

= Stephen Fry 's Podgrams =

Stephen Fry 's Podgrams is a series of podcasts performed and recorded by British comedian and author Stephen Fry . First made downloadable on 20 February 2008 , the series of podgrams is a collection of Fry 's writings , speeches and collective thoughts . The podgrams vary in length and are not released at any set date .

The podgrams are one of the most downloaded podcast series on the internet , and have appeared in the top five most downloaded podcasts from iTunes . Critical reception has been positive , as reviewers have found the podgrams interesting and engaging .

= = Content = =

The subject of Stephen Fry 's Podgrams differs from episode to episode . Normally , each podgram begins with an update from Fry about what he has been doing recently , his activities since the last podgram , and any housekeeping that he needs to do concerning his website , www.stephenfry.com. Fry then continues to discuss his recent activities ; although in other editions the introduction leads in to the main subject . The text of the podgrams is sometimes published as part of Fry 's web logs , or " Blessays " .

Fry 's podgrams consist of anecdotes , such as how he broke his arm while filming a documentary in Brazil . He has also presented lectures , discussed certain themes in detail , or argued against things he sees as being wrong in today 's society . In discussing his hatred of dancing , he said of music , " I do not want to use it as an exercise track for a farcical , meaningless , disgusting , brainless physical public exhibition of windmilling , gyrating and thrashing in a hot , loud room or hall . " The material is usually original for each podcast , but he may revisit topics that he has previously discussed . For example , one podgram consisted of a speech he had previously made concerning public service broadcasting . His apologetic explanation for the repeated subject matter described his busy life , and he stated that the podgram was " all I can offer you . "

= = Reception = =

Stephen Fry 's Podgrams have been well received by critics . The series has been in the list of the top five most downloaded podcasts on iTunes , even though only a few episodes have been made so far .

Chris Campling of The Times said that Fry was smug , " but then he has a lot to be smug about , not least the ability to waffle for 30 to 45 minutes about not very much without being boring or condescending . " The Good Web Guide also recommends the series , saying that " whether he is bringing you up to date with his recent adventures of just riffing on something that interests him , he is always compelling company . " The guide also states , " Stephen Fry is one of those very rare people who are incapable of being boring . "

Jacques René Zammit of The Malta Independent reviewed one episode in which Fry talked about the problems within journalism . Zammit wrote positively on Fry 's comments saying , " I share Stephen 's worries completely . Every time I sit down to type my excessively long column , I am burdened by the thought that after all this is just a collection of thoughts by someone who may very well be perceived as a pompous ass ? and if Stephen Fry has these disquisitions , then I definitely should be doing some worrying myself . "

= = Episodes = =

The podgrams are released sporadically , with gaps between different podgrams being from one month up to several months . The length of each podgram varies widely as well . The second series began after Fry 's website was revamped .

= = = Series 1 = = =

== Series 2 ==