

SEPTEMBER SONG

"We don't see things as they are.
We see things as we are." ~ Anais Nin

Words by Maxwell Anderson
Music by Kurt Weill

Oh, it's a long, long while
From May to December,
But the days grow short
When you reach September.

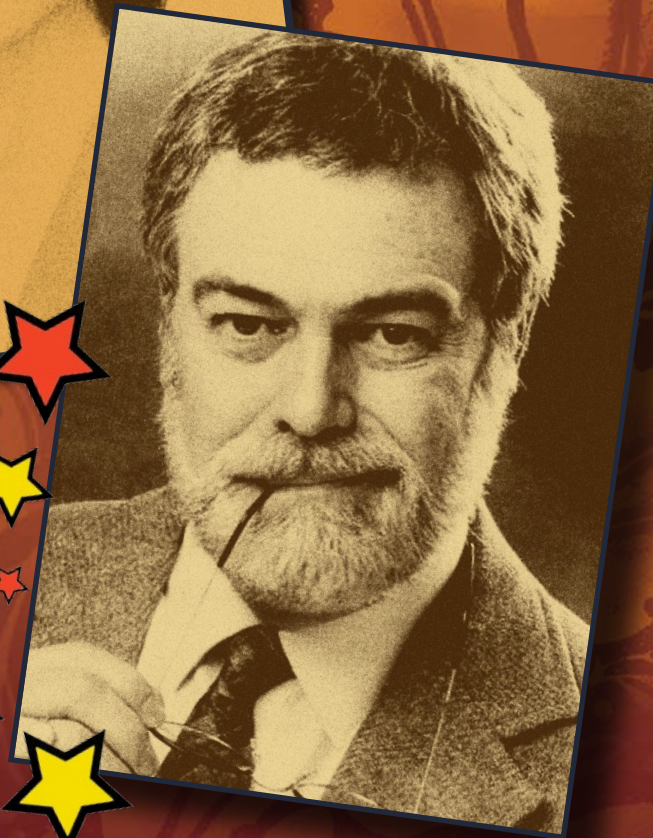
When the autumn weather
Turns leaves to flame,
One hasn't got time
For the waiting game.

Oh, the days dwindle down
To a precious few —
September, November!

And these few precious days
I'll spend with you...
These precious days,
I'll spend with you!

"No man is rich enough to buy back his past."
~ Oscar Wilde

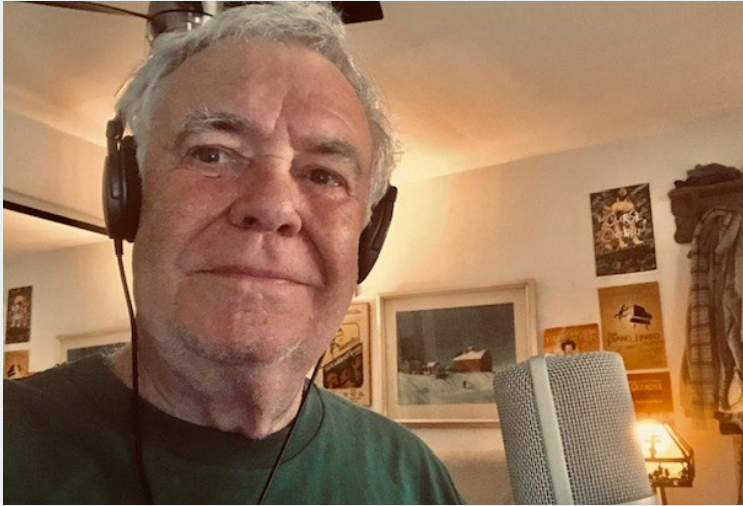
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Who am us, anyway?

WELL, DEAR FRIENDS, ODDLY, I AND MY darling **Melinda** have found our voices in demand, even in the time of Plague, like in Radio Ranger **Steve Donofrio's** enchanting audio adventure ***Ick and the Charm***, where I play the hummingbird Buzz opposite **Richard Fish** as Icarus the woodpecker, with **David Ossman** as the Flower God, **Tony Brewer** as Nectar, and **Melinda** as my mate, Sweetie. The rest of the cast includes **Barbara Rosenblat**, **Diane Kondrat** and **Heather Ludwig**, recorded on Zoom by **Leo Wetherill**.



