



STUDIOCANAL CELEBRATES THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLASSIC TV SERIES WITH AN EXCLUSIVE OURSCREEN EVENT

## **THE AVENGERS AT 60**



VIRTUAL EVENT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS 29 JANUARY 2021

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Starring Patrick Mcnee, Diana Rigg, Ian Hendry and Honor Blackman

*"An exciting, playful and thoroughly British take on the action genre"*

THE GUARDIAN

*"A colourful slice of period hokum, full of flair, wit and sophistication"*

DEN OF GEEK

*"Wacky and eccentric, and deserves its cult status"*

THE TELEGRAPH

In January 2021, **STUDIOCANAL** presents **a very special event to celebrate the 60th Anniversary** of the ground-breaking cult Sixties TV series **THE AVENGERS**, with an **ourscreen online event**, offering 5000 fans a unique chance to enjoy episodes of the show 'together', hosted by some **very special guests**, with Q&As, discussion of the series, and tributes to stars Diana Rigg and Honor Blackman. Fans will be able to interact using the ourscreen live chat bar, **enjoying the social experience in real time**, from the comfort of home. As John Steed might say, "How absolutely splendid!"

A cultural icon of British television history, **The Avengers** has remained a much-loved beacon of Britishness across the world since it first aired in 1961. Famous for its bowler hats, fanciful plotlines and the glamour and sass of Mr Steed's companions, January the 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 marks 60 years since the first episode, *Hot Snow* aired across British TV screens, keeping viewers enthralled until 1969 after 161 episodes.

**This 60<sup>th</sup> celebratory evening** is a tribute to one of the most endearing British TV creations of all time and even more pertinent following the recent losses of Diana Rigg and Honor Blackman, so let's raise our bowler hats to the marvel (ahem) that is **The Avengers!**

Join us for a very special event to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **The Avengers**. Enjoy watching 3 classic episodes with fans across the country and look out for some special guests in between!

We kick off with **Tunnel of Fear**, episode 20 from the first series, starring **Ian Hendry**, **Patrick Macnee** and **Ingrid Hefner**. It is one of the three known complete series 1 episodes to have survived, lost for 55 years the episode came to light in a private film collection in 2016.

Harry Black, an escaped convict, bursts into Dr David Keel's surgery wounded. He claims to have been framed for a crime that he did not commit – and begs the doctor not to hand him over to the police. Steed arrives and ascertains that Black has links to Southend-on-Sea which might well tie in with an investigation currently being undertaken by his department. They are aware that top government secrets are being leaked from a funfair in Southend, and Black's story, if true, could possibly lead them to the source of the operation. Can Steed and Keel bring down the operation, prove Harry's innocence and get out of Southend with their lives?

Next up is **The Nutshell** episode 4 from series 3 in tribute to the wonderful Honor Blackman. This episode was directed by Raymond Menmuir. Steed and Cathy investigate espionage by a pretty burglar in "The Nutshell", codename for a top-secret underground nuclear shelter. They are not telling each other everything, and somewhere a traitor lurks.

Then to finish the evening we pay tribute to the inimitable Diana Rigg with **The Forget-Me-Knot**, episode 1 of series 6 introducing **Linda Thorson** as Tara King. The episode was directed by James Hill and written by Brian Clemens. Agent Sean Mortimer arrives at Steed's flat with what appears to be a severe case of amnesia. Crucially, Mortimer does remember that there is a traitor in the organisation. Co-opting trainee agent 69, Tara King, Steed and Mrs Peel uncover a plot to infiltrate the organisation by means of a potentially devastating memory-wiping drug.

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STUDIOCANAL owns one of the most important film libraries in the world, boasting more than 6,000 titles from 60 countries. Spanning 100 years of film history, this vast and unique catalogue includes among others the iconic Terminator 2, Rambo, Breathless, Mulholland Drive, The Pianist and Belle de jour.

STUDIOCANAL has fully financed box office hits Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, Paddington 1 and 2, Non Stop and the Shaun The Sheep Movies 1 and 2. Currently in release worldwide and backed by STUDIOCANAL are Marjane Satrapi's Radioactive starring Rosamund Pike as Marie Curie and Marc Munden's The Secret Garden produced with Heyday Films (Paddington 1 & 2) starring Colin Firth and Julie Walters.

STUDIOCANAL is actively developing and distributing high-end TV series through its network of award-winning European production companies, including TANDEM in Germany (Shadowplay), the UK's RED Production Company (Years and Years), Spain's BAMBÚ PRODUCCIONES (On Death Row) and France's STUDIOCANAL ORIGINAL (Mouche). STUDIOCANAL is also an associate of Danish-based SAM Productions founded by Søren Svestrup and Adam Price (Ride upon the Storm) as well as of UK-based GUILTY PARTY PICTURES; Benedict Cumberbatch's production company SUNNYMARCH TV (Patrick Melrose) and URBAN MYTH FILMS (War of the Worlds).