

***KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER***

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1996 - Present

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**First Show:** 09/15/1996  
**Last Show:** Series is still in production  
**Number of Shows:** 37 and counting  
**Audition Show:** See **AUDITION/PILOT SHOW**

**SERIES BACKGROUND:**

*KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER* is a contemporary radio drama series created in the mid-1990's by Jim French and stars Terry Rose as Michael Kincaid, a television investigative reporter, who specializes in stories that generally fall into the category of strange or unexplained events.

*KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER* currently airs as part of *IMAGINATION THEATRE* on KIXI in Seattle and is syndicated internationally as part of *IMAGINATION THEATRE* on radio stations in the United States and Canada. It is also heard on XM satellite radio and around the world over the Internet. (*IMAGINATION THEATRE* also airs French's *THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY NILE*, *THE HILARY CAINE MYSTERIES*, *RAFFLES*, *THE GENTLEMAN THIEF*, and *THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES*, *THE CLASSIC ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* and several other series.)

Previously, *KINCAID, THE STRANGE-SEEKER* was heard in the Seattle area as part of *IMAGINATION THEATRE* on KNWX (03/26/2000 - 01/05/2003), *THE PEMCO IMAGINATION THEATRE* on KNWX (02/21/1999 - 03/19/2000), and *The KIRO MYSTERY PLAYHOUSE* on KIRO (09/15/1996 - 02/21/1999.)

**SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

Michael Kincaid is an investigative reporter for the fictional cable TV Investigative Channel and specializes in stories that are strange, bizarre, supernatural, and/or extra-terrestrial. He is assisted by his "shooter" or videographer, Shelly Mars. The emphasis of the story line and characters is often on investigating and not reporting - in fact some of his stories

(cases) don't even make it to the tube. Often his boss won't believe him; you might not either unless you follow Kincaid on some of his assignments.

Here's a sample story line from a *KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER* episode. In "The Place," Kincaid investigates a series of robberies in which the crooks always fire a Tommy Gun, but there are no bullet holes and no bullet casings. The fingerprints left at the crime scenes are those of criminals that have been dead for 30 years. Just your nice, neat, typical news story?

Starting with the episode "The Find," Kincaid got a new managing editor, Randall Bigelow, played by Richards Sanders of *WKRP IN CINCINNATI* fame.

#### **AUDITION/PILOT SHOW:**

The Kincaid character first appeared in a *KIRO MYSTERY PLAYHOUSE* episode, "The Man Who Died Twice," on 02/11/1995. In this episode, the main character was Robert Kincaid, an investigative reporter for the fictional *New York Bulletin* newspaper. He investigated the death of a terminally-ill patient at a nursing home. His investigation turns up much more than just a possible case of euthanasia. Terry Rose also played Kincaid in this episode.

The following background information was provided by Larry Albert of Jim French Productions. "The episode 'The Man Who Died Twice' was not a pilot per se. After the show was recorded and aired, several of Jim's friends saw the potential of this character for a series. However, we were all thinking of a newspaper series. When Jim decided to develop the show, we were all surprised to see where he was taking it. I guess you could say that 'The Man Who Died Twice' is a de facto pilot."

#### **RECORDING SESSIONS:**

The de facto pilot/audition and many of the early episodes of this series were recorded before a LIVE audience.

The episodes through "The Star Channel" were recorded at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle.

The episodes "A Town Called Limbo" and "A Work In Progress" were recorded at The Kirkland Performance Center (KPC) in Kirkland, WA.

Jim French records shows for *IMAGINATION THEATRE* in front of a

LIVE audience every three months at the KPC. Usually, episodes of *THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY NILE* and *THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* and/or *THE CLASSIC ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES* are recorded at each session.

For information on upcoming recording sessions, see the web sites for:

Jim French Productions

<http://jimfrenchproductions.com>

and

the Kirkland Performance Center is located at:

<http://www.kpcenter.org/>

**CREW:**

**Creator:** Jim French

**Directors:** Pat French and Jim French

**Writers:** Jim French.

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Jim French and Terry Rose:

"A Dog Named Who".

Terry Rose:

"A Work In Progress," "The License Plate Caper,"

"A Fly on the Wall," and "Redone".

Terry Rose:

"Gravity" (See **EPISODE NOTES:**)

M J Elliott:

"Mr. Abbadon's Pyramid," "The Hollow Men," The

"Blinovitch Event," "The Day After Forever," "A

Terrible Beauty," "Shrink Wrapped," "Games

Without Frontiers," "Everything Must Go," and

"High Stakes".

Gareth Tilley, Terry Rose & M J Elliott:

"The Green Man".

**Music:** Graham Pleet

**Sound Effects:** Cheryl Jacobs, David Persson, Scott Anderson,  
David Freed and Sean O'Meara.

**Engineers:** Peggy Stokes and Jason Chavy

**Announcers:** Dean L. Smith and Jim French

**CAST:**

**Starring:**

Terry Rose as MICHAEL KINCAID

John Gilbert as FRED "LIPPY" LIPPMAN through "A Town Called  
Limbo"

Richard Sanders as RANDALL BIGELOW starting with "The Find"

Gary Schwartz as RANDALL BIGELOW in "High Stakes"  
Kathryn Shield, Kelly Lloyd (in "The Reluctant Vampire" only),  
and Mary Anne Dorward (in "The Goblin Factory" only) as SHELLY  
MARS,  
Dean L. Smith as DEAN - the announcer  
Pat French as PAT - the director.

