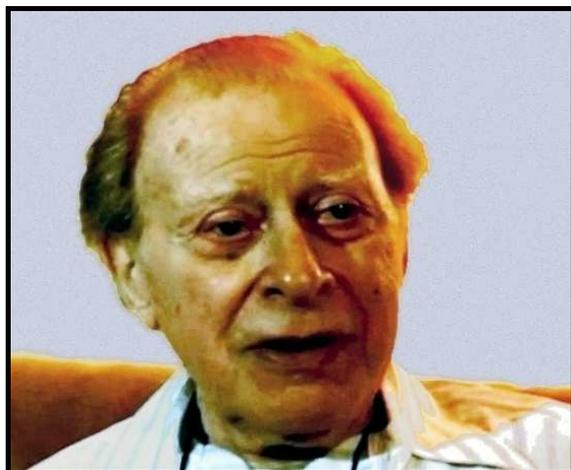


ROBERT RIETTY

*...we know
your voice...*



Only four actors voiced their Prisoner opening sequence dialogue (McKern [2], Gordon [2], Morris and Wyngarde), while four episodes had no regular beginning (Arrival, Forsake, Harmony, Fall Out). The other seven episodes used a standard recording by Robert Rietty (born Rietti, 1923, in Italy), he being an actor in his own right. He also voiced (uncredited) the Chimes Nadia ordeal scene and the A. B. and C. French street finale. Rietty's screen career has spanned an impressive 75 years, from 1933, when he was discovered as a child actor.

Rietty was frequently seen on both cinema and TV screens, including appearances in *The New Avengers*, *The Omen*, *The Persuaders!*, *UFO*, *The Italian Job*, *Department S*, *The Saint*, *Man in a Suitcase*, *The Avengers* and also *Danger Man*. However, it was his vast range of voices which gave him the most - and usually uncredited - work. In some movies he provided the voices for several different characters, each having to be different.

Rietty partnered with Orson Welles on a radio crime drama series and *The Third Man*, based on the hit film. Out of an enduring friendship, Welles used Rietty in many of his own films. His colleague then even dubbed some of Welles's performance in the 1972 movie version of *Treasure Island*. His subtle voicing was such that it went almost undetected.

Later, Rietty began to immerse himself in post production work, including directing and re-voicing. He became much



**Police Chief
in *The
Italian Job*
(1969)**



**Torino in
*The
Persuaders!*
(1972)**

sought after and was given titles such as the King of Dubbers, or Man of a Thousand Voices. His vocalising was a feature in many James Bond films and Rietty appeared in some of them. He also participated in the 2007 DVD *Don't Knock Yourself Out*. In addition, clips from movies and television can be seen on YouTube and there are a couple of interesting interviews. Robert Rietty has continued to write and make public appearances and also has family members in the industry. It's a pity that *Six of One* has not ever had him as a convention guest.

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