Sears Radio Theater was a <u>radio drama anthology series</u> which ran weeknightly on <u>CBS Radio</u> in 1979, sponsored by the <u>Sears</u> chain. Often paired with *The <u>CBS Radio Mystery Theater</u>* during its first season, the program offered a different genre of drama for each day's broadcast.

In 1980, the program moved to the <u>Mutual Broadcasting System</u> and became the *Mutual Radio Theater*. The Mutual series broadcast repeats from the CBS run until September 1980, when a short season of new dramas was presented. Sears continued as a sponsor during the Mutual run.

Monday was "Western Night" and was hosted by <u>Lorne Greene</u>. Tuesday was "Comedy Night", hosted by <u>Andy Griffith</u>. Wednesday was "Mystery Night" with <u>Vincent Price</u> as host. Thursday was "Love And Hate Night" with <u>Cicely Tyson</u> doing honors as host. Finally, Friday brought "Adventure Night", first hosted by <u>Richard Widmark</u> and later by <u>Howard Duff</u> and then by <u>Leonard Nimoy</u>.

Actors heard on the series included <u>Parley Baer</u>, <u>Mary Jane Croft</u>, <u>Howard Culver</u>, <u>John Dehner</u>, <u>Virginia Gregg</u>, <u>Janet Waldo</u>, <u>Vic Perrin</u>, <u>Hans Conried</u>, <u>Marvin Miller</u>, <u>Elliot Lewis</u>, <u>Jeff Corey</u>, <u>Lesley Woods</u>, <u>Robert Rockwell</u>, <u>Lurene Tuttle</u>, <u>Eve Arden</u>, <u>Keith Andes</u>, <u>Harriet Nelson</u>, <u>Alan Young</u>, <u>Tom Bosley</u>, <u>Marion Ross</u>, <u>Lloyd Bochner</u>, <u>Rick Jason</u>, <u>Frank Campanella</u>, <u>Toni Tennille</u>, <u>Arthur Hill</u>, <u>Dan O'Herlihy</u>, <u>Jesse White</u> and <u>Frank Nelson</u>.

It was produced and directed by <u>Fletcher Markle</u> and <u>Elliott Lewis</u>. The theme was composed and conducted by <u>Nelson Riddle.[1]</u>

Though less long-lived than <u>NPR</u>'s <u>Earplay</u> or the <u>Mystery Theater</u>, it was an ambitious attempt to reinvigorate a neglected field. Like <u>Earplay</u>, it was broadcast in stereo.

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