**Guest Stars:**

Larry Albert, Jessi Badami, Bill Brooks, Frank Buxton, Pat  
Cashman, Karen Kay Cody, Karen Corbitt, Jan D'arcy, Beth  
DeVreies, Mary Anne Dorward, Diane Felty, David Freed, Cynthia  
Geary, Demene Hall, Phil Harper, Kit Harris, Paul Herlinger,  
Russell Johnson, Peggy Jordan, Kelly Lloyd, Daniel von  
Koschembar, Rick May, Mike McLaughlin, Jerry Miller, Michael  
Morgan-Dunne, Jack Morton, Lee Paasch, Marlene Phillips, John  
Procaccino, Joy Rinaldi, Bhama Roget, Terry Rose, Chris Rose,  
Dave Ross, Wantland Sandel, Richard Sanders, Sarah Schenkkan,  
Gary Schwartz, Jeff Steitzer, Faye B. Summers, Cynthia Lauren  
Tewes, Stephan Weyte, Jim Wilkie, Douglas Young and others.

**EPISODE NOTES:**

**New Productions of Previously Used Scripts:**

The episode "Gravity" is an adaptation of an episode of the  
*DAMERON* series, "The Berryman Chamber," which aired on KVI  
06/26/1973.

The plot line is quite similar to the *DAMERON* script that was  
written by Jim French, but had different characters. The *KINCAID*  
version of the script was written by Terry Rose.

**500th IMAGINATION THEATRE Broadcast:**

On 10/16/2005, "The Third Gate," a special program for the 500th  
week of *IMAGINATION THEATRE* aired on a one-time basis only.  
Featured were characters from various Jim French series:  
Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson (*THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF  
SHERLOCK HOLMES*), Harry Nile and Murphy (*THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY  
NILE*), Raffles and Bunny (*RAFFLES, THE GENTLEMAN THIEF*), Hilary  
Caine (*THE HILARY CAINE MYSTERIES*), and Michael Kincaid, Shelly  
Mars and Randall "Biggie" Bigelow (*KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER*)  
all appearing in one adventure as written by Jim French and  
British writer M. J. Elliott.

**Double-Length Episodes:**

Most Jim French shows are approximately a half-hour (with  
commercials) in length. The following episodes are  
double-length, approximately one hour (with commercials) long:  
"The Hollow Men"

"High Stakes"

**LOG:**

All dates are the date of original airing on Seattle radio.

Collector-assigned titles that have surfaced are shown in square brackets [ ]

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
09/15/1996	Felicia
04/20/1997	The Place
10/19/1997	The Woman From Under The Ice
01/18/1998	Final Mission
02/08/1998	Appointment In Time [An Appointment In Time]
08/23/1998	The Dobsky Engine
10/11/1998	The Thirst Of The Blade
10/25/1998	The Goblin Factory
11/08/1998	New Guy At the Morgue
01/10/1999	Something for Everyone
02/21/1999	A Dog Named Who
08/22/1999	Writers' Block
10/10/1999	The Final Chapter
12/04/1999	The Star Channel
12/31/2000	A Town Called Limbo
09/16/2001	The Find
10/14/2001	A Work In Progress
12/23/2001	The Santa Test
04/21/2002	The License Plate Caper
09/22/2002	Natural Causes
01/26/2003	Not Another Ghost Story
07/13/2003	Gravity
09/14/2003	The Reluctant Vampire
02/15/2004	A Fly On The Wall
03/14/2004	Rhythm
04/18/2004	Mr. Abbadon's Pyramid
11/14/2004	The Hollow Men
01/23/2005	The Blinovitch Event
03/20/2005	The Day After Forever
07/17/2005	Redone
12/11/2005	A Terrible Beauty
04/16/2006	Shrink Wrapped
03/11/2007	The Green Man
08/26/2007	Games Without Frontiers
02/17/2008	Everything Must Go
08/17/2008	High Stakes

05/31/2009 The Avatar

**AVAILABILITY:**

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**JIM FRENCH WEB SITE:**

There is now a place on the Internet where fans of the contemporary radio dramas of Jim French can find out more about Jim, his various series, and some of the actors who star in them. Fans can purchase many of his shows. The following URL will get you there:

<http://jimfrenchproductions.com>

**Jim French Productions Compact Disc Sets, Compact Discs, and MP3 Downloads:**

**Compact Disc Sets:**

Jim French Productions has a pair of two compact disc volumes (Volumes 1 and 2) with six shows of selected episodes from this series.

**Compact Discs:**

Volumes 3, 4, and 6 are single CDs with three episodes each. Volume 5 is a single CD with two episodes.

They are available from:

Jim French Productions  
16215 SE Roanoke Pl.  
Bellevue, WA. 98006  
1-877-875-6453  
<http://www.jimfrenchproductions.com/>

The above address is provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement.

**MP3 Downloads:**

Eleven episodes of this series are available for download in MP3 format.

For further details, see  
<http://jimfrenchproductions.com/>

**INFORMATION SOURCES:**

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Interviews conducted by Stewart Wright with Jim French in 1998.

Larry Albert of Jim French Productions who provided episode titles, episode initial airing dates, and recurring characters information.

Correspondence and conversations with Jim French and Larry Albert 1999 - 2009.

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer* - Various Dates 1998 to 2009.

Various Web pages at:

<http://jimfrenchproductions.com/kincaid.php>