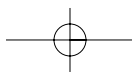
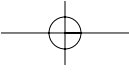
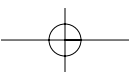


# TRIBUTES





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*Twilight Zone* scripts were different. I loved them. I love anything that's well-written, and of course anything by Rod Serling was. The freedom that I had with Rod, I'm getting now, but back then I only had Rod Serling and maybe [playwright] Clifford Odets. People whose words I loved to let roll out of my mouth.

Rod Serling's words are always wonderful to deliver. You don't get that today; you don't get the writers today who write with that kind of compassion, in a cryptic yet sharp way. He always wrote wonderful characters, fighters, combative little guys. He was just so feisty that I couldn't believe it when he died. I loved him.

—Jack Klugman  
Actor



I've always felt that television is a very intimate medium. You watch it on a small screen and back then they knew how to shoot for that, with the close-up. I think shows like *The Twilight Zone* were the truest and best use of television. Now it's like a small movie screen and I think that most of the television shows are more like movies in a sense.

The thing about *Twilight Zone*, and other shows of that time, was that it was just you and it, just you and the TV set. It was so intimate, very one-on-one; there wasn't a lot of running around and big scenes and such. It was almost inside of you, and seeing that again now is quite an adventure. It's not like anything else. I think even the fact that they were black and white adds a very special, almost dreamlike aspect. All of the *Twilight Zones* had that quality—that you were

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peeking in on something, rather than part of a whole crowd watching.

The writing, and the stories themselves, was just so beautifully done to capture the imagination. *The Twilight Zone* was very special. Rod Serling was a lovely gift to the world.

—Lois Nettleton  
Actress



When I started in the business in 1956, about the only thing on TV was Westerns. *The Twilight Zone* was very enjoyable, and a welcome change from doing the “heavies” that there were so many of. I knew it was a series watched by those in the industry who had the clout to make things happen, and might lead to other work. The show had interesting stories, an exceptional writer/producer, good directors, good acting, good casting—the usual qualities that make for a successful show.

—Kevin Hagen  
Actor



*The Twilight Zone* was probably one of the best showcases for future stars. It was terribly enjoyable to me because generally they had good sets, which they used from major feature pictures. I was a big fan of the show. I think I enjoy the *Twilight Zones* as much if not more than anyone.

I did *The Dukes of Hazzard* series for seven years and we had a chain of writers over there—there was so much nepotism they wouldn’t have allowed any good writers to come in other than their own, which is unfortunate. So consequently, I worked seven years with writers who had the imagination of a banana. The material was so hackneyed that we did the same show for seven years. Now on *Twilight Zone*, it was really a pleasure working on something that had the quality and the marvelous writers. I was very fortunate that I got to work on *The Twilight Zone* three times.

I’m going to go to my grave with “Rosco P. Coltrane” on the headstone. I’d much rather go to my demise with “He’s in *The Twilight Zone*!”

—James Best  
Actor



## AS TIMELESS AS INFINITY

*The Twilight Zone* was so different, so imaginative. When you think of the brevity of the episodes—most of them were half-hour shows—you realize that Rod Serling packed so much into a short period of time that it was stunning. I still get comments from all over the world, from people who are seeing the show for the first time. Having been a part of it was a delightful experience.

Rod Serling's work was quite impressive. He was so young, and to have these wild and wonderful ideas and to have them work—My only regret is that we didn't have his brilliant talent for a longer period of time. It's so wonderful just to think about what he might have been doing at this point. All we have to do is use our imaginations to know what his would have been like.

—Anne Blyth  
Actress

CASTING CALL SHEET

MGM FORM 521

Today's date 3/1/60

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PROD. 3632TV DIRECTOR J. BRAHM TITLE "A NICE PLACE TO VISIT"

CALL IS FOR - DAY WEDNESDAY DATE 3/2/60

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C	PETER HORNSBY	CRAP DEALER			11:30a	12:30
C	WAYNE TUCKER	CROUPIER			"	"
C	ROD SERLING	NARRATOR	TIME LATER			
	<u>ATMOS</u>					
X	2 WOMEN	AS RECALLED	9:30am			
C	3 WOMEN	DRESS EXTRAS	11:30am			
C	12 MEN (35 to 55)	DRESS EXTRAS	11:30am			
X	1 WOMEN	AS SELECTED	8:30am			
C	2 WOMEN	AS SELECTED	8:30am			
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An MGM casting call sheet for the Twilight Zone series. (Courtesy Tony Albarella)

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A 1962 telegram from Bill Dozier, production head at Screen Gems. Serling would later work with Dozier on *The Loner*.