I also reprised my role as Detective Polehaus in ***Adventures in Odyssey***, and play the Berlin CIA Bureau Chief in an Audible.com original series. I'm also thrilled to announce that Galaxy Studios is making the many **Golden Age of Pulp Fiction** titles plus **Battlefield Earth** available as an app, and SueMedia's excellent production of ***Debs in Canton***, featuring me and Melinda, will be broadcast nationally on local NPR stations right before the election...

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other." ~ **George Elliot**

Say what?

A COUPLE IN THEIR NINETIES ARE BOTH HAVING problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them with their failing memories.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" she answers. "Sure," he says and heads for the kitchen.

"Don't you think you should write it down?" she asks sweetly. "No need," he responds. "I can remember that."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write all that down, so you don't forget it."

He says, "I can remember that – you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like some whipped cream," she continues. "And I'm certain you'll forget that, so will you please write it down?" And from the kitchen he shouts, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it, for God's sake! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it!"

After about 20 minutes, the old man shuffles back and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "So? Where's the toast!?"

Brian Eno's full name is
Peter George St. John le Baptiste de La Salle Eno.
~ **Phil's Phunny Phacts**

ВНИМАНИЕ, ТОВАРИЩИ!

AND BY THE WAY, THIS WEEK I VOLUNTEERED for vaccine trials for Covid-19 at Cedars-Sinai. It's the one that was created in Russia, and the first available.

Well, I got the first shot yesterday around 5:30 p.m., and I'm doing pretty good with no side effects whatsoever. I actually feelshki хорoshó, although as I type this, я чувствую себя немного странно и я думаю, что вытащил ослиные уши!

"Every dictator uses religion as a prop
to keep himself in power."
~ **Benjamin Bhotto**

You can count on me

A WIFE ASKS HER HUSBAND, "COULD YOU please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have avocados, get six.

A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy six cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados."

And, incidently, avocados originally came from Mexico and Central America, where the indigenous Nahua people cultivated them. In their language, avocados were called

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āhuacatl — which also happened to mean testicles. But they taste better...

*"Drop your trousers here for the best results,"
~ Dry cleaners, Bangkok*

Stop the presses!

My dear friend, the mercurial **Jim Meskimen**, wrote this birthday tribute to me for the last orbit, but I inadvertently published an abridged version! Sorry, Jimbo. So I'm reposting the real deal in this orbit.

Why not? I'll be eighty for the whole year!

Poem for Proctor

Stop the presses, call the doctor
It's time to celebrate Phil Proctor!
Humorist, sage, raconteur,
Wise, yet somehow immature,
Actor with an elfin grin,
Player of the violin,
Survivor of a gruesome massacre,
Character in films by Lassiter,
Always ready to opine
As member of The Firesign,
Visual artist, polyglot,
Beloved by all the friends he's got,
Light as air, yet somehow weighty,
Can it be he's turning eighty?

~ Jim Meskimen

*"I'm single because I was born that way."
~ Mae West*

Oh, man

DURING THE SERVICE, THE PASTOR ASKED IF anyone in the congregation would like to express thanks for any prayers which had been answered. A lady stood up and came forward. "I have a reason to thank the Lord," she began.

"Two months ago, my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle accident and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating, and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear a suppressed gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Jim experienced. She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or

the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the shattered remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the Congregation squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery. She continued, "Now, Jim is out of the hospital and the doctors say that, with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had anything to say. A man rose from a pew in the back and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "Hi, I'm Jim and I would like to tell my wife – the word is 'sternum.'"

*"The Constitution only guarantees the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself."
~ Benjamin Franklin*



