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Home Fires

Sundays, October 4 – November 8, 2015 at the special time of 8pm ET on MASTERPIECE on PBS

Series Description

Samantha Bond (*Downton Abbey*) and Francesca Annis (*Reckless*) star as bitter rivals for control of the Women's Institute in a rural English town as it struggles with the onset of World War II. Hailed by the *London Daily Mirror* as "an astonishing story about women as war breaks out" the six-part MASTERPIECE series also stars Clare Calbraith (*Downton Abbey*), Ed Stoppard (*Upstairs Downstairs*), and Claire Rushbrook (*Whitechapel*).

Episode Descriptions

Episode One
Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 8pm ET
With World War II imminent, the local Women's Institute dissolves after Joyce resigns as president. Frances tries to revive the group with a jam-making project.

Episode Two
Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 8pm ET
The Women's Institute is back, and the RAF arrives in town. Pat endures abuse. Alison's dog has a close call. The local doctor faces up to his fate.

Episode Three
Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 8pm ET
Alison takes desperate steps to pay a bill. Claire asks Spencer out. Pat makes a speech but pays the consequences. The farmer and vicar do their duty.

Episode Four
Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 8pm ET
Frances plans an air raid shelter. Alison breaks the law; so does Miriam. Steph hides a secret that threatens the farm. Kate gets shattering news.

Episode Five
Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 8pm ET
Frances welcomes an evacuee. Laura follows her sister's footsteps. Spencer is shunned. Teresa gets bad news and makes a confession.

Episode Six
Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 8pm ET
Alison tries to escape her troubles before the jig is up. Miriam experiences despair and joy. Pat is freed from tyranny. Laura's secret is out.

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