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The Classic
Sherlock Holmes
Volume 4

Sir JOHN GIELGUD Sir RALPH RICHARDSON
ORSON WELLES

original radio dramas first broadcast 1954

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Disc 1

1 The Final Problem

Here, Orson Welles makes a guest appearance as the detective's arch-enemy Professor Moriarty, in what was to be their last meeting.

2 The Empty House

From an original story entitled "The Adventure of the Empty House", the motto 'Dead men tell no Tales' is proved untrue when Holmes returns to dispense justice to the last of the Moriarty gang.

Disc 2

1 The Blue Carbuncle

Here, Sherlock Holmes's Christmas celebration is interrupted by a goose – one that has swallowed the precious "Blue Carbuncle" jewel.

2 The Yoxley Case

Based on Conan Doyle's story "The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez", in which Holmes investigates the stabbing of a young professor's aide.

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 Final Problem* 28.33

2 *The Empty House* 27.59

Disc 2

1 *The Blue Carbuncle* 27.28

2 *The Yoxley Case* 25.33

SIR JOHN GIELGUD

as Sherlock Holmes

SIR RALPH RICHARDSON

as Dr. John Watson

ORSON WELLES

as Professor Moriarty

(in "The Final Problem")

*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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