THE STRANGESEEKER
Formerly
KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER
1996 - Present

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First Show: 09/15/1996.
Last Show: 10/19/2014.
Number of Shows: 47.
Audition Show: See AUDITION/PILOT SHOW

STATUS NOTE:
Effective Friday, March 31, 2017 Jim French Productions has ceased producing new shows.
Starting in July 2017, new episodes of The Adventures of Harry Nile and The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes are being produced on a less frequent basis. These episodes will only be broadcast on Seattle radio station KIXI and they will be available for listening on the Imagination Theatre YouTube channel.

SERIES BACKGROUND and DESCRIPTION:
This Jim French-created and produced series premiered in 1997 as Kincaid, The Strangeseeker and has recently undergone some changes. The series title is now The Strangeseeker.
Originally, the series dealt with stories about Michael Kincaid, a television investigative reporter who specializes in stories that generally fall into the categories of strange or unexplained events. His employer was The Investigative Channel, a fictional cable news station. Kincaid was assisted by his videographer, Shelly Mars. He often had strained relationships with his bosses, first, Fred "Lippy" Lippman and later, Randall "Biggy" Bigelow. Bigelow is played by Richard Sanders of WKRP In Cincinnati fame.

With the broadcast of "The Beginning Of The Beginning" on 10/28/2012 the building of the Investigative Channel was destroyed and the three primary characters were temporarily out of work. Randolph Carter of Miskatonic
University (an institution that first appeared in the stories of H. P. Lovecraft) revealed to them that the University has owned the Investigative Channel for years; mainly because Michael Kincaid was a "psychic lodestone (a magnet) whose brain waves are attuned to supernatural phenomena." Kincaid, Shelly, and Bigelow were offered jobs with the University. By the end of the episode, only Shelly had accepted the offer.

In the episode “Treasure Trove,” which was broadcast on 07/21/2013, the audience learns that Kincaid, Shelly, and Bigelow were working for Miskatonic University. Michael’s primary function was to investigate of psychic and supernatural phenomena, Shelly continued to work with Michael, and Bigelow was in charge of the University’s library and also supports Kincaid’s investigations. Gone were the previous broadcast journalism aspects of the plot lines.

Here’s a sample story line from an early episode of *Kincaid, The Strangeseeker*. 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 story?

*The Strangeseeker* aired as part of *Imagination Theatre* on KIXI in Seattle and was syndicated internationally as part of *Imagination Theatre* on radio stations in the United States and New Zealand. It was also heard around the world over the Internet via the websites of various radio affiliates and Jim French Productions:

http://jimfrenchproductions.com/zc137m/index.php?main_page=page&id=2&chapter=0

Additional Jim French series that aired on the syndicated *Imagination Theatre* include: *The Adventures Of Harry Nile; The Hilary Caine Mysteries; Raffles, The Gentleman Thief; Kerides, The Thinker; The Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes; The Classic Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes* and several occasional series.

Previously, the series 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.)

**AUDITION/PILOT SHOW and MISCELLANEA:**

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.

THE FAMILY KINCAID

The investigation of strange phenomena and unusual stories ran in the blood of the Kincaid family.

In *The Adventures of Harry Nile* 04/10/2011 episode, "Fifteen Years Later," Harry encountered a strange character named Flying Officer Captain Robert Kincaid in England during World War II. Captain Kincaid was obsessed with conspiracy theories and unexplained phenomena. When Harry met him 15 years later, Kincaid was searching for the lost continent of Atlantis. He told Harry, "... There's more to this world than meets the eye and I'm going to prove it. And if I die trying, then my children and my children's children will carry on where I left off." At least two of Captain Kincaid's progeny have followed in his footsteps: his sons Robert Jr. and Michael.

In the 10/28/2012 episode, "The Beginning Of The Beginning," listeners learned that Michael Kincaid is the brother of Robert Kincaid Jr. who was the investigative reporter in "The Man Who Died Twice."

RECORDING SESSIONS:

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

Through January 2000, recording sessions were held at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle.

Jim French Productions currently records shows for *Imagination Theatre* in front of a LIVE audience every two to 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, Larry Albert, Terry Rose, Kathryn Shield, and Jim French

Writers: Jim French and Jim French and Terry Rose: "A Dog Named Who."
Terry Rose:

Terry Rose:
"Gravity." (See EPISODE NOTES:)

M J Elliott:

Michael Murphy:
"Now You Don't" and "The Talisman."

Gareth Tilley, Terry Rose & M J Elliott:
"The Green Man."

Gareth Tilley and Terry Rose:
"The Monster Inside."

Alan Hawkshaw – "Catacomb," theme for The Strangeseeker.

Sound Effects: Cheryl Jacobs, David Persson, Scott Anderson, David Freed, Frank Rosin, Curtis Takahashi, and Sean O'Meara.

