THE STRANGESEEKER

Formerly

KINCAID, THE STRANGESEEKER

1996 - Present

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First Show: 09/15/1996
Last Show: Series is still in production
Number of Shows: 47 and counting
Audition Show: See **AUDITION/PILOT SHOW**

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 is destroyed and the three primary characters are out of work. Randolph Carter of Miskatonic University (an institution that first appeared in the stories of H. P. Lovecraft) reveals to them that the University has owned the Investigative Channel for years; mainly because Michael Kincaid is a "psychic lodestone (a magnet) whose brain waves are attuned to supernatural phenomena." Kincaid, Shelly, and Bigelow are

offered jobs with the University. By the end of the episode, only Shelly has accepted the offer.

In the episode "Treasure Trove," which was broadcast on 07/21/2013, the audience learns that Kincaid, Shelly, and Bigelow are working for Miskatonic University. Michael's primary function is to investigate of psychic and supernatural phenomena, Shelly continues to work with Michael, and Bigelow is in charge of the University's library and also supports Kincaid's investigations. Gone are 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 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 New Zealand. It is 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 air 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 runs in the blood of the Kincaid family.

In *The Adventures of Harry Nile* 04/10/2011 episode, "Fifteen Years Later," Harry encounters a strange character named Flying Officer Captain Robert Kincaid in England during World War II. Captain Kincaid is obsessed with conspiracy theories and unexplained phenomena. When Harry meets him 15 years later, Kincaid is searching for the lost continent of Atlantis. He tells 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:
"A Work In Progress," "The License Plate Caper," "Not Another Ghost Story," "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,' "High Stakes," "Hell On Earth," "The Beginning Of The Beginning," "Treasure Trove,""Dead In The Water," "Power Trip - Part One," and "Power Trip - Part Two."
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."

Music: Graham Pleet – theme for *Kincaid, The Strangeseeker*.
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" is 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 celebrates 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:

All dates are the date of original airing on Seattle radio. Collector-assigned titles that have surfaced are shown in square brackets []

Date	**Title**
09/15/1996	Felicia
	[Felecia]
04/20/1997	The Place
10/19/1997	The Woman From Under The Ice
	[The Woman From Beneath The Ice]
01/18/1998	The 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
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:

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JIM FRENCH WEB SITE:

There is 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 listen the most recent episodes of *Imagination Theatre* and 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:

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 are single CDs with three episodes each.

Volume 5 is a single CD with two episodes.

MP3 Downloads:

Many individual episodes of this series are available for download in MP3 format. The *Kincaid* 2 and 4 CD sets are also available for download in MP3 format. The *Kincaid* Volume 6 Compact Disc is also available for download in MP3 format.

They are available from:
Jim French Productions
16215 SE Roanoke Pl.
Bellevue, WA. 98006
1-877-875-6453
http://jimfrenchproductions.com/
The above address is provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement.

SOURCES CONSULTED:

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

Correspondence and Conversations:
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http://jimfrenchproductions.com