

FACT SHEET

TITLE: **BALLYKISSANGEL V** [stereo] [CC] [TV-PG]

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EXPECTED RELEASE: June 1, 2001

CONTRACT TERMS: Two (2) releases to be completed by November 30, 2003. A release is defined as unlimited use within seven days.

PROGRAM SUPPLIER: BBC Worldwide Americas

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The fifth and final season of **BALLYKISSANGEL** continues to follow the quirky inhabitants of the tiny, charming Irish town. The Dooleys, proprietors of Fitzgerald's Pub, return, as do bungling handymen Liam and Donal, best friends and parents Siobhan and Brendan, gossipy Kathleen, Father Mac and Garda Frankie. A new foreign priest, Father Vincent, shakes up the tranquil community, and newcomers Edso and Avril (Susannah Doyle, daughter of the late Tony Doyle, who played Brian Quigley) bring fresh drama to the town.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: Use above for listing. A press release, episode listings and cast/credits listing are included. All press materials, including photography, are posted on www.aptv.org.

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PRODUCTION DATE: ©2000 BBC Enterprises.

PRODUCTION CREDITS: Creator: Kieran Prendiville. Executive producers: Sophie Balhetchet, Robert Cooper.

BROADCAST HISTORY: Series premiered on BBC Americas March 2001.

RELATED MERCHANDISE: This series is **NOT** available on home video.

Videos of season one are available through BBC Direct at 1-800-216-1222. Additional items are available through www.bbcproducts.com.

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PRESS RELEASE

BALLYKISSANGEL V

BALLYKISSANGEL, the quirky drama set in a small Irish town, has attained almost cult status since its debut on American public television in 1998, winning fans for its sharp writing and excellent ensemble cast. **BALLYKISSANGEL V** — the final season of this program — sees the return of creator Kieran Prendiville to the writing staff and introduces several newcomers to the town. **BALLYKISSANGEL V** airs on public television stations nationwide beginning June 1, 2001 (check local listings).

The fifth season of **BALLYKISSANGEL** opens a year after the previous series ended, and several characters have left “BallyK.” Niamh, former landlady of Fitzgerald’s Pub, is now living in London with her new husband Sean, her son Kieran and Sean’s daughter Emma. She returns for the first episode only, to unravel the mysterious disappearance of her father, wheeler-dealer Brian Quigley (the late Tony Doyle).

New faces on the barstools at Fitzgerald’s Pub add excitement to the village: a new priest, Father Vincent Sheahan (Robert Taylor of *The Matrix*), arrives from Australia; and horse-trainer Avril Burke (Susannah Doyle, daughter of the late Tony Doyle) sets sparks flying when she buys Devlin’s racing stable. Also new on the scene are mechanic and garage owner Edso Dowling (Paul Ronan, *The Devil’s Own*) and sheep farmer Louis Dwyer (Mick Lally, *Circle of Friends*).

It’s business as usual at Fitzgerald’s, the heart and soul of Ballykissangel, where the Dooley family is running the pub. It took Paul Dooley time to find his feet after prison but in this season he comes into his own. Always out to make money, he works to

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establish his own empire now that Quigley, his main rival, has vanished. His wife, Oonagh, keeps him and their children, Grainne and Dermot, on the straight and narrow. Bungling handymen Liam and Donal are quite happy to forget their former employer's feud with Dooley when he offers them work, although the quality of their service hasn't improved.

Other returning faces include best friends and parents Brendan, now the school headmaster, and veterinarian Siobhan; gossipy shop-owner Kathleen; parish priest Father Mac; Frankie, the garda who took the place of Ambrose Egan after his heroic death; and Doc Ryan.

Created by Kieran Prendiville. Executive producers: Sophie Balhetchet, Robert Cooper. Producer: Dave Shanks. Written by Kieran Prendiville, John Flanagan, Andy McCulloch and Ursula Aspill-de Brun. Directors: Paul Harrison, Frank Smith and Alan MacMillan. Produced in 2000 by the BBC, **BALLYKISSANGEL V** was acquired from BBC Worldwide Americas by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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CAST/CREDITS

