THE BAINBRIDGE STAY AT HOME COMPANION was a weekly podcast that pulled together the talents of Bainbridge Island to educate, amuse, and connect Islanders during the trying period of isolation brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a collaboration between Bainbridge Performing Arts, Bainbridge Prepares, and Bainbridge Community Broadcasting that aired on the latter’s podcast feed “What’s Up Bainbridge?” from May 5th to June 23rd, 2020.

1. In the pilot episode, “Turning the Dial,” hosted by John Ellis, Dr. Bhama Roget dispenses terrible advice, eligible bachelor Mr. Insley visits the ladies of Bunchington Park, Alex Fermanis sings, and Bainbridge Prepares provides safety tips.

2. Tales from the Coop,” hosted by Bridget Young. Liz Ellis and Guy Sidora reflect on the power of radio and share memorable witticisms and lore from Frank Buxton. A private investigator finds herself in hot water with one dangerously hot stranger, we’re treated to a song from Baywitch, and we learn tips and community updates from Bainbridge Prepares.

3. “It’s All Relative(s)” features music by Noah Byrd, excerpts from the upcoming Covid Monologues, conversations with Island youngsters, musings from Dan Rosenberg, and missives from Bainbridge Prepares.

4. “Fowl-Weather Friends,” hosted by Dominique Cantwell, features bird pond comedy by Wendy Wallace, mis-heard Shakespeare, and selections from West Side Story by the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra.

5. “The Lonely Guru” features a poem from host Mike Lisagor, an original song about an intrepid isolator, the second installment in the “Are We There Yet” series, and music by Erica Cooper.

6. “Cultivating Stillness” features musings on quarantine cooking from host Diane Walker, second installments of “In The Drawing Room” and “Bad Advice with Dr. Bhama,” and music by The Hoot Hoots.

7. “Through The Grey” is hosted by Madelaine Figueroa and features comedy by Dan Rosenberg, the conclusion to the mystery of B.I. P.I., and music by Lucy Bishop.

8. “The Next First Step” is hosted by Pete Benson and features public radio for animals, improvised Macbeth, and music by St. Paul de Vence.

Right: Shakespeare in the Dark: Henry IV’d (Episode 4): Hope Koon, John Ellis, Madelaine Figueroa, and Bhama Roget re-enact the moment Henry Ford got his first investors...as Shakespeare might have written it.