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The Classic
Sherlock Holmes
Volume 1

Sir JOHN GIELGUD **Sir RALPH RICHARDSON**

original radio dramas first broadcast 1954

THE CLASSIC SHERLOCK HOLMES

Volume 1

Disc 1

1 The Blackmailer

This episode was based on Conan Doyle's original story "The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton". In this episode, Holmes resorts to some lawbreaking of his own, in the pursuit of essential evidence against a powerful blackmailer.

2 A Scandal in Bohemia

Based on an original story of the same name, this drama presents a delicate case involving an adventuresome monarch; an indiscreet photograph leads Holmes to the one person could not outwit – the beautiful and dangerous Irene Adler.

Disc 2

1 Silver Blaze

Conan Doyle's original story was titled "The Adventure of Silver Blaze", in which Holmes searches for a murderer and a missing racehorse.

2 The Speckled Band

In which Holmes and Watson are entreated by a woman to investigate her sister's horrible and mysterious death.

Mr. Sherlock Holmes is played by **Sir John Gielgud**
and Dr. John Watson by **Sir Ralph Richardson**

The 16 episodes of 'Sherlock Holmes' starring Gielgud and Richardson were produced by Harry Alan Towers (1920-2009) for his 'Towers of London' company. They were first broadcast on the old BBC Light Programme in 1954, and by NBC in 1955; they are still regarded by many as the definitive Holmes series. Heritage Media acquired exclusive distribution rights to the series from Towers in 1994; the series was licensed for several years with great success to Hodder Headline and reverted to Heritage at the end of 2009.

The scripts were written by John Keir Cross, closely following the original stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, but renaming some of them. The music for the productions was composed by Sydney Torch, with the famous violin cadenzas played by Alfredo Campoli. Other actors appearing included Robert Rietti, and John Gielgud's brother Val (later Director of Drama at the BBC), who played Mycroft Holmes. Orson Welles took the part of Professor Moriarty. Quite possibly other 'big names' on the BBC roster appeared in the series anonymously too.

The recordings were carefully remastered so as not to detract from the ambience of the original performances.

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- 1 *The Blackmailer* 28.46
- 2 *A Scandal in Bohemia* 26.58

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- 1 *Silver Blaze* 24.48
- 2 *The Speckled Band* 25.44

SIR JOHN GIELGUD

as Sherlock Holmes

SIR RALPH RICHARDSON

as Dr. John Watson

*First broadcast in the UK on the BBC 'Light programme' in late 1954
and in the USA on NBC in early 1955.*

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