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Burton At The BBC: Classic Excerpts From The BBC Archive



Synopsis

Highlights from Richard Burton's finest BBC radio performances from the 1940s to the 1980s. Richard Burton was one of the most famous British actors of the 20th century, renowned for his magical, mellifluous voice. Before Hollywood tempted him away, he worked frequently for the BBC and many of his most electrifying performances were recorded there. This classic compilation features some of the very best of Burton, including his very first radio role in *The Corn is Green*; the heroic Roland in *The Dark Tower*; the apocalyptic poem "Fire and Ice;" Henry V on the eve of Agincourt; the spine-tingling *Under Milk Wood*, and the poignant *In Parenthesis*. Also included is the complete recording of Emlyn Williams's suspenseful thriller *Night Must Fall*. In addition, there are extracts from interviews in which Burton talks about Dylan Thomas, his love of rugby, his deepest ambition, and his own feelings about his incomparable voice. Whether performing Shakespeare, reading Robert Frost, or simply talking about his life and career, Burton is never less than compelling, and this unique anthology is a superb tribute to one of the great icons of stage and screen. Duration: 2 hrs 50 mins approx.

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Richard Burton, CBE (1925 – 1984) established himself as a formidable Shakespearean actor in the 1950s. Burton was nominated seven times for an Academy Award without ever winning. He was a recipient of BAFTA, Golden Globe, and Tony Awards for Best Actor. In the mid-1960s Burton ascended into the ranks of the top box office stars, and by the late 1960s was one of the highest-paid actors in the world, receiving fees of \$1 million or more plus a share of the gross

receipts. Burton remains closely associated in the public consciousness with his second wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor. The couple's turbulent relationship was rarely out of the news.

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