

Sherlock Holmes Returns to Radio Christmas Eve



1980s WBAI Series Has New Life on XM Radio

Dec. 21, 2007 - [PRLog](#) -- "The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes Christmas Special" will air Christmas Eve December 24, at 5:00 pm on XM Satellite Radio's Sonic Theater Channel 163.

A favorite with Holmsians worldwide, the sound rich, inventive and humorous take on Sherlock Holmes first found on an audience on WBAI-FM in New York in the early 1980s.

"I was inspired to create this radio series, first from reading Conan Doyle's stories," said "Misadventures" creator Joe Bevilacqua, who's scripts are filled with sly references to the original "Canon," as it's called.

In "Holmes' Creepy Christmas," Holmes, Watson and Watson's wife, Mary Morstan, who visit Scotland and the castle of Lord Tavis Mac Millian, only to become entangled in the curse of the Loch Alsh monster and the ghost of Macbeth.

The half-hour radio play features the voices of Vernon Morris (Sherlock Holmes), Henry J. Quinn (Dr. Watson), Gwendolyn Lewis (Mary Morstan), and B.H. Barry (Tavis Mac Millian), plus Jan Meredith and Bevilacqua himself.

Bevilacqua recalls he met his "dream cast" while acting the role of the butler in "Spider's Web," a murder mystery by Lucille Flethcer, author of "Sorry, Wromg Number, Off-Broadway, the summer of 1982.

"All the characters in the play had their Holmesian counterparts. I quickly decided to write a ten-part radio drama series starring this cast," beams the 48-year old producer.

"The Misadentures of Sherlock Holmes" premiered in October 1983 on WBAI (99.5 FM) in New York City, and ran through 1985.

"By the time, we were finished, we had ten great, inspired half-hours," concludes Bevilacqua.

The series have since played on public radio stations across the United States, in Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand. And now on XM Radio.

The entire "Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes" series, plus extras, such as pilot episodes not aired and outtakes, can be purchased on one CD of broadcast quality MP3s, at:

<http://www.comedyorama.com/soundforsale/sfs-holmes-order.htm>, or individually at:

<http://www.comedyorama.com/holmes/>.

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This is the fifth Christmas special by Joe Bevilacqua. More "Joe Bev" holiday programming can be heard on NPR stations nationwide, through December 25, and online at: The Public Radio Exchange:

<http://www.prx.org/series/22441>.

For a station carriage list, e-mail joebev@joebev.com.

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