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THE LAST ENEMY

On MASTERPIECE CONTEMPORARY

Sundays, October 5 through November 2, 2008 at 9pm ET on  PBS

GENERAL LISTING

An expatriate mathematician returns to England to find the nation transformed into a hyper-paranoid surveillance society, plagued by terrorists, fugitives, and spies. Searching for the truth about his brother's mysterious death, he is catapulted into an international conspiracy—and a passionate love affair with his brother's widow. The five-part thriller stars Benedict Cumberbatch (*Atonement, To the Ends of the Earth*) as Stephen Ezard, Anamaria Marinca (*4 Months, 3 Weeks, & 2 Days*) as the enigmatic and beautiful sister-in-law Yasim, and Robert Carlyle (*The Full Monty*) as rogue agent David Russell.

EPISODE 1

Sunday, October 5, 2008, 9 to 10:30pm on PBS

Returning to England for his brother's funeral, Stephen Ezard (Benedict Cumberbatch) falls in love with his brother's widow, Yasim (Anamaria Marinca), becomes a pawn in a government surveillance scheme, and is pursued by a crazed rogue agent (Robert Carlyle).

EPISODE 2

Sunday, October 12, 2008 9 to 10pm on PBS

Noted microbiologists are dying at an alarming rate as Stephen tries to learn the cause of death of the beautiful woman found in his apartment. Yasim suspects that her late husband, Michael, stumbled on the secret before being blown up by a landmine in Afghanistan.

EPISODE 3

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 9 to 10pm on PBS

Stephen and Yasim join forces with rogue agent Russell to get to the bottom of a bio-weapons conspiracy that may be connected to a government surveillance program called Total Information Awareness (TIA).

EPISODE 4

Sunday, October 26, 2008, 9 to 10pm on PBS

Reunited with Michael (Max Beesley), who is back from the dead, Stephen and Yasim agree to help him find the truth about a mysteriously contaminated hepatitis B vaccine. Stephen ends up stripped of his identity and homeless.

EPISODE 5

Sunday, November 2, 2008, 9 to 10pm on PBS

Sick from the same adulterated vaccine that has been killing refugees, Michael seeks help from Professor Cooper (Paul Higgins), a microbiologist. Sent to retrieve blood samples from other victims, Stephen has a startling revelation.

The Last Enemy is a coproduction of Box TV and WGBH Boston and BBC. It was written by Peter Berry (*Prime Suspect 6*) and directed by Iain B. MacDonald (*Mansfield Park*). The producer is Gub Neal for Box TV. The executive producers are Rebecca Eaton for WGBH and Patrick Irwin, Justin Thomson-Glover, and Adrian Bate for Box TV.

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