

Classic Radio Dramas

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THEATRE ROYAL

Volume 8

Disc 1

1 The Canterville Ghost

"The Canterville Ghost" was the first of Oscar Wilde's short stories to be published in 1887. Laurence Olivier plays the ghost of Sir Simon de Canterville which haunts the ancient house of Canterville Chase. When new tenants arrive, the Otis family from America, his reign of terror suddenly ends!

2 Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

Oscar Wilde's "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime" was first published in 1891. Laurence Olivier plays Arthur Savile who is engaged to the lovely Sybil Merton. However, a fortune teller called Podgers predicts that he will commit a murder, a task he decides to undertake in good time for the wedding!

Disc 2

1 When Greek Meets Greek

Graham Greene's "When Greek Meets Greek", a tale of two con-men trying to outwit each other, was first published in 1954. Laurence Olivier plays self-styled "Doctor" Nicholas Fenwick who runs a non-existent Oxford college. He is delighted when "Lord" Driver wants his son to study there.

2 The Happy Hypocrite

Max Beerbohm's "The Happy Hypocrite: A Fairy Tale for Tired Men" was first published in 1897. John Gielgud plays Lord George Hell, a gambler, philanderer and friend of the Prince Regent himself. Life goes swimmingly with Signora la Gambogi in tow, until he hears the lovely young singer, Jenny Mere.

Starring **Laurence Olivier (disc 1 tracks 1&2, disc 2 track 1);
John Gielgud (disc 2 track 2)**

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

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