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Jan Ravens: *Difficult Woman* (*Gilded Balloon, Teviot*)

Verdict: Brilliant impressionist

★★★★☆



IF YOU don't know Jan Ravens from R4's *Dead Ringers*, you're in for a treat.

She's the best reason for Theresa May to remain PM — mercilessly spoofing her quivering diction. She also takes aim at other politicians, from eyeball-rolling Diane Abbott to Scotland's 'wee three': Sturgeon, Davidson and Dugdale.

Just as priceless is her squeaking Hilary Mantel, and Joanna Lumley, enjoying a day trip to Mosul. Perhaps her best turn, though, is a satirical ditty sung *a la* Victoria Wood.

I could have done without some of the linking material (Springsteen fantasies