

**THE BEST OF THE WEEK AHEAD** SEVEN DAY LISTINGS FOR SEPT 26-OCT 2

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**PICK OF THE WEEK**  
**JANINE JANSEN**  
**— FALLING FOR STRADIVARI**

Wednesday, Sky Arts, 9pm

"It's ridiculous!" exclaims the Dutch musician Janine Jansen as she plays "the Alard", a violin created by Antonio Stradivari in 1715, the high point of the master luthier's "golden period". In October 2020, Jansen embarked on a remarkable project – making a recording using 12 priceless Stradivarius violins – and Gerald Fox's beautiful documentary catches the joy of the concept: recording with Sir Antonio Pappano, who accompanies her on piano,

Jansen begs him to keep going "just for fun". It also follows the process through the logistical nightmares required, from transporting instruments worth millions, to the practicalities of insurance. Ridiculous, maybe, but anyone who thinks a violin is just a violin will learn a lot from this film. Even more instructive is the knowledge and passion on display, the pleasure of seeing people do something they love.  
*Victoria Segal*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Leeds International Piano Competition**

(Today, BBC4, 8.30pm)

**Uefa Champions League**

(Tuesday/Wednesday, BT Sport)

**Women's FA Cup** (Wednesday, BBC4, 7pm) Arsenal v Spurs

**Hitmen — Reloaded**

(Wednesday, Sky Comedy, 9pm/9.30pm)

**The Blob — A Genius**

(Wednesday, BBC4, 10pm)

**FILM OF THE WEEK**

**Judas And The Black Messiah**

Friday, Sky Cinema

Premiere, 10.55am/8pm

Shaka King's film (released in April this year) champions the Black Panther activist Fred Hampton while showing sympathy for someone who helped destroy him: William O'Neal, who was pushed into joining the Panthers as an FBI informer. This fruitful double portrait allows Daniel Kaluuya and LaKeith Stanfield to give superb performances.

**DEMAND PICK OF THE WEEK**

**The Enigmatic Mr Greaves**

YouTube

The death of the Tottenham and England footballer Jimmy Greaves last Sunday led to a flood of tributes focused on both his 1960s peak and his return to the limelight in the 1980s as a TV pundit. As such, it is fascinating to watch this rough-edged 1969 profile of a man clearly discontent with his life and battling depression, self-doubt and criticism in the press.

**RADIO PICK OF THE WEEK**

**The Sandman — Act II**

Audible

The highly anticipated second instalment of the audio drama series based on the bestselling graphic novel series by Neil Gaiman. The starry cast of this fantasy includes Regé-Jean Page, Emma Corrin, Michael Sheen, James McAvoy, Andy Serkis and David Tennant, with Gaiman as the narrator.

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