

Friday 25 March 2016

12:04 All Night Programme

Including: **12:05** Music after Midnight; **12:30** Health Check (*BBC*); **1:05** The Friday Feature **2:05** NZ Society; **2:30** The Sampler (*RNZ*); **3:05** Easter At Mum's by Paddy Richardson (*RNZ*); **3:30** The Why Factor (*BBC*); **5:10** Witness (*BBC*) **6:06 Breakfast with Catriona Macleod**

An early miscellany of music, stories and random thoughts

7:20 The Cultural Frontline

Life of Pi author Yann Martel explains why so many of his novels draw inspiration from religion. (*BBC*)

Listen to The Cultural Frontline

7:35 Worldwatch

The stories behind the international headlines

9:06 Long Hours, Short Straw

What does the long-hours culture mean to you? Working late, missing time with friends and family? Does putting in extra hours make you better at your job or improve your chances of getting head? (*BBC*)

10:06 The Top Hat Story by Dean Mardon

Napier's Top Hat was the place to go in Hawkes Bay during the 1960s. The Top Hat's former owner and manager Bernie Meredith recalls the birth and evolution of the nightspot (An Electric City music production)

11:06 China's Generation-Y Speaks Out

A step inside the country to hear from the generation of wealthy, middle-class twenty-somethings who will determine the country's future (*BBC*)

12:00 The Midday Report

A roundup of today's news and sport

12:12 Good Friday with Paul Brennan

12:30 No Such Thing as a Free Lunch?

From power lunches to 'desktop dining', this edition of the BBC World Service Food Chain team unpicks the intimate relationship between food and the workplace (*BBC*)

No Such Thing as a Free Lunch? and a worker's guide: Dos and Don'ts of 'Desktop Dining'

1:10 Music in Braille

Braille is an important component in many blind peoples' lives, and some of those blind people are musicians. In this programme Lisette Wesseling explores Louis Braille's adaptation of his six-dot reading and writing system for the blind to represent the language of music. Braille awareness consultant for the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind, Lisette is also a soprano and studied voice in Auckland, Melbourne and London, with a special interest in early music – and she uses Braille music. Lisette is joined by Stephen Bennett, Ken Joblin, Aine Kelly Costello, Moya Michalachis and Wendy Richards.

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2:20 Battle at the Bridge

The Battle of Mount Street Bridge was, militarily, the most successful rebel engagement in Dublin during the 1916 Easter Rising. A small core of Irish rebels held up some 1,750 British soldiers who had come to quell the rebellion. For several hours on Wednesday 26th April, 1916 a mighty battle ensued. Narrated by Emily Sheerin. Produced by Tim Desmond. (RTÉ)

A Documentary on One from RTÉ Irish Public Radio

3:06 Folktale of Irish Backroads

According to author Pat Higgins, "In Ireland, music is an act of love." This programme follows that thought-- through folkworlds old and new, scattered world-round, in search of musical styles and words of wisdom for, from and about the Irish (PRX)

4:06 Syria's Refugee Crisis

From the UNHCR's main refugee registration centre in Amman, Jordan the BBC's Zeinab Badawi chairs a high profile panel of leaders and opinion-formers discussing Syria's refugee crisis. They face an audience from the refugee camps of Zaatari and Azraq and urban Amman as well as Jordanian citizens.

A BBC Global Questions Discussion

5:00 The 5 O'Clock Report

A roundup of today's news and sport

5:12 Retirement - not an option' by Ranginui Walker

Dr Ranganui Walker died on 29 February 2016, aged 83. This talk epitomising his outlook is from the collection of essays edited by Gordon McLaughlan and published under the title 'Loving All of it: Eminent New Zealanders Write About Growing Old'

5:30 Westminster Pilgrimage

A blind Catholic chorister's visit to London.

Ken Joblin's audio diary of his experiences as a sight-impaired choral singer travelling to perform at a number of overseas venues . Ken is bass section leader in the choir of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Christchurch (aka CBS Choir) On this - the choir's 7th international tour – they performed in the cathedrals and major churches of Los Angeles, Chelmsford, Westminster, Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney, Galway, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh, York, Leeds, Liverpool and Birmingham.

Listen

6:06 Friday Evening with Shelly Venning

6:06 Ted Cruz – Republican

Senator Ted Cruz is probably the only man left who could thwart Donald Trump's attempt to become the Republican candidate for president of the United States. Yet four years ago, he was virtually unknown. Mark Coles profiles the God-fearing, constitution-loving lawyer, speaking to friends, critics and former colleagues to find out what has fuelled his meteoric rise.

A BBC World Service Documentary

6:40 The Fire Of Life – a short story by A.P.Gaskell

Pinkney is progressive in matters educational but far more reticent in matters of the heart. (read by David McKenzie. - RNZ)

7:06 Music for Christian Holy Week

The liturgy of the Christian Holy Week has

inspired centuries of music from diverse composers and this week on Harmonia, we're exploring music for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services leading up to Easter (*PRX*)

8:06 An Episodic Career - The Shape of Things to Come

Author Farai Chideya, financial guru Alvin Hall and Ari Wallach, a founder and CEO of a strategy and innovation consultancy, join Ed Butler of the BBC strong style="mso-bidi-font-weight:normal">In The Balance business team to examines the increasingly competitive and demanding globalised workplace (*BBC*)

8:30 Spotlight

Carnivorous Plant Society live at Wine Cellar, Auckland

Taking inspiration from the likes of Ennio Morricone and David Lynch, jazz adventurers Carnivorous Plant Society brought these widescreen influences to bear on a recent set at Auckland's Wine Cellar. RNZ Music's Andre Upston was there to commit the performance from the Finn Scholes-led outfit to tape.

9:06 Country Life

Memorable scenes, people and places in rural New Zealand

10:00 The 10 O'Clock Report

A roundup of to day's news and sport

10:30 What's The Word: Rhyme

A look at rhyme in three languages (*PRX*)

11:06 The R and B Chronicles - Bill Withers

The American singer-songwriter Bill Withers is featured in this edition of the musical biography that will focus on classic R&B and soul music and it's great artists and groups (*PRX*)