

MASTERPIECE

Johnny on the Run

Worricker: Turks & Caicos and Salting the Battlefield

Starring Bill Nighy

On MASTERPIECE

November 9 & 16, 2014 at 9pm ET on PBS

Bill Nighy (*Pirates of the Caribbean*) reprises his Golden Globe-nominated role as master spy Johnny Worricker in two new thrillers, written and directed by Sir David Hare (Oscar®-nominated adapter of *The Reader* and *The Hours*). Wrapping up an intricate plot that began with *Page Eight* in 2011, involving secret crimes and unplumbed depths of political corruption, MASTERPIECE CONTEMPORARY presents *Turks & Caicos* on Sunday, November 9, followed a week later by *Salting the Battlefield* on Sunday, November 16—both airing at 9pm ET on PBS (check local listings).

The all-star cast includes Oscar winner Christopher Walken (*The Deer Hunter*), and Oscar® nominees Winona Ryder (*Little Women*, *The Age of Innocence*), Helena Bonham Carter (*The King's Speech*, *The Wings of the Dove*), Ralph Fiennes (*The English Patient*, *Schindler's List*), and Judy Davis (*Husbands and Wives*, *A Passage to India*). Also starring are Rupert Graves (*Sherlock*), Saskia Reeves (*Wallander*), and Ewen Bremner (*Black Hawk Down*).

The New York Times praised *Page Eight* as “a moody modern-day espionage tale with flawless performances.” *TV Guide* raved, “This has the feel of top-shelf John le Carré-style literature written with droll cynicism by David Hare and exquisitely acted.... *Page Eight* bristles with jazzy intelligence.” And the critic for *The Los Angeles Times* implored, “There are reports that this film will be the first of a trilogy. I want that to be true.”

Wish granted!

Page Eight, *Turks & Caicos*, and *Salting the Battlefield* form *The Worricker Trilogy*—three gripping films that follow the exploits of the intensely private and scrupulous Worricker—from MI5 headquarters in London to exile on a Caribbean island to life on the run with his former lover and fellow agent Margot Tyrrell (Bonham Carter). A spy who prefers the black-and-white certainties of the Cold War, Worricker finds himself increasingly out of his element as the distinction between ally and enemy dissolves into the amorphous alliances of the 21st century.

Turks & Caicos

Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 9pm ET on PBS

Sun, sand, and CIA are the themes of Johnny's (Nighy) clandestine retirement on a Caribbean island, overrun with high-rolling American businessmen who are bankrolling a mysterious project. Their worldly-wise publicist (Ryder) and a tycoon named Curtis (Walken) befriend Johnny. The cloak-and-dagger life revives when a dodgy British philanthropist named Stirling Rogers (Graves) arrives with an associate, Margot (Bonham Carter), whom Johnny knows well. Johnny's new mission is to escape from an ever-tightening noose.

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Salting the Battlefield

Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 9pm ET on PBS

Johnny (Nighy) and Margot (Bonham Carter) are together again, just like old times, managing to stay a jump ahead of an international dragnet hard on their heels all across Europe. British Prime Minister Alec Beasley (Fiennes) desperately wants Johnny back, and so does Johnny's old MI5 colleague, Jill Tankard (Davis)—but for different reasons. Who will win this frenzied game of spy versus spy? And what happens when a terrible secret sees the light of day?

Worricker is a Carnival Films, Heyday Films, BeaglePug, MASTERPIECE co-production in association with NBCUniversal for BBC. It is written and directed by David Hare. The Executive Producers are Gareth Neame, Bill Nighy, Christine Langan, Ed Wethered, and Nigel Merchant. The Executive Producer for MASTERPIECE is Rebecca Eaton. The producers are Celia Duval, David Heyman, and David Barron.

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