Engineers: Peggy Stokes and Jason Shavey
Announcers: Dean L. Smith and Jim French

CAST:
Starring:
Terry Rose as Michael Kincaid and Robert Kincaid Jr.
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 as Shelly Mars
Kelly Lloyd as Shelly Mars (in "The Reluctant Vampire" only)
Mary Anne Dorward as Shelly Mars (in "The Goblin Factory" only)
Dean L. Smith as Dean - the announcer
Pat French as Pat - the director
Terry Edward Moore as Randolph Carter.

Guest Stars:
Andee Albert, Larry Albert, Jessi Badami, Bill Brooks, Frank Buxton, Pat Cashman, Karen Kay Cody, Susan Connors, Karen Corbitt, Jan D'arcy, Beth DeVreies, Mary Anne Dorward, Diane Felty, David Freed, Cynthia Geary, Demene Hall, Phil Harper, Kit Harris, Eric Helland, 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, Richard Ziman, and others.

EPISODE NOTES:
New Productions of Previously Used Scripts:
The episode "Gravity" was an adaptation of an episode of The Adventures of Dameron series, "The Berryman Chamber," which aired on KVI 06/26/1973. The plot line is quite similar to The Adventures of 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.

Special Imagination Theatre 15th Anniversary Broadcast:
"Fifteen Years Later: Chapter 10 of War Comes to Harry Nile." A special episode of The Adventures Of Harry Nile.
This double-length story celebrated 15 years of Imagination Theatre broadcasts and features guest stars
- John Patrick Lowrie from The Classic and Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes;
- Terry Rose from Kincaid, The Strangeseeker;
- John Armstrong from Raffles, The Gentleman Thief;
- and
- Karen Heaven from The Hilary Caine Mysteries.

The time is June, 1944 and following the events of Chapter 3, “D-Day Minus One,” Harry is still in England waiting to get a flight home. However, he isn’t bored. He manages to get himself involved with murder, treason and a former “girl” detective. He also encounters an aged consulting detective; a reformed, for the duration, gentleman thief; and a nut job who says he is a seeker of the strange and unusual.

1,000th Imagination Theatre Broadcast:
On 05/17/2015, "The Three Gifts of Malebolgia or Three of Our Actors Are Missing," a special program for the 1,000th week of Imagination Theatre aired on a one-time basis only. Featured were three leading actors from various Jim French series: John Patrick Lowrie (Sherlock Holmes), Lawrence "Larry" Albert (Dr. Watson and Harry Nile), and Terry Rose (Michael Kincaid.) Also appearing out-of-character were John Armstrong (Raffles, the Gentleman Thief), Rachel Glass (The Hilary Caine Mysteries), David Natale (Mr. Darnborough Investigates),
Kathryn Shield and Richard Sanders (Shelly Mars and Bigelow of *The Strange Seeker*), Jay Green, Mary Anne Dorward (Murphy of *The Adventures of Harry Nile*) and the man responsible it all, Jim French. The script was written by 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 Beginning Of The Beginning"
"Hell On Earth"
"High Stakes"
"The Hollow Men"

**Multi-Part Episode:**
*The Strangeseeker*
"Power Trip" is comprised of two single-length shows.

**LOG:**
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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
04/18/2010  The Monster Inside
09/19/2010  Hell On Earth
03/20/2011  The Walls Have Ears
07/24/2011  Now You Don’t
04/15/2012  The Talisman
10/28/2012  The Beginning Of The Beginning
07/21/2013  Treasure Trove
02/16/2014  Dead In The Water
09/28/2014  Power Trip - Part One
10/19/2014  Power Trip - Part Two

AVAILABILITY:
As of 03/31/2017 Shows can no longer be purchased through Jim French Productions.

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Jim French Productions Compact Disc Sets, Compact Discs, and MP3 Downloads:
Compact Disc Sets:
Kincaid The Strangeseeker - Volume 1, 2 CD Set
Kincaid The Strangeseeker - Volume 2, 2 CD Set
Kincaid The Strangeseeker Set 1, 4 CD Set
Compact Discs:
Volumes 3, 4, and 6 were single CDs with three episodes each.
Volume 5 was a single CD with two episodes.
MP3 Downloads:
Many individual episodes of this series were available for download in MP3 format. The Kincaid 2 and 4 CD sets were also available for download in MP3 format. The Kincaid Volume 6 Compact Disc was also available for download.
in MP3 format.

**SOURCES CONSULTED:**

**Radio Broadcasts:**
Various tape and CD Sets from Jim French Productions

**Program Listings:**

**Interviews:**
Interviews conducted by Stewart Wright with Jim French in 1998.
Jim French and Larry Albert of Jim French Productions who provided episode titles, episode initial airing dates, and recurring characters information.

**Correspondence and Conversations:**
Correspondence and conversations with Jim French and Larry Albert 1999 – 2017.

**Newspapers and Periodicals:**
*Radio Recall*
(The Journal of The Metro Washington Old-Time Radio Club)
The End of An Era by Stewart Wright, April, 2017.

**Internet:**
Various Web pages at Jim French Productions website:
Web site is no longer active.