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A Hitch in Time

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[Michael McVey](#); [Pheona McLellan](#)
Patrick Troughton; Jeff Rawle; Sorcha Cussack; Ronnie Brody

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Radio Times review:

"Inside the ruins of an old castle an eccentric professor is testing out a new time machine. It keeps going wrong, so he invites two children to become his assistants and help with the tests. They get some curious and unexpected results."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Not to be confused with the 1963 British film "**A STITCH IN TIME**", which featured Mark Lester. Almost certainly this is a production by the [CHILDREN'S FILM \(& TV\) FOUNDATION](#). It post-dates their 1972 catalogue however. See subject index under that heading, and under **SCIENCE FICTION**.

For some reason time travel – rather than space travel – seems the predominant motif in children's SF, including serials and TV series too numerous to mention. Patrick Troughton, seen here as the dotty old professor, was the second incarnation of that grand-daddy of all time travel series: "**Doctor Who**" (sandwiched between William Hartnell and Jon Pertwee). His interpretation there was in the dotty professor vein too, and arguably the series went rapidly downhill from that point on.

[Michael McVey](#) was also in "**IMPOSSIBLE OBJECT**" (aka "Story of a Love Story", 73) with Sean Bury and Mark Dightam. He's not listed in *The Moving Picture Boy*.