

FACT SHEET

TITLE: **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT II**
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CONTRACT TERMS: Six releases to be completed by June 29, 2011. A release is defined as unlimited use within seven days.

PROGRAM SUPPLIER: ITV Global Entertainment

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Based on the world-famous detective novels, **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT** is brought lovingly to life in this second collection of hour-long murder mysteries. The legendary detective Poirot pits his wits against killers and kidnappers, murderers and plotters, and thieves and traitors in a compelling compendium of crime. The series stars David Suchet (*The In-Laws; Henry VIII; Executive Decision*), Hugh Fraser, Philip Jackson and Pauline Moran. The Poirot series will challenge the "little grey cells" of mystery lovers everywhere who will be delighted to follow once again the adventures of one of television's most beloved sleuths.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: Use above description for guide listings. A press release will be posted to PBS Connect and APTonline.org. Color photography will be available via email and will also be posted on APTonline.org.

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PRESS RELEASE

Investigate Along With One of Television's Favorite Sleuths in **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT**

Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot is one of popular culture's most beloved investigators—a brilliant, charismatic Belgian investigator renowned for using his “little grey cells” to solve the most baffling crimes in England. The detective has been depicted onscreen by several of the world's most famous actors—from Albert Finney to Alfred Molina to Peter Ustinov—but it is David Suchet's (*The In-Laws*; *Executive Decision*) landmark portrayal in the long-running BBC series *Poirot* that remains one of the stand-out performances to date.

The American Public Television-distributed series **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT II**, airing on public television stations beginning June 30, 2009, showcases 10 suspenseful episodes adapted from Christie's world-famous detective novels. These acclaimed episodes follow Poirot as he matches wits against the most devious killers, kidnappers, assassins, thieves and traitors from the mind of Agatha Christie.

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT II revisits some of the series' greatest episodes, with

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suspense, danger and intrigue at every turn. Poirot solves the disappearance of a wealthy banker, investigates the thefts of valuable ancient antiques, stumbles into an undercover FBI investigation of a high-profile mafia theft, saves the British Prime Minister from a sinister kidnap plot, and searches for a famous film star's purloined diamond. Special guest stars in this collection include favorites Hugh Fraser, Philip Jackson and Pauline Moran

Packed with intriguing cases and high-profile guest stars, **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT** brings Christie's classic mysteries to a new generation of public television viewers.

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT II was acquired from ITV Global Entertainment by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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EPISODE GUIDE

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT

Episodes #201 & 202 – “Peril At End House” (Parts I and II)

Poirot and Hastings are holidaying in Cornwall when they meet the beautiful Nick Buckley, who has three near fatal accidents within a very short space of time. Intrigued, Poirot talks to Nick’s friends who are loath to believe her stories of murder attempts.

Episode #203 – “The Veiled Lady”

In London’s famous Burlington Arcade a man grabs a handful of jewels and flees. A bored Poirot is meanwhile musing on becoming a master criminal himself. At her request, he meets Lady Millicent Castle Vaugh who explains that she is soon to marry the Duke of Southshire but is being blackmailed by an ex-lover. Poirot now has the excuse he needs to realize his criminal ambitions and proceeds to break into the suspected blackmailer’s flat.

Episode #204 – “The Lost Mine”

While Poirot is checking his account, the chairman of his bank is waiting for a Chinese man who is expected to sell the bank a map showing the location of a lost silver mine. When Mr. Wu Ling is found dead near the Red Dragon Casino at the docks, Inspector Japp becomes excited at the prospect of breaking a drug ring he has been pursuing for several years. Poirot is certain they are dealing with more than gangland crime.

Episode #205 – “The Cornish Mystery”

Much to Poirot’s chagrin, he arrives too late in Cornwall to prevent Mrs. Pengelley’s death. She had asked for his help, suspecting her dentist husband to be poisoning her so that he could marry his young assistant. After conducting preliminary interviews, Poirot is sure that Mrs. Pengelley was not murdered by her husband and sets about finding the real killer.

Episode #206 – “The Disappearance of Mr. Davenheim”

Wealthy banker Matthew Davenheim leaves his country mansion to walk to the post office after tea and is never seen again. He was expected to meet his colleague, Lowen, but Lowen sees no one on his walk from the station to Davenheim’s house. Inspector Japp wagers that Poirot will not be able to solve the mystery without leaving his apartment which, much to the Belgian detective’s disgust, he is currently sharing with a parrot.

Episode #207 – “Double Sin”

Hastings is disturbed by Poirot's talk of retiring and suggests they take a short holiday in the Northwest of England. On a day trip to Lake Windermere, Hastings is very taken with fellow passenger Mary Durrant who confides that she is carrying valuable antiques which she intends to sell to a client. When the antiques are stolen en route Hastings takes charge – the newly retired Poirot affecting complete disinterest in the theft.

Episode #208 – “The Adventure of the Cheap Flat”

Hercule Poirot meets a young couple who cannot believe their luck in finding a fashionable London flat for a nominal rent. Poirot is intrigued and decides to uncover the mystery of the cheap flat by pretending to move into the same block. This move unwittingly involves Christie's charmingly eccentric hero in an undercover FBI investigation into the recovery of secret submarine plans stolen by the mafia.

Episode #209 – “The Kidnapped Prime Minister”

Poirot is called in at the highest level when the British Prime Minister is kidnapped in France en route to a disarmament conference. The kidnap has been preceded by a gun attack on the PM as he traveled down on the boat train after seeing the King at Windsor. With only 32 hours to go before the conference is due to start, Poirot confounds the government by refusing to cross the channel and pursuing his investigation in England.

Episode #210 – “The Adventure of the Western Star”

Poirot's compatriot, famous film star Marie Marville, shows him letters demanding the return of her magnificent diamond, the 'Western Star.' Despite Poirot's protests, Marie is determined to keep hold of the diamond so that she can wear it at a weekend house party at Yardley Chase. Lady Yardley owns the companion jewel, the 'Eastern Star,' and Marie is determined not to be outshone. But before this glittering occasion can take place, both diamonds are stolen.