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ROBERT LINDSAY IS INSPECTOR JERICHO 1950s Police Drama Opens New Season of MYSTERY!

Premieres Sunday, April 30 on PBS

MYSTERY! launches its 26th season with a stylish new whodunit: *Jericho*, starring Robert Lindsay (*Horatio Hornblower*, *Oliver Twist*) as revered Scotland Yard detective Michael Jericho, premiering Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 9pm on PBS.

Set amidst the social upheaval of post-war 1950's London, Jericho features two two-hour mysteries: "A Pair of Ragged Claws," airing April 30 and May 7, and "The Killing of Johnny Swan," airing May 14 and May 21.

With Inspector Jericho, MYSTERY! introduces one of its most complex and intriguing detectives yet. A brilliant crime solver who is the darling of the media, Jericho is haunted by memories of his father, a policeman whose murder Jericho witnessed as a boy. Unmarried since his childhood sweetheart fell in love with another man, Jericho devotes his life to work.

"Jericho is wounded and has locked himself away emotionally," says Lindsay of his character. "He seems cold, but has amazing compassion for people who are suffering like him."

Jericho's police team includes his faithful friend and colleague Detective Sergeant Clive Harvey (David Troughton) and the ambitious young Detective Constable John Caldicott (Ciaran McMenamin, *David Copperfield*), whose warm relationship with his fiancée, Angela (Lydia Leonard, *Rome*), is in stark contrast to the lonely nighttime vigils of Jericho.

In "A Pair of Ragged Claws" (April 30 and May 7), Jericho investigates the murder of a young black man in the racially divided neighborhood of Notting Hill. On the same night, Sir Nicholas Wellesley (Michael Fenner) is kidnapped from his exclusive club and held for ransom—a demand that his wife Lady Clare (Francesca Annis, *Reckless*) insists on meeting. When Jericho discovers that Sir Nicholas lives a secret double life that leads back to Notting Hill, he determines that the crimes must be connected.

Meanwhile, Jericho finds himself drawn to his beautiful French neighbor Juliette (Aurélie Bargème)—a prostitute with a tortured past.

The fast-paced world of international sports is the setting for "The Killing of Johnny Swan" (May 14 and 21). When running champion Johnny Swan (William Ash, *Nicholas Nickleby*) and his new bride are found brutally murdered, some suspect it was the work of the KGB—retaliating for Swan's defeat of the Soviet champion. When Johnny turns up alive, Jericho discovers that even heroes have secrets.



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Jericho is a coproduction of Granada and WGBH Boston. The director is Nicholas Renton (*Wives & Daughters*). The writer is Stewart Harcourt (Agatha Christie's *Miss Marple*). The executive producers are Michele Buck and Damien Timmer for Granada and Rebecca Eaton for WGBH Boston.

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