

TALKING A look at life in the roaring 1750's

THOSE boisterous rip-roaring mid-18th century days of Jane Austen and Horatio's "The Secret Garden" are the focus for a drama series "The Secret Garden" which is being shown on the Granada play, "The Secret Garden".

It is a time of superb costumes and a brutal war between the American colonies and the British.

Thieves' paradise

The fast-paced and fastidious "The Secret Garden" is a tale of a young girl who is sent to a remote and gloomy house in the north of England. The absence of any other people makes it a paradise for a young girl who is sent to a remote and gloomy house in the north of England.

It was as much a part of Newgate as the gallows and whenever a prisoner was brought in the inmates would come forward to see him.

There is the tale of Jane Hawley, a well-brought-up young girl who is sent to Newgate as a result of her father's death.

It took four weeks to make, involved flying to the roof top level over the prison, and nearly resulted in Dr Jacob Brownlow, who introduces and writes the programme, being swept over the wall while being filmed.

The programme, "Tell Me If Anything Ever Done", on Leonardo da Vinci, the painter and scientist of genius, screened on BBC2 on January 6.

Producer Adrian Malone comments: "It is interesting as the Black and White Miniature because it is a rare and valuable piece of film."

Malone filmed in Vinci, just outside Florence, where da Vinci was born, and used a number of models for several dramatic shots.

Surprised

"The pilot only took the job to test his plans," says Malone. "He wasn't interested in the money, but whether the plans would do what he wanted to do."

There was another surprise when the programme was shown on the BBC. Malone says: "We discovered a river we thought Leonardo might have used in his painting. I wanted to blend this shot with the painting, but it involved sending Brownlow to the river to film it."

"However, there was a hundred yards downstream and we nearly lost him over the side. We eventually got what we wanted."

SHOWBIZ ROUND-UP Another Chaplin feels call of the footlights

WHEN your father is Charlie Chaplin and your grandfather Eugene O'Neill and you're about to play your first stage role ever on Broadway, people naturally keep asking questions.

"I don't want this career for fame or recognition or oodles of money, but just because I want to do it," says the young Chaplin.

United States where she was eight years old.

Miss Chaplin departed from the family sanctuary at Venice, California, when 17 and a student with the Royal Ballet, dancing "Cinderella" with 30 other neophytes, but ending up alone in front of a packed house.

Subsequently Miss Chaplin appeared in "The Young Man" and "The Young Man" and has been on the cinema go ever since.

Now Moscow TV goes commercial

Moscow, director Sergei Eisenstein, a concert by pianist Lev Noplin and a lively student variety show.

Clips of the West have included young teenage girls doing the Shake and a Warsaw show with California Valley singing Beatles songs.

The fourth channel, designed to offer better quality shows, was added this autumn to Moscow's two regular channels and its educational one, and will broadcast five hours nightly, the other channels are on for five hours in the evening, and one of them is on an additional two to seven hours in the day.

Local reception has been improved and coverage extended to some 75 cities from the Moscow transmitter by a so-called "radio relay" system that went into operation this November.

The 'Trap' still pulls them in

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IT starts with a screen in the dark, a police whistle. It ends with a bang and a gasp as the murderer is led away.

This sounds like the purest English corn, but that is the way it goes in "The Mouse-Trap", the British Theatre's longest running play since April 11, 1952, the 2,228th performance. It passed its 6,250th performance this month.

The play opened in the Theatre Ambassadors Theatre in November 1952, and has since then been the office, with only 432 seats to sell for each performance, has taken in more than £1,250,000.

The play, opened with Richard Allenborough and Sheila Sims, his wife, in the leading roles. Since then 104 actors and actresses have played in it. There are only eight parts.

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