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Cast

Vincent SheahanROBERT TAYLOR
Father MacNIALL TOIBIN
Siobhan Mehigan DEIRDRE DONNELLY
Brendan Kearney GARY WHELAN
Kathleen Hendley AINE NI MHUIRI
Liam Coghlan JOE SAVINO
Donal Doherty FRANKIE MCCAFFERTY
Frankie Sullivan CATHERINE CUSACK
Paul Dooley.....OWEN ROE
Oonagh DooleyMARION O'DWYER
Dermot Dooley CIARAN OWENS
Grainne Dooley KATIE CULLAN
Avril Burke SUSANNAH DOYLE
Edso DowlingPAUL RONAN
Louis Dargan MICK LALLY
Doctor Michael RyanBOSCO HOGAN

Credits

Creator Kieran Prendiville
Writers..... Kieran Prendiville (Episodes 1,2,3,5,7,8)
 John Flanagan and Andy McCulloch (Episode 4)
 Ursula Aspill-de Brun (Episode 6)
Directors.....Paul Harrison (Episodes 1, 2,7 & 8)
 Frank Smith (Episodes 3 & 4)
 Alan MacMillan (Episodes 5 & 6)
ProducerDavid Shanks
Executive producers.....Robert Cooper (BBC)
 Sophie Balhetchet (World Productions)

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EPISODE LISTINGS/DESCRIPTIONS

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#501 **“God.com”**

The new Australian priest Vincent Sheahan arrives in Ballykissangel and immediately attracts controversy when a journalist starts asking questions about the Ballykissangel online confessional. Liam and Donal find a pile of Quigley's clothes on the beach, and no one is sure whether Quigley is dead or alive. When Niamh arrives she finds out that her father was heavily in debt. As rumours circulate about Quigley's fate, Paul and Oonagh worry that the bank might repossess the pub. Some clues as to Quigley's whereabouts arrive in the mail and via e-mail.

#502 **“Drink”**

Frankie gives Vincent a breathalyzer test after smelling alcohol on his breath, eliciting gossip throughout the village. Dooley spots a money-making opportunity in real estate that almost goes sour. And Father Mac begins to worry when the priest's house is under threat from the bank, until a third party buys the property.

#503 **“The Cat and Daddy G”**

Avril is worried because The Cat, one of her horses, is under-performing. She can't afford to keep him and another trainer has offered to buy him. But Grainne's pet goat seems to get The Cat back on track, providing another money-making scheme for Dooley. Edso and Avril begin a flirtation as they prepare The Cat for the races. A confession puts Vincent in a compromising position with the law and with Frankie.

#504 **“Spirit Proof”**

The ghost of an old highwayman returns to haunt the village when Dooley appropriates some ancient fishing rights originally granted to the pub. Meanwhile, Kathleen causes havoc as she learns to drive.

#505 **“Paul Dooley Sleeps With the Fishes”**

Avril comes into town and gets a sobering wake-up when she sees someone from her past. Liam and Donal invoke Godfather-style tactics to pressure Dooley into returning the money he borrowed from them. Meanwhile, Oonagh thinks it's time to rename the pub.

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#506 “In a Jam”

Vincent is in charge of this year’s parish fête, which — this being BallyK — is rife with town drama. A constipated cow, a colicky horse and a cutthroat jam competition are all part of the excitement. Meanwhile, Siobhan has found a lump in her breast and pushes Brendan away as she waits for her test results. On top of it all, Frankie catches Dermot Dooley drinking in the beer tent.

#507 “Getting Better All the Time”

An old friend of Vincent’s, Barry, arrives in Ballykissangel with his girlfriend, Lyn, whom he wants to marry. But there’s a snag: Barry has been married before and Father Mac won’t let him remarry in church. Dooley has leased some land that a consortium wants to build on, but he too hits a snag when Brendan spots a “mass rock” and won’t let them shift it. A faith healer comes to town and appears to have special powers when Lyn’s longed-for pregnancy suddenly materializes and Father Mac’s arthritic limp disappears.

#108 “Smoke Signals”

Father Mac confronts Vincent when he finds out that he married Lyn and Barry at the mass rock, but Father Mac has his own trouble with the Bishop, who tells him he is too old to be a parish priest and that he should contemplate his future. With the priest’s house up for sale, Vincent is now homeless. Meanwhile, Siobhan discovers cannabis growing near Louis’ house on the mountain and Frankie goes to investigate. Siobhan and Brendan return from a night out to find their babysitter, Vincent, asleep on the couch with Avril.

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