

Don't Turn That Dial!

Host Carl Amari puts classic radio back on the airwaves.

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Suspense was just killing Carl Amari. The show that frightened audiences during the golden age of radio was doing what no adult could do one night in 1975: subdue a rowdy bunch of 12-year-old boys at a sleepover.

“We wanted to be up all night,” Carl recalls. “My friend’s father collected radio shows on eight-tracks and cassettes. He decided to shut us up by playing a scary radio episode of *Suspense* called ‘On a Country Road.’ It starred Cary Grant and was about a husband and wife who run out of gas on a lonely country road while there’s a lunatic on the loose killing people with a meat cleaver. My imagination was so powerful, I could see the whole picture.”

That’s all it took to turn Carl into a lifelong radio drama fan who parlayed his obsession into a broadcast career and successful licensing business. He hosts a weekly national radio show called *Hollywood 360*, which he describes as a mix of classic radio, *Entertainment Tonight*, Turner Classic Movies and TV Land.

Every Saturday night the smooth tones of *Batman’s* Adam West kick off the program. With his co-host, Lisa Wolf, by his side, Carl



CARL AMARI interviews stars from the golden ages of television and film on his radio show *Hollywood 360*, which airs nationally.

interviews stars from the golden ages of film and television, reviews current movies and challenges listeners to a trivia contest called “Beat the Host.” (Carl is a trivia whiz, but he’s proud to say his listeners beat him 60 percent of the time.)

Carl also plays four classic radio shows each week from his vast collection, which includes *Suspense*, *The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet* and *Gunsmoke*, to name a few.

“It’s a fun four hours of nostalgia,” Carl says.

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