

## Peter Howell

### Works 1973-1998

Composer, Writer, Lecturer, member of the Radiophonic Workshop



I composed and performed music for Television and Radio for over twenty eight years, both as a staff composer for the BBC Radiophonic Workshop and as a freelance. My credits include Jonathan Miller's Body in Question series, many documentary programmes for BBC2 and Channel 4, as well as a notable contribution to Science Fiction music in Dr Who; my arrangement of the Dr Who theme is often played and has been released on many CD compilations.

Although my work on Dr Who has the highest profile, it formed only a small percentage of the music that I composed for the BBC. If you were to play it all sequentially, it would last over three days; although saying that to some people does not impress at all. It is only when they realise that you would only be able to finish about one and a half minutes of original music a day that it starts to mean anything. I was definitely not the most prolific, there were other composers producing even more. But clearly we are talking quantity here rather than quality, and only a small proportion of the work has stood the test of time.

Anyway, for those of you curious to know what was done and when, have a look below for an edited version of my database, detailing many of the notable productions, starting with the series I was working on when the Radiophonic Workshop closed, and traveling back in time to 1974 to my very first piece for the BBC; the sound of a flying pie!

- 1997 Michael Palin's Full Circle Series
- 1997 The Men With Nine Lives
- 1996 Papua New Guinea ("PNG Price of Peace") TV Documentaries
- 1996 Tales from Narnia: The Last Battle Radio 4 Drama
- 1996 Zig Zag Ancient Greece TV Schools
- 1996 Tales from Narnia: The Silver Chair Children, Youth & Daily Sequences

1995 Kaboom Independent  
 1995 Tales from Narnia: Prince Caspian Drama  
 1995 Tales from Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader Radio 4 Drama  
 1995 Doctor Who: The Five Doctors (Special Edition Video) BBC Enterprises  
 1995 Look and Read BBC1 TV Schools  
 1995 Redcaps BBC1 Independent  
 1994 Doctor Who: Ghosts of N Space Radio 2 Light Entertainment  
 1994 Pinocchio Radio 4 Drama  
 1994 Zig Zag BBC1 TV Schools  
 1994 Tales from Narnia: The Horse and His Boy Radio 4 Drama  
 1994 Reality on the Rocks (series for Channel 4) Non-BBC Independent  
 1994 The Lowdown: Series Title BBC1 TV Children  
 1993 Everyman: Shooting the Writer BBC1 Network TV - Religion  
 1993 Unofficial Rosie Radio 4 Drama  
 1993 Horizon: Assault on the Male BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1993 A Strange Landscape: The Clearing in the Forest BBC2 Network TV - Religion  
 1993 Off the Record Radio 3 TV Schools  
 1993 Equinox: The Real Jurassic Park Channel Four Independent  
 1993 Doctor Who: The Paradise of Death Radio 5 Light Entertainment  
 1993 Horizon: Dead Sea Scrolls BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1993 Everyman: Whose Home Is It Anyway? BBC1 Network TV - Religion  
 1993 Art in 14th Century BBC2 OU01 Open University  
 1992 Horizon: Terraforming BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1992 Goldfish The Movie Radio 5 Children, Youth & Daily Sequences  
 1992 Guards! Guards! Radio 5 Children, Youth & Daily Sequences  
 1992 Timewatch: The Sparks that Lit the Bonfire BBC1 History  
 1992 Producer Choice Logo Video BBC Graphics  
 1992 Scene (Titles) BBC1 TV Schools  
 1992 Nature: Coral BBC2 HP02 Network TV - Natural History  
 1992 The Natural World: Ice Fox BBC2 HP02 Network TV - Natural History  
 1992 Tales from The Perilous Realm Radio 5 Children, Youth & Daily Sequences  
 1992 Horizon: Frozen Addict BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1992 Fragments from Childhood (PH abstract sound piece) Radio 3 Features, Art & Ed  
 1992 Horizon: The Black Sun BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1991 Soul: Nature BBC1 MP02 Network TV - Religion  
 1991 Soul: Consciousness BBC1 MP02 Network TV - Religion  
 1991 Soul: Cosmology BBC2 MP02 Network TV - Religion  
 1990 Tuning Up Radio 3 Radio 3 Music  
 1990 BBC For Europe World Service TV Presentation  
 1990 Cats BBC2 TV Features  
 1990 Breakfast Serials BBC1 TV Children  
 1990 Design Classics: The Shell Logo BBC2 TV Music & Arts  
 1989 The Information Age ("The Machine that Changed the World") BBC1 TV Science

