

MASTERPIECE

Les Misérables

**Dominic West, David Oyelowo, and Lily Collins
star in Victor Hugo's epic tale, scripted by Andrew Davies
on MASTERPIECE**

Sundays, April 14 - May 19, 2019 on PBS

Program Description

Victor Hugo's masterpiece comes to television in a six-part adaptation by multi-award-winning screenwriter Andrew Davies. Dominic West stars as fugitive Jean Valjean, with David Oyelowo as his pursuer Inspector Javert and Lily Collins as the luckless single mother Fantine. Ellie Bamber and Josh O'Connor costar as the young lovers Cosette and Marius. Love, death, and the struggle for social justice in early 19th-century France feature in this beautifully faithful retelling of one of the world's most beloved stories.

Episode One

Sunday, April 14, 2019; 9-10pm ET

After serving a draconian prison term for stealing bread, Jean Valjean is released. He resorts to petty crime, but Bishop Myriel teaches him a valuable lesson.

Episode Two

Sunday, April 21, 2019; 9-10pm ET

Living respectably as a provincial mayor and factory owner, Valjean hires the single mother Fantine. Trouble follows that reunites him with his old adversary Javert.

Episode Three

Sunday, April 28, 2019; 9-10pm ET

Valjean saves an innocent man at enormous personal cost. Again evading justice, he tracks down Fantine's daughter, Cosette. Pursued by Javert, they need a miracle to escape.

Episode Four

Sunday, May 5, 2019; 9-10pm ET

Now a young woman, Cosette moves to Paris under Valjean's protection. There, she meets the handsome law student Marius, who unwittingly brings a nightmare to life.

Episode Five

Sunday, May 12, 2019; 9-10pm ET

As revolution sweeps Paris, Valjean and Cosette hide out, Marius searches for Cosette, Thénardier disappears, and Javert obsessively tracks Valjean.

Episode Six

Sunday, May 19, 2019; 9-10:15pm ET

Marius mans the barricades, where a hostile Valjean intercepts him. They end up fleeing together through the sewers of Paris. Cosette's story reaches its conclusion. So does Javert's.

Les Misérables is a Lookout Point and BBC Studios production for BBC, co-produced with MASTERPIECE. The executive producers are Andrew Davies, Faith Penhale for Lookout Point, Bethan Jones for BBC Studios, Mona Qureshi for BBC One, Rebecca Eaton for MASTERPIECE, Dominic West and David Oyelowo. The producer is Chris Carey. The director is Tom Shankland. The drama was commissioned by Charlotte Moore, Director of BBC Content. Delegate producer for Czar Film and TV is Eurydice Gysel; produced with the support of Screen Flanders and Screen Brussels.

Les Misérables is globally distributed outside the U.S. by BBC Studios Distribution. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston.

About MASTERPIECE

Winner of 83 Primetime Emmys® and 16 Peabody Awards, MASTERPIECE has been essential Sunday night viewing for millions of fans since 1971. Rebecca Eaton is the executive producer of the series. Funding for MASTERPIECE is provided by Viking with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. Presented on PBS by WGBH Boston, MASTERPIECE is known for recent hits such as *Sherlock*, *Downton Abbey* and *Victoria*, and beloved classics such as *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Prime Suspect*, *The Forsyte Saga* and *Poldark*.

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