

Chemistry Professor features in BBC's Desert Island Discs

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An alumnus is this week appearing on BBC Radio 4's iconic *Desert Island Discs* programme.

Professor David Phillips OBE (BSc Chemistry, 1961) is the castaway on the morning programme on Friday 6 May, which is also currently available on the BBC iPlayer to UK [users \(http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b010t31j/Desert_Island_Discs_Prof_David_Phillips/\)](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b010t31j/Desert_Island_Discs_Prof_David_Phillips/).



David, who is Professor Emeritus at Imperial College London's Department of Chemistry and President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1999 in recognition of his work for services in science education.

Desert Island Discs, which began broadcasting in 1942 and is the longest-running factual radio show in the world, invites guests to select eight pieces of music, a book, and a luxury item to accompany them on a stay on an imaginary island.

In this week's programme, which is hosted by Kirsty Young, David talks about his life and work, and his memories of the University of Birmingham.

He also plays a selection of his favourite pieces of music, including Red McKenzie and the Mound City Blowers' version of *Georgia on My Mind*, Tom Lehrer's *The Elements*, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Le Nozze de Figaro*.