

THE BAINBRIDGE STAY AT HOME COMPANION was a weekly podcast that pulled together the talents of Bainbridge Island to educate, amuse, and connect Islanders during the trying period of isolation brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a collaboration between Bainbridge Performing Arts, Bainbridge Prepares, and Bainbridge Community Broadcasting that aired on the latter's podcast feed "What's Up Bainbridge?" from May 5th to June 23rd, 2020.

**1.** In the pilot episode, **"Turning the Dial,"** hosted by John Ellis, Dr. Bhama Roget dispenses terrible advice, eligible bachelor Mr. Insley visits the ladies

of Bunchington Park, Alex Fermanis sings, and Bainbridge Prepares provides safety tips.

- **2. Tales from the Coop,"** hosted by Bridget Young. Liz Ellis and Guy Sidora reflect on the power of radio and share memorable witticisms and lore from Frank Buxton. A private investigator finds herself in hot water with one dangerously hot stranger, we're treated to a song from Baywitch, and we learn tips and community updates from Bainbridge Prepares.
- **3.** "It's All Relative(s)" features music by Noah Byrd, excerpts from the upcoming Covid Monologues, conversations with Island youngsters, musings from Dan Rosenberg, and missives from Bainbridge Prepares.
- **4. "Fowl-Weather Friends,"** hosted by Dominique Cantwell, features bird pond comedy by Wendy Wallace, mis-heard Shakespeare, and selections from *West Side Story* by the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra.
- **5.** "The Lonely Guru" features a poem from host Mike Lisagor, an original song about an intrepid isolator, the second installment in the "Are We There Yet" series, and music by Erica Cooper.
- **6. "Cultivating Stillness"** features musings on quarantine cooking from host Diane Walker, second installments of "In The Drawing Room" and "Bad Advice with Dr. Bhama," and music by The Hoot Hoots.
- **7.** "Through The Grey" is hosted by Madelaine Figueroa and features comedy by Dan Rosenberg, the conclusion to the mystery of B.I. P.I., and music by Lucy Bishop.
- **8. "The Next First Step"** is hosted by Pete Benson and features public radio for animals, improvised Macbeth, and music by St. Paul de Vence.

Right: Shakespeare in the Dark: Henry IV'd (Episode 4): Hope Koon, John Ellis, Madelaine Figueroa, and Bhama Roget re-enact the moment Henry Ford got his first investors...as Shakespeare might have written it.

