



The End is Near; After 25 years, David Suchet's iconic portrayal comes to end

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S POIROT FINAL THREE MYSTERIES ONLY ON ACORN TV

The Premier British TV Streaming Service EXCLUSIVELY debuts:

Elephants Can Remember beginning August 11

Labours of Hercules beginning August 18

and Curtain: Poirot's Last Case on August 25

Thereafter all 70 episodes will be available to watch anytime ONLY on Acorn TV

Praise for Acorn TV

"No hard-core fan of British mysteries should be without a subscription to Acorn's streaming service." –The New York Times

"Discover an alternate universe of terrific British shows." –Los Angeles Times

Silver Spring, MD, July 21, 2014 – Called "One of the great TV achievements—and great TV performances—of the past 30 years" (*The Telegraph*), **Agatha Christie's Poirot**, led by fan favorite **David Suchet**, remains one of the most beloved television series of all time. As the premier streaming service for British TV in North America, **Acorn TV** is excited to have the exclusive broadcast rights to **Agatha Christie's Poirot's** final three feature-length mysteries, including *Curtain: Poirot's Last Case*. The final series, Series 13, features five TV movies and begins with *The Big Four* and *Dead Man's Folly* available on Acorn TV beginning July 28 and Aug. 4, the day after their PBS broadcast. **The final three mysteries will not be on PBS and available ONLY on Acorn TV**, beginning Aug. 11 for *Elephants Can Remember*, Aug. 18 for *Labours of Hercules*, and Aug. 25 for *Curtain: Poirot's Last Case*. Thereafter, all five new mysteries will be available ONLY on Acorn TV, along with all the 65 previous episodes. Acorn TV is the first proprietary digital channel from RLJ Entertainment (NASDAQ: RLJE).

Since its debut on television in 1989, Agatha Christie's famous Belgian detective has put his brilliant intellect and fastidious nature to the test as he solves the most mystifying crimes of the Art Deco era. Brimming with opulent 1930s period details and pitch-perfect performances, these final lavish adaptations feature guest stars **lain Glen** (*Jack Taylor, Games of Thrones*), **Helen Baxendale** (*Friends*), and **Philip Glenister** (*Life on Mars*), as well as fan favorite **Hugh Fraser** as Capt. Hastings in the series finale.

Final three mysteries:

Elephants Can Remember—While Poirot investigates a famed psychiatrist's murder, crime novelist Ariadne Oliver looks into a couple's mysterious death. Added Aug. 11

The Labours of Hercules—Poirot journeys to the Swiss Alps to lay a trap for an infamous art thief. Added Aug. 18

Curtain: Poirot's Last Case—After returning to Styles with Hastings, Poirot confronts a killer and his own conscience as he tries to stop a series of murders. Added Aug. 25

Currently, Acorn TV, at www.Acorn.TV and its popular Roku channel, features the first 65 episodes (Series 1 – 12) to watch anytime. Once *Curtain* is added on Aug. 25, Acorn TV will be the only place with all 70 episodes. Over its 25-year run, *Agatha Christie's Poirot* has been a stepping stone





for many top actors, including guest stars **Emily Blunt**, **Michael Fassbender**, *Doctor Who's* **Peter Capaldi**, *Homeland's* **Damian Lewis**, two-time Oscar nominee **Jessica Chastain**, *Sleepy Hollow's* **Tom Mison**, *The Walking Dead's* **David Morrissey**, *Downton Abbey's* **Hugh Bonneville**, among many others.

Miguel Penella, Chief Executive Officer of RLJ Entertainment, Inc., said, "We are thrilled to exclusively offer the final episodes of one of the most iconic series in television history to Acorn TV subscribers. For the last quarter of a century, David Suchet has made an indelible mark on television with his portrayal of Poirot, and these final episodes feature a fitting goodbye to a beloved series." Penella added, "Acorn TV continues to provide a welcome alternative for viewers looking for highly entertaining international content that can't be found anywhere else. After a record-setting 2013 with the exclusive premieres of **Doc Martin, Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries**, and Guy Pearce's **Jack Irish**, Acorn TV is set for another breakout year led by **Agatha Christie's Poirot**."

Watch Agatha Christie's Poirot 'The End is Near' trailer at http://acorn.tv/franchise/poirot

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*Online access to the final three episodes is available upon request for reviews.

*Full access to Acorn TV's current programs, including *Agatha Christie's Poirot* (Series 1-12), is also available upon request.

About Acorn TV

Available at www.Acorn.TV, Acorn TV is the first British TV focused streaming service in North America. Given the limited broadcast options for U.S. viewers to watch first rate international programs, Acorn TV offers U.S. fans the opportunity to not only stream many of their favorite series but, more importantly, discover new and classic programs previously unavailable to U.S. and Canadian audiences. Acorn TV offers a free 30-day trial and thereafter is just \$4.99/month or \$49.99/year. Acorn TV subscribers also receive free shipping on all orders from Acorn's catalog and website, AcornOnline.com. Launched in July 2011, Acorn TV is accessible on the #1 streaming player, Roku, as well as computers, and through the browsers on iPhones and iPads, among other soon-to-be announced platforms.

RLJ Entertainment, Inc. (NASDAQ: RLJE) is a premier independent owner, developer, licensee and distributor of entertainment content and programming in primarily North America, the United Kingdom and Australia with over 5,300 exclusive titles. RLJE is a leader in numerous genres via its owned and distributed brands such as Acorn (British TV), Image (feature films, stand-up comedy), One Village (urban), Acacia (fitness), Athena (documentaries) and Madacy (gift sets). These titles are distributed in multiple formats including broadcast television (including satellite and cable), theatrical and non-theatrical, DVD, Blu-Ray, digital download and digital streaming.

Via its relationship with Agatha Christie Limited, a company that RLJE owns 64% of, RLJE manages the intellectual property and publishing rights to some of the greatest works of mystery fiction, including stories of the iconic sleuths Miss Marple and Poirot. RLJE also owns all rights to the hit UK mystery series *Foyle's War*.

RLJE leverages its management experience to acquire, distribute and monetize existing and original content for its many distribution channels, including its branded digital subscription channels, Acorn TV and Acacia TV, and engages distinct audiences with programming that appeals directly to their unique viewing interests. Through its proprietary e-commerce web sites and print catalogs for the Acorn and Acacia brands, RLJE has direct contacts and billing relationships with millions of consumers.

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