Texting for seniors

BFF = Best friend fell

BTW = Bring the wheelchair

TTML = Type to me louder

BYOT = Bring your own teeth

LMDO = Laughed my dentures out

FWIW = Forgot where I was

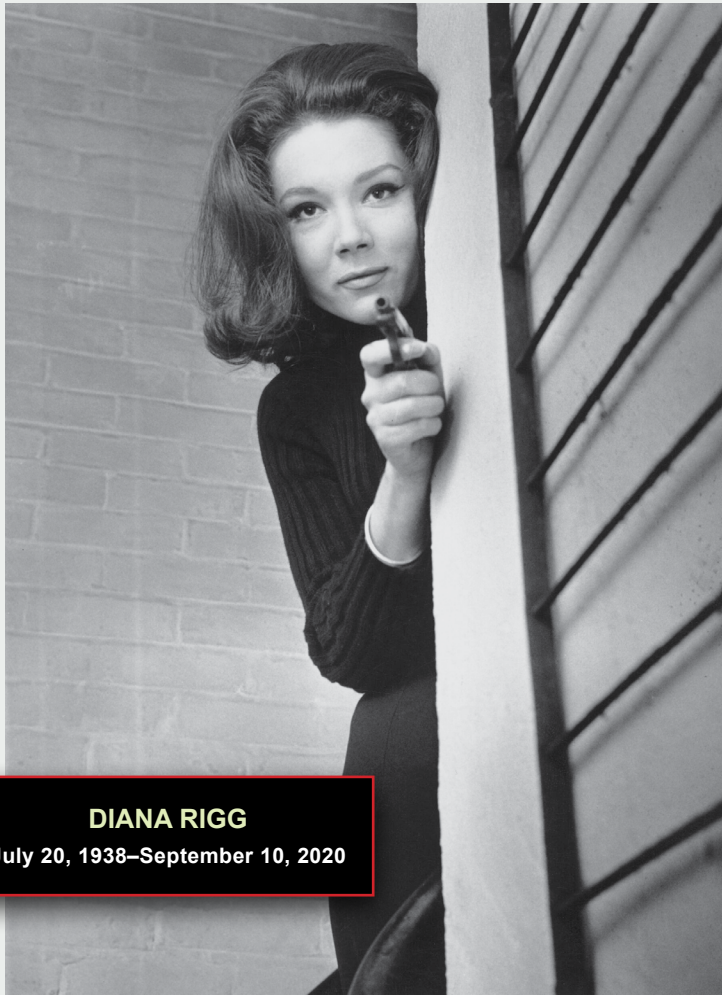
IYHAO = Is your hearing aid on

OMMR = On my massage recliner

ROTFLACGU = Rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

*"Youth cannot know how age thinks and feels,
but old men are guilty if they forget
what it was to be young." ~ J.K. Rowling*

"If liberty means anything at all, it means
the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."
~ George Orwell



DIANA RIGG

July 20, 1938–September 10, 2020

Diana Rigg

HAD THE GREAT JOY OF WORKING WITH THE future **Dame Diana** in 1973 in the pilot for her sitcom, *Diana*, created by **Leonard** ("Get Smart") **Stern**. I played her boss, an autocratic gay clothing designer in the pilot episode, "The Lady Comes Across," written by the great, late **Sam Bobrick**; but the role was written out because NBC bought another show about the fashion industry and they had to "alter it."

The shoot went very well, however, and I even got my picture in TV GUIDE, and on the day of our taping at CBS Center

Studios, she gave me a recipe for BBQ sauce and a petrified Jurassic clam. What a dame!!

"Her action-girl allure," wrote the BBC, "coupled with her husky voice - the result of a 20-a-day cigarette habit - also brought her plenty of male admirers." Among her many accomplishments, Rigg also starred in 1967 in the James Bond thriller *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* - as the only woman ever to marry Agent 007! And in later life, she was cast as Olenna Tyrell in *Game of Thrones*. "I'm thrilled young people identify with this naughty old bag..." she wrote.

The Tony Award-winning actress balanced her active film and television career performing with The Royal Shakespeare Company in both classical and original plays by artists like **Tom Stoppard**, who remembered her as "the most beautiful woman in the room; but she was what used to be called a Trouper. She went to work with her sleeves rolled up and a smile for everyone. Her talent was luminous."

We last talked with her after she played Henry Higgins' mother opposite **Rupert Everett** in Shaw's *Pygmalion* in London, 2010. She passed at 82, "joyfully reflecting on her extraordinary life, full of love, laughter and a deep pride in her profession," her daughter **Stirling** said. I still have that clam.

"Through others, we become ourselves."
~ Lew Vigotsky

The List

Jamie Alcroft, Richard Fish, Gil Wohl, Joan Allemand, Kent McCaman, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Brad Zinn, Allison "The Trainer" Barenbrug, Hanna Baldwin, my daughter **Kristin Campbell** for technical support and my darling wife, **Melinda Peterson**, for everything else.

And God bless **Ruth Bader Ginsberg**, and God help us all...

"To me, travel is a triple delight: anticipation, performance and recollection." ~ Ilka Chase

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FAMILY
STICK IT
FOOD PIONEERS
CHOO CHOO
TELL ME
DUMBASS
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"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always." - Robin Williams

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