

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

# **Stories in the Air: BBC Audio Drama Conference**



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## **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

### **Leeds Playhouse Conference Room**

**11:15-  
12:00**                    **In Conversation with Paterson Joseph**  
*Chaired by Alison Hindell*

**12:00-  
13:00**                    **Writing the Modern World**  
*How do writers respond to the big questions? Featuring Owen Sheers, Linda Marshall Griffiths and Testament and chaired by Matthew Dodd*  
*Followed by 1hr Lunch*

**14:00-  
15:00**                    **Storylining The Archers**  
*After 20,000+ episodes how does the team producing the world's longest-running soap keep the stories coming? Featuring Sarah McDonald Hughes and Dave Payne and chaired by Jeremy Howe*

**15:00-  
16:00**                    **Poetry and Audio Drama**  
*Throughout its history poets have influenced and responded to key developments in this artform – what is the appeal? Featuring Michael Symmons Roberts, Hannah Silva and Jacob Polley and chaired by Sue Roberts*  
*Followed by a Tea Break*

**16:15-  
17:15**                    **Meet The Commissioners**  
*Who chooses the plays on the radio and how? Chaired by Alison Hindell and Matthew Dodd*

**19:30-  
21:00**                    **If On A Winter's Night a Traveller**  
*Performance at Leeds Playhouse*

## **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

### **Leeds Playhouse Conference Room**

**10:00-  
11:00**                    **No Costume, No Makeup: Acting for Audio**  
*Why does audio drama continue to appeal to actors? Featuring Julie Hesmondhalgh and Toby Jones and chaired by Gary Brown*  
*Followed by a Tea Break*

**11:30-  
12:30**                    **In Conversation with Tim Crouch**  
*Chaired by Jeremy Howe*

**12:30-  
13:30**                    **Everyone's On Headphones Now**  
*How have sound production techniques changed in the 21st century? Featuring Benbrick, Hannah Silva and Eloise Whitmore and chaired by Polly Thomas*  
*Followed by 1hr Lunch*

**14:30-  
15:30**                    **Names Have Been Changed**  
*Turning factual material into compelling story-driven drama. Featuring Ian Kershaw, Vicky Foster and Owen Sheers and chaired by Emma Harding*  
*Followed by a Tea Break*

**16:00-  
17:30**                    **Alfred Bradley Bursary Award Prize-Giving**  
*The Alfred Bradley Bursary Award is a £5,000 writing bursary to Northern writers new to radio and the chance of a Radio 4 drama commission. Including readings followed by closing drink*