1989 Horizon: Legacy of a Volcano BBC2 TV Science Features  
1989 Cardiff Singer of the World BBC2 Music, Wales  
1989 Timewatch: Italian War Crimes BBC2 Network South East  
1989 Comic Relief BBC1 Light Entertainment Variety TV  
1988 Revelation Radio 4 Religious Broadcasting  
1988 Almeida Festival BBC2 Music and Arts  
1988 Natural World: Owls BBC2 Network TV - Natural History Unit  
1988 The Great Rift BBC2 Network TV - Natural History Unit  
1988 Pilgrims Progress World Service World Service  
1988 Timewatch: A Woman's Story ("Annie Besant") (Reel 1 of 2) BBC1 South & East TV  
1988 The Lowdown BBC1 TV Children  
1988 O'Donnell Investigates Aging BBC1 TV Continuing Education  
1988 Education Ident Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
1987 Horizon: Superconductivity BBC2 TV Science Features  
1987 Horizon: Easter Island BBC2 TV Science Features  
1987 Handmade BBC2 TV Continuing Education  
1987 Wildlife Classics Home Video BBC Enterprises  
1987 Ernie's Incredible Illuminations BBC1 TV Children  
1987 In Search of Unicorns Scotland Music & Arts  
1987 Let's See BBC1 TV Schools  
1986 Horizon: Life Story (aka Double Helix) BBC2 TV Science Features  
1986 Mediterranean Cookery BBC2 TV Continuing Education  
1986 Information World BBC1 TV Schools  
1986 Wildlife On One: Hummingbirds BBC1 Network TV - Natural History Unit  
1986 Miniature Worlds: Snow BBC2 Network TV - Natural History Unit, Bristol  
1986 Open Air BBC1 General Features Manchester  
1986 Talking Business BBC TV TV Continuing Education  
1986 Children of Green Knowe (series) BBC1 TV Children  
1986 The Bridge at Orbigo Radio 3 Drama  
1985 Christmas Jingle 1985 BBC1 TV Presentation  
1985 The Africans BBC1 Current Affairs  
1985 Trial at Torun Radio 4 Drama  
1985 Brazil BBC2 TV Continuing Education  
1985 Choices BBC1 MP02 Network TV - Religion  
1985 D-Day to Berlin (TV and subsequent video) BBC1 Current Affairs  
1985 Lift Off BBC1 TV Children  
1984 This Week, Next Week BBC1 Current Affairs  
1984 Who Sir? Me Sir? BBC1 TV Children  
1984 Doctor Who (Serial 6W): The Two Doctors BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
1984 Breakfast Time - Gymnasts (interview insert) BBC1 Current Affairs  
1984 Green Goddess Video BBC Enterprises Home Video  
1984 Look and Read: Badger Girl BBC1 TV Schools  
1984 BBC Video Logo BBC Enterprises Home Video

