

# *Screen Directors Playhouse*

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

<b>No. of episodes</b>	122
<b>Audio format</b>	Monaural sound

*Screen Director's Playhouse* is a popular American radio and television [anthology series](#) which brought leading Hollywood actors to the NBC microphones beginning in 1949. The radio program broadcast adaptations of films, with original directors of the films sometimes involved in the productions, although their participation was usually limited to introducing the radio adaptations and taking a brief "curtain call" with the cast and host at the end of the program. During the 1955–56 season, the series was seen on television, focusing on original teleplays and several adaptations of famous short stories (such as [Robert Louis Stevenson](#)'s "[Markheim](#)").

The Radio version ran for 122 episodes and aired on [NBC](#) from January 9, 1949 to September 28, 1951 under several different titles: *NBC Theater*, *Screen Directors Guild Assignment*, *Screen Directors Assignment* and, as of July 1, 1949, *Screen Directors Playhouse*.

Actors on the radio series included [Fred Astaire](#), [Lucille Ball](#), [Charles Boyer](#), [Claudette Colbert](#), [Ronald Colman](#), [Gary Cooper](#), [Joan Crawford](#), [Bette Davis](#), [Marlene Dietrich](#), [Kirk Douglas](#), [Irene Dunne](#), [Douglas Fairbanks Jr.](#), [Henry Fonda](#), [Cary Grant](#), [William Holden](#), [Burt Lancaster](#), [James Mason](#), [Ray Milland](#), [Gregory Peck](#), [William Powell](#), [Edward G. Robinson](#), [Norma Shearer](#), [Barbara Stanwyck](#), [James Stewart](#), [John Wayne](#), and [Loretta Young](#).<sup>[1]</sup>