



The True Story of Television's Quirkiest Family

What the Durrells Did Next

A MASTERPIECE Special Hosted by Keeley Hawes

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 8pm ET on MASTERPIECE on PBS

For three seasons, MASTERPIECE audiences have been charmed by *The Durrells in Corfu*, the story of a hilariously quirky family who decamps from dreary England to a sun-dappled Greek island. In the fourth and final season (beginning September 29) the Durrells' idyllic island life is cut short by the outbreak of World War II -- but is that really where the story ends? Viewers will find out in the one-hour documentary *What the Durrells Did Next*, A MASTERPIECE Special airing Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 8pm ET.

Hosted by *The Durrells in Corfu*'s leading lady, Keeley Hawes, *What the Durrells Did Next* is the definitive true story behind one of the best-loved families in TV drama. Lifting the lid on every family secret, heartbreak and triumph, it reveals how Corfu shaped the personalities and ambitions of each family member. It's an outlandish story of African expeditions, global fame, heartbreak and the establishment of a zoo dedicated to saving endangered species.

The film describes how young Gerry Durrell grew up to be a world-famous zoologist whose ideas on conservation revolutionized the roles of zoos forever, how Larry Durrell nearly won the Nobel Prize for literature--but was deemed to have too much sex in his books--and how flirtatious Margo stayed forever young on cruise ships across the world.

With exclusive testimony from HRH Princess Anne, family members, experts, and the actors who brought these beloved characters to life, the show is packed with revelations and personal insights.

What the Durrells Did Next is a Burning Bright Productions and Sid Gentle Films Ltd. co-production for ITV. The directors are Ewen Thomson and Toby Roebuck. The producer is Toby Roebuck. The executive producers are Clive Tulloh and Sally Woodward Gentle. It is distributed by BBC Studios.

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 and Raymond James 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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