1984 Natural World: Beneath the Keel BBC1 Network TV - Natural History Unit  
 1984 Doctor Who - Theme Update BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1984 Dancer BBC2 Music and Arts TV  
 1984 Tyrone Crystal BBC2 Schools Broadcasting N Ireland  
 1983 Radiovision: Electronics at Work Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1983 Horizon: Parasites BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1983 Junior Electronics Radio 4 Schools (Radiovision) Features, Art & Education  
 1983 Doctor Who (Serial 6Q): Planet of Fire (Music) BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1983 Light of Experience (Moment of Truth) BBC2 MP02 Network TV - Religion  
 1983 Snowflake '83 BBC1 TV Presentation  
 1983 Doctor Who (Serial 6M): The Awakening BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1983 Prima BBC1 TV Continuing Education  
 1983 Seven Deadly Sins External Services World Service  
 1983 Woofer (Episode 1) BBC1 TV Children  
 1983 Doctor Who (6K - Special): The Five Doctors BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1983 Radiovision: The Astronomers Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1982 God in the Water Radio 4 Drama  
 1982 The Human Brain (Reel 1 of 5) Masters Reel 1 BBC Enterprises BBC Enterprises  
 1982 BBC1 Christmas Jingles BBC1 TV Presentation  
 1982 Timewatch BBC2 Music and Arts TV  
 1982 Inferno Revisited Radio 4 Radiophonic Workshop  
 1982 You and Yours Radio 4 Current Affairs & Magazine Progs (CAMP)  
 1982 Enterprises Space Record BBC Enterprises BBC Records  
 1982 Horizon: Titles 1982 BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1982 Fancy Fish BBC2 TV Continuing Education  
 1981 Introducing Science: Light and Lighthouses Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1981 BBC2 Autumn Promotion 1981 BBC2 TV Presentation  
 1981 Prisoners of Conscience BBC2 Documentary Features  
 1981 K9 and Company: A Girl's Best Friend BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1981 The Human Brain (7 part series) BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1981 K9 and Company: A Girl's Best Friend BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1981 Westminster at Work Radio 4 Parliamentary Broadcasting  
 1981 Radiovision: The Tempest Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1981 Doctor Who (Serial 5Y): Kinda BBC1 Drama Series and Serials TV  
 1981 Living Legends External Services Latin American Spanish Service  
 1981 Angela Rippon Meets BBC1 Documentary Features  
 1980 The Making of Mankind (series) BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1980 Turning Points BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1980 The Next President BBC TV Current Affairs/Special Projects  
 1980 Doctor Who (Serial 5S): Warriors' Gate BBC1 Drama  
 1980 Turning Point BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1980 Doctor Who Theme Record (RESL 80) BBC Records BBC Enterprises  
 1980 Rumpole Radio 4 Drama

1980 Doctor Who (Serial 5Q): Meglos BBC1 Drama  
 1980 Doctor Who (5N): The Leisure Hive BBC1 Drama  
 1980 Spotlight Regional TV Plymouth  
 1980 Escape BBC2 General Features  
 1979 Doctor Who Signature Tune Remake BBC1 Drama  
 1979 Quest Regional TV TV Bristol  
 1979 Adventure at Sea BBC2 Music and Arts  
 1979 Mainstream BBC1 Arts Features  
 1979 Heinrich Schlieman - Treasure Finder Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1979 Stone Book Quartet Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1979 Shock of the New (2nd Version) BBC2 Arts  
 1979 The Body In Question: Greenwich Chorus EP  
 1979 World Service Book Quiz External Services World Service  
 1979 Chronicle: Titles BBC2 Music and Arts  
 1979 Ghost Sonata BBC1 Drama  
 1979 A Midsummer Night's Dream Radio 4 Schools SP05 Education  
 1979 The Shock of the New BBC2 Music and Arts  
 1979 Living Legends BBC1 Music and Arts  
 1978 Calling Nigeria External Services Nigerian Service  
 1978 Sound in Mind Radio 3 Radiophonic Workshop  
 1978 Wee Have Also Sound-Houses Radio 3 Radiophonic Workshop  
 1978 The Body In Question (13 part series) BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1978 History Series External Services World Service  
 1978 Straight Down the Line Radio 4 Current Affairs and Magazine Programmes  
 1978 Radio 4 Logo Radio 4 TV Presentation  
 1978 Dream Radio Radiophonic Workshop  
 1978 The Business World BBC1 TV Continuing Education  
 1978 Life at the Top Radio 4 Current Affairs and Magazine Programmes  
 1977 Let's Move Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1977 Radio Merseyside Ident Local Radio Radio Merseyside  
 1977 God Rest You Merry, Sleighmen Radio 4 TV Presentation  
 1977 World About Us: Korea BBC2 General Features  
 1977 Space Poetry Music Radio Wales WP06 Education  
 1977 The Case of the Ancient Astronauts BBC2 TV Science Features  
 1977 Through a Glass Darkly (In the Kingdom of Colours) BBC Records BBC Enterprises  
 1977 Life at Stake BBC1 TV Science Features  
 1977 The Tale of the Knight, the Witch & the Dragon Radio 4 Drama  
 1977 Fanfare Radio 3 Music  
 1977 Pilot Programme (Through a Glass Darkly) Radio Radiophonic Workshop  
 1977 Ulster News Jingle Radio Ulster Radio Ulster  
 1976 You and Yours Weekend Signature Tune Radio 4 Current Affairs  
 1976 James and the Giant Peach Television Children's  
 1976 City Limits Radio Radio Manchester

