



## THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN FILM HISTORY

### The Twilight Zone TV Series

Creator by Rod Serling

Original series (1959–1964)

First revival (1985–1989)

Second revival (2002–2003)



The Twilight Zone is an American television anthology series created by Rod Serling. It is a series of unrelated stories containing drama, psychological thriller, fantasy, science fiction, suspense, and/or horror, often concluding with a macabre or unexpected twist. A popular and critical success, it introduced many Americans to common science fiction and fantasy tropes. The program followed in the tradition of earlier shows such as *Tales of Tomorrow* (1951–53), which also dramatized the short story *What You Need*, *Science Fiction Theatre* (1955–57); radio programs such as *The Weird Circle*, *Dimension X*, and *X Minus One*, and the radio work of one of Serling's inspirations, Norman Corwin. The success of the series led to a feature film, a radio series, a comic book, a magazine, and various other spin-offs that spanned five decades, including two "revival" television series. The first ran on CBS and in syndication in the 1980s, the second ran on UPN from 2002 to 2003. In 2013, TV Guide ranked it #5 in its list of the 60 Greatest Dramas of All Time.

### Shot In Inyo County



**The Twilight Zone (1959 TV Series)**

**Episode: Third from the Sun (1960)**

**Episode aired: January 8, 1960**

Olanca Dunes, Olanca, California, USA

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios - 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, California, USA

William Surka works as a hydrogen specialist in a highly secure plant. Conditions are tense and there are constant rumors of war. The latest is that it's going to happen in the next 48 hours. Unbeknown to his wife Eve and daughter Jody, he and his friend Jerry Riden have been planning an escape of sorts for themselves and their families. Jerry is a test pilot and they plan to steal the government's latest spacecraft heading off to a planet they believe may sustain life. Their biggest challenge is Carling, a security officer who seems to be onto their plan.

Director: Richard L. Bare

Writers: Rod Serling

Stars: Fritz Weaver, Edward Andrews, Joe Maross

B & W 25 Minutes



## **The Twilight Zone**

**Episode: A Hundred Yards Over the Rim**

**Episode aired: April 7, 1961**

Olancho Dunes, Olancho, California, USA

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios - 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, California, USA

Christian Horn is member of an 1847 wagon train headed west. They are 1500 miles from St. Louis and are now in the New Mexico desert. Many in the wagon train are ready to turn back but Chris wants everyone to persevere. His son has had a fever for 11 days now and Chris goes off looking for water, only 100 yards or so from the others and suddenly finds himself in the present day. He can't quite bring himself to believe what he sees or where he is but those he meets believe he's a man from the past. The trip in time does have one positive outcome.

Director: Buzz Kulik

Writers: Rod Serling

Stars: Cliff Robertson, John Crawford, Evans Evans

B & W 25 Minutes



## **The Twilight Zone**

**Episode: The Rip Van Winkle Caper**

**Episode aired: April 14, 1961**

Death Valley National Park, California, USA

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios - 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, California, USA

Four thieves steal \$1 million in gold bullion in a train robbery and hide the money in a mountainside cave. The four plan to go into suspended animation for approximately 100 years when they hope to awaken as extremely rich men with their heist long forgotten. When they awaken, they're not quite sure what year it is. One of them, De Cruz, has his eye on getting as much of the gold for himself as he possibly can. The world they have awakened in isn't exactly what they had hoped for

Director: Jus Addiss

Writers: Rod Serling

Stars: John Mitchum

B & W 25 Minutes