johns, Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison and George Cole.

"Easily the best screen version of the much loved yuletide tale" Radio Times 5-Stars*****

Christmas is not a time of celebration for the tight-fisted Ebenezer Scrooge. After resentfully allowing timid clerk Bob Cratchit to have Christmas Day to spend with his family, Scrooge is swept into a nightmare. The ghost of his late partner, Jacob Marley, appears to warn him that he will be visited by three more spirits who will show the cold-hearted man the error of his parsimonious behaviour. *(Subtitles Available).*

15:35 RING OF BRIGHT WATER (1969) *Directed by Jack Couffer*

Starring: Bill Travers, Virginia McKenna and Peter Jeffries.

Graham buys a frisky otter called Mij, but soon realises that a cramped London bathtub is no place for such a creature, so Graham heads to a Scottish village with Mij for a new start. *(Subtitles Available).*

17:40 OLIVER TWIST (1948) PREMIERE *Directed by David Lean*

Starring: Alec Guinness, Robert Newton, Kay Walsh, John Howard Davies and Anthony Newley.

When 9-year-old orphan Oliver Twist dares to ask his cruel taskmaster, Mr. Bumble, for a second serving of gruel, he's hired out as an apprentice. Escaping that dismal fate, young Oliver falls in with the street urchin known as the Artful Dodger and his criminal mentor, Fagin. But when the kindly Mr. Brownlow takes Oliver in, Fagin's evil henchman Bill Sikes decides that he will get the boy back. David Lean's masterpiece. *(Subtitles Available).*

20:00 DANGER UXB (1979) PREMIERE S1, Ep9: Seventeen Seconds to Glory *Directed by Douglas Camfield.*

Starring: Anthony Andrews, Judy Geeson and Nick Tate.

Ash learns how to dispose the new German land mines, thanks to the help of naval experts.

21:00 AND SOON THE DARKNESS (1970) PREMIERE *Directed by Robert Fuest*

Starring: Pamela Franklin, Michele Dotrice & Sandor Eles.

Two young English women, Jane and Cathy, go on a cycling tour of the French countryside, but become separated after they argue over various differences including a young man they have encountered. Learning that the area has a "bad reputation" from a café owner, Jane decides to head back and find Cathy to make up for their disagreements, but is it already too late?

23:05 DULCIMA (1971) *Directed by Frank Nesbitt*

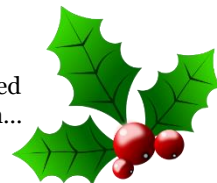
Starring: John Mills, Carol White and Stuart Wilson.

Dulcima, a girl treated as a drudge by her family, lifts herself from her environment by becoming a housekeeper for Mr Parker.

01:05 PRIZZI'S HONOR (1985) *Directed by John Huston*

Starring: Jack Nicholson, William Hickey, Anjelica Huston & Kathleen Turner.

Life in the Prizzi family is good when you honour the wishes of the Godfather. Charley Partanna is respected for ruthlessly carrying out murder contracts, but his head is turned when he falls for a beautiful hit woman...



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BOXING DAY Wed-26-Dec on TALKING PICTURES TV

06:00 SECRET MISSION (1942) Directed by Harold French

Starring: James Mason, Michael Wilding, Carla Lehmann & Hugh Williams.
British intelligence are sent to assess the German defence of Nazi occupied France.

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08:05 BELL BOTTOM GEORGE (1944) Directed by Marcel Varnel

Starring: George Formby, Anne Firth & Reginald Purdell.

Rejected by the military 3 times, a hapless waiter gets a job on a ship but is mistaken for a real sailor.

10:05 GRIMALDI: THE FUNNIEST MAN IN THE WORLD (2017) PREMIERE Directed by Jon Conway

Starring: David Essex, The Chuckle Brothers, Charlie Cairoli Jnr & Vicki Michelle.

A true story of a 19th century clown Joe Grimaldi, the man who invented panto. An aging Joe Grimaldi builds up towards an ill advised final comeback, while his son struggles with living in his father's shadow.

10:30 BEYOND CHRISTMAS (1940) Directed by A Edward Sutherland

Starring: Harry Carey, C. Aubrey Smith & Charles Winninger.

The ghosts of three victims of an airplane crash return to Earth to help reunite a young couple. (Subtitles available).

12:05 LOST IN THE DESERT (1969) Directed by Jamie Uys

Starring: Wynand Uys & Jamie Uys.

After plane crash, a young boy and his dog must learn to survive in the heart of the African desert.

13:45 PASSPORT TO PIMLICO (1949) PREMIERE Directed by Henry Cornelius

Starring: Stanley Holloway, Betty Warren, Margaret Rutherford and Barbara Murray.

London residents declare independence when they discover an old treaty, a previously unknown royal charter from King Edward IV that cedes the surrounding land to the last Duke of Burgundy.

Since the charter has never been rescinded, the London district of Pimlico is now legally the long-lost Duchy of Burgundy, and therefore no longer subject to British law, including post-war rationing and pub closure hours. But this causes them to need a new 'Passport to Pimlico.' (Subtitles Available).

15:30 TALKING PICTURES with MARK LESTER (2018) PREMIERE Directed by Sarah Cronin Stanley

Starring: Mark Lester. **Hosted by:** Robert Ross

Mark Lester, star of (Oliver, Melody, Black Beauty), talks about his career in film and television.

16:00 MARK LESTER INTRODUCES...

... the film *Melody*, which follows.

16:05 MELODY (1971) PREMIERE Directed by Waris Hussein

Starring: Mark Lester, Jack Wild, Tracy Hyde and Sheila Staefel.

After falling in love with his classmate Melody, ten-year-old schoolboy Daniel announces his intention to marry her as soon as possible. His plans are met with opposition from his parents and best friend Ornschaw, who is jealous of the attention Daniel has been giving her. Ignoring the protests of those around him, Daniel begins recruiting his classmates to help him organise a secret ceremony in one of his hideouts away from disapproving adult eyes.

18:15 THE BLUE LAMP (1949) PREMIERE Directed by Basil Dearden

Starring: Dirk Bogarde, Jack Warner, Patric Doonan and Jimmy Hanley.

Newbie London police officer Andy Mitchell is paired with seasoned cop George Dixon to work the night shift. When criminals Tom Riley and Spud are caught robbing a local cinema, George meets Tom in a face-off...

20:00 DANGER UXB (1979) PREMIERE S1, Ep10: Butterfly Winter Directed by Roy Ward Baker

Starring: Anthony Andrews, Kenneth Cranham & Geraldine Gardner.

Ash and the men of 347 Section tackle Hitler's latest deadly invention, the butterfly bomb.

21:00 QUATERMASS AND THE PIT (1967) PREMIERE Directed by Roy Ward Baker

Starring: Andrew Keir, James Donald and Barbara Shelley.

A mysterious artefact is found in London and the famous scientist Bernard Quatermass is called in to help investigate it and also the effects it is having on people.

23:00 LURED (1947) Directed by Douglas Sirk

Starring: George Sanders, Lucille Ball, Charles Coburn and Boris Karloff.

A killer in London is murdering women he meets through the personal columns of newspapers. (Subtitles Available).

01:00 THE CHAIRMAN (1969) Directed by J Lee Thompson

Starring: Gregory Peck, Anne Heyward, Alan Dobie and Conrad Yama.

A scientist goes to China to steal a formula which will have enormous practical benefits for humanity.



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