1976 West Cumbria at One Local Radio Radio Carlisle  
 1976 M101 (Maths) Titles Television Open University  
 1976 The Secret War Television TV Science Features  
 1976 Games and Puzzles Radio Bristol  
 1976 Sinatra in Hollywood Television TV Presentation  
 1976 Festival 40 Television TV Presentation  
 1976 The Caveman Cometh Radio Drama  
 1976 A Country of Nations BBC1 Current Affairs  
 1976 Daedalus Equations (Mind Beyond) Television Drama  
 1976 Hermit's Island Radio 3 Music  
 1976 A Question of Ulster Television Current Affairs  
 1976 Radio Ulster Jingles Radio Ulster Radio Ulster  
 1976 Glyndebourne - An Opera in Production Radio 3 Creative Radio  
 1976 The Dark Labyrinth Radio 4  
 1976 Finger on the Pulse Radio 4 Current Affairs  
 1976 Spells for Schools Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1976 Music Club: Hen Pizzicato Radio 4  
 1976 World About Us: Cree Indians BBC2 Features  
 1975 Shell BBC1 Current Affairs  
 1975 Woman - Whither Now BBC1 Current Affairs  
 1975 Attica (Titles) Television Current Affairs  
 1975 Decline and Fall BBC2 Arts and Features  
 1975 Sound By Design Radio 3 Continuing Education  
 1975 Mr Trueman - Why Did You Drop The Bomb? Television Current Affairs  
 1975 Isle of the Free Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
 1975 Europe from the Air Radio Features, Art & Education  
 1975 Doctor Who (Serial 4H): Planet of Evil (Sounds) BBC1 Drama  
 1975 Space for Man BBC1 Arts and Features  
 1975 Discovery: It Just Growed Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1975 The Sound of Edwin Morgan Radio 3 Radiophonic Workshop  
 1975 Discovery: Beginners Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education  
 1975 English by Radio: Teaching Observed External Services English by Radio  
 1975 In Service Radio 4 Talks  
 1975 Pila-Pala Regional Television Children's Wales  
 1975 Doctor Who (Serial 4D): Revenge of the Cybermen (compose assist) BBC1 Drama  
 1975 Merry-Go-Round: Series Ident. BBC1 TV Schools  
 1975 Choices for Tomorrow BBC1 TV Continuing Education  
 1975 Answers to Listeners' Questions External Services English by Radio  
 1975 Stories and Rhymes: Warrior Princess Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
 1975 Contact Radio 2 Radio 2  
 1974 Radio Ulster: Ident Radio Ulster Radio Ulster  
 1974 Scene Around Six Titles Regional TV N. Ireland  
 1974 Dominic Radio 4 Schools Features, Art & Education

1974 The Magic Moving Picture Show BBC2 Arts & Features  
1974 The Treasure of Abbott Thomas BBC1 Drama  
1974 Ali Baba Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
1974 Asian Signature Tune Local Radio Radio Leicester  
1974 The Glass Lady Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
1974 In Concert Local Radio Radio London  
1974 Fourth Dimension: Help Radio 4 Drama  
1974 Bus Timetable Alteration Ident. Local Radio Radio Brighton  
1974 Quest: Gilgamesh Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
1974 Discovery: Animal Pattern Radio 4 Features, Art & Education  
1974 Bill Tidy Cartoons ("Chelm") BBC2 Arts Features  
1974 Let's Join In: Some Sky in this Pie Radio 4 Features, Art & Education