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**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1.40pm STORM OVER THE NILE (1955) CHANNEL PREMIERE**

Showing for the first time on TPTV, this thrilling remake of the 1939 adventure classic *The Four Feathers*, made by the same director, Zoltan Korda, actually uses stock footage from the original as well as fresh location shots filmed in Africa. Based on the popular novel by A.E.W. Mason, Young Harry Faversham



(played by Anthony Steele) receives four white feathers after refusing to uphold his family tradition by going off to fight as a junior officer in the British Army in the Sudan. Eager to redeem himself, and prove that he is no coward, he heads off to Egypt, in disguise and tries to find his old regiment. One of the last films produced by the legendary Sir Alexander Korda, brother of Zoltan, *Storm over the Nile's* all-star cast includes Laurence Harvey, Mary Ure and James Robertson-Justice in the role of General Burroughs (played by C. Aubrey Smith in the 1939 version), as well as appearances from Ian Carmichael, Christopher Lee, Michael Hordern and the ubiquitous Sam Kydd. Watch out too for *Dad's Army's* John Laurie as the Khalifa- from footage from the 1939 film. Years later he reprised his role as a Dervish warrior in 'The Two and a Half Feathers' a *Dad's Army* parody of 'The Four Feathers'.

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 19.05 DULCIMA (1971)**

John Mills plays a miserly middle-aged farmer who falls in love with his young housekeeper, played by Cathy White (the star of *Cathy Come Home*), but finds there is competition for his affections in the shape of a handsome young gamekeeper, played by Stuart Wilson. Although the film was not a commercial success at the time of release, it was entered for the Berlin Film Festival and can be regarded today as a forgotten British classic. Filmed largely on location in rural Gloucestershire, it has been called 'a kind of reverse *Lady Chatterley's lover*' by one critic, while another, Neil Sinyard, has written 'it's hard to see how the two leading performances could have been bettered'. Based on a novella by H.E.Bates, the author of *The Darling Buds of May*, and *Love for Lydia* – the television adaptation of which has also been re-shown on TPTV- *Dulcima* is a thought-provoking reworking of the age-old problem of love's eternal triangle.



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### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 19.00 THE SMALLEST SHOW ON EARTH (1957)**

In this delightful Basil Dearden-directed black-and-white British comedy from the late 1950s, real-life husband and wife team of Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna play a couple who unexpectedly inherit a cinema. But their excitement soon evaporates when they discover it is an old, run down flea-pit - and the staff are no spring chickens either. With a wonderful supporting cast of Margaret Rutherford (the cashier), Peter Sellers (the dodderly projectionist), Bernard Miles (as the janitor 'Old Tom'), the film is rightly regarded as something of a minor classic, not surprising when you consider it was co-written by William Rose, whose other film work included the much-loved *Genevieve* and *The Ladykillers*. *The Smallest Show on Earth* is perfect Sunday evening entertainment for all the family.

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 22.40 THE BLOOD OF FU MANCHU (1968) CHANNEL PREMIERE**

The fourth of the five horror-thrillers made in the late 1960s featuring horror legend Christopher Lee as Sax Rohmer's extremely sinister Oriental supervillain, described by producer Harry Alan Towers as 'the best damn villain ever created'. Once again Dr Fu Manchu is



planning world domination- this time his devilish plan is to use six women, carriers of a 'kiss of death' deadly potion, to be aimed at key people across the world with political influence- who include his regular foe, the Scotland Yard detective Nayland Smith, played by Nigel Greene. Filmed on location in Spain and Brazil, and directed by the controversial Spanish director Jesus Franco, *The Blood of Fu Manchu* is a colourful addition to a hugely entertaining series of films which combine late Sixties high camp with some genuinely terrifying action.

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 20.00 MAIGRET (1993)**

TPTV's rerun of the definitive French television series starring Bruno Cremer as Georges Simenon pipe-smoking detective-popularly regarded as the closest to the original stories, has reached the last episode of series 2, from 1993. In *Maigret se defend* (*Maigret on the defensive*), the detective finds himself the prime suspect in a criminal case involving a young woman- and has to defend himself to save his job and reputation. A stand-out episode from an excellent series. (In French and with subtitles).



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## **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 13.35 SNOWBOUND (1948)**

Based on the Hammond Innes thriller *The Lonely Skier*, this underrated British film, set in the Italian Alps, involves a search for treasure hidden by the Nazis following the war. With a pre-Kind Hearts and Coronets Dennis Price in the lead role of the writer Neil Blair, and a solid supporting cast including Robert Newton, Stanley Holloway and Herbert Lom the film provides exciting 'cool down' entertainment for a summer's afternoon, if the temperatures outside are getting too hot!

## **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 17.15 THE EDGAR WALLACE MYSTERY THEATRE**

'It is impossible not to be thrilled by Edgar Wallace', said the blurb on the prolific crime writer's own books and the same could be said of the supporting feature films made under 'The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre' banner by Anglo-Amalgamated between 1959-65. The series, which has been shown before on TPTV, now begins a re-run starting with Episode One,



'Urge to Kill', involving the brutal murder of a young girl. Police investigations centre around the girl's aunt's boarding house, but who is the killer? The series features early-career performances from several actors who later became famous-including John Thaw, Michael Caine and Barbara Windsor; in this first episode watch out for a pre-Steptoe and Son Wilfrid Brambell as the lodger Mr Forsyth.

## **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 13.35 THE SECRET MAN (1959)**

This taut, underrated British thriller, starring Marshall Thompson, John Loder and Anne Aubrey involves the search for a spy at a top-secret research station. There are twists a plenty and if it does seem to be above average for a second feature, that's probably not surprising as it was co-written (under the pseudonym of Tony O'Grady), by the brilliant Brian Clemens, a key figure behind the cult classic 1960s series *The Avengers*, which began only a couple of years later.

## **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 9.40 A YANK IN ERMINE (1955)**

A charming comedy involving an amiable American airman inheriting a million pounds, an Earldom and a country estate in England- and all the complications (including romantic ones) which ensue. The cast includes the future Dr Who Jon Pertwee (as an American serviceman buddy), Richard Wattis, Sid James, and Harold Lloyd jnr, the son of the celebrated silent film



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comedian. 'Don't call this guy a boy, he's a Royal Earl', Pertwee tells nightclub boss Sid James. 'Sure, and I'm Duke Ellington!', James replies. The female lead in the film is played by Irish actress Noelle Middleton, one of the first BBC television announcers and whose centenary will be later this year.

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY. 18.00 HANNAY: The Good Samaritan**

The entertaining late-1980s television spin-off from the 1978 film version of John Buchan's famous *The Thirty Nine Steps* continues its rerun on TPTV with this particularly intriguing episode- involving the international competition for Middle East oil concessions- with the cloak and dagger action



set aboard the Trans European Express. Hannay- played by Robert Powell- comes under the spell of the enchanting American artist Dore Nicholson (played by Sharon Maugham) but is she all she appears to be? Come to that is anyone on the train? There are thrills and twists a plenty before the train arrives in London- and even after that too.



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