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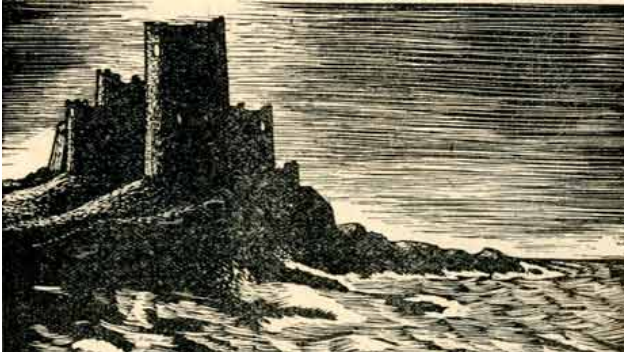
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A Christmas Ghost Story: BBC Archive Fun

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Ghost stories are a long-established part of Christmas festivities. And they have been a popular feature of the BBC's work as well.

BBC radio gave a new twist to this story-telling tradition in a radio play broadcast from Belfast on Christmas Eve, 1937. **Not One Returns to Tell** was written by **Denis Johnston** (who had recently joined the BBC's staff in Northern Ireland) and described ghostly goings-on during an outside broadcast from a north Antrim hotel. It was an innovative piece of programme-making and anticipated some of the techniques that would later become famous as a result of Orson Welles' War of the Worlds. Intriguingly, the listing that appeared in The Radio Times warned people who might be "prone to nervousness.. not to listen to this programme" – which probably had the desired effect of boosting listening figures!

We'll be stepping back in time in the company of the wonderful **Wireless Mystery Theatre** in a performance that will take place just a few yards away from the location of Not One Returns To Tell's original, eerie broadcast 80 years ago. And **Dr Leon Litvack**, who is well-known to BBC audiences as an expert on Charles Dickens, will provide an introduction on the tradition of Christmas ghost stories.

This event will take place in **Studio 1, Broadcasting House** and is part of a series of Christmas-time screenings, music-making and events from BBC Northern Ireland. It will last approximately **75 minutes with no interval**.

Tickets will be limited to **two per applicant**.

Admission to this event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that as not everyone who asks for tickets uses them, to make sure we have a full house we send out more tickets than there are places. We do our best to get the numbers right, but unfortunately we occasionally have to disappoint people so please arrive early.

All information is correct at time of publication.

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Wednesday 13 December 6.00pm

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