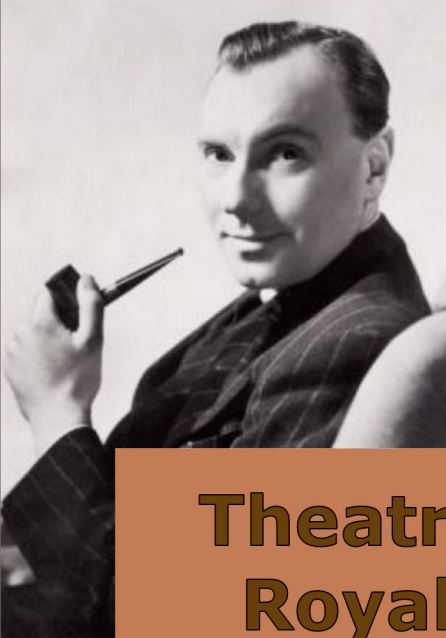


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THEATRE ROYAL

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Disc 1

1 Private Rooms

J.B. Priestley's "Private Rooms - A one-act comedy in the Viennese style" was first performed in 1953. Ralph Richardson stars as Max Talley, an ageing Austrian actor who invites a lovely young ballerina to dinner in a private room at a Viennese restaurant. His motives are not wholly altruistic.

2 Tristram Shandy: My Uncle Toby

Laurence Sterne's "The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman" was first published in 1759. Ralph Richardson plays Tristram's eccentric Uncle Toby. He has two "hobby-horses", the wound in his groin suffered at the Siege of Namur during the Nine Years' War and his neighbour, the Widow Wadman.

Disc 2

1 A Sentimental Journey

Laurence Sterne's "A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy" was first published just before his death in 1768. Ralph Richardson plays The Reverend Mr. Yorick (Sterne thinly disguised) during his amorous journey through France. Love beckons and the Shakespeare-loving Comte de Brissac saves him from a French prison.

2 Becky Sharp

William Makepeace Thackeray's "Vanity Fair: A Novel without a Hero" was published in 1847. Although without a hero, it definitely has an anti-heroine in the form of Becky Sharp, played by Margaret Lockwood. At the time of the Battle of Waterloo, Becky definitely has all her wits about her.

Starring **Ralph Richardson (disc 1 tracks 1&2, disc 2 track 1);**
 Margaret Lockwood (disc 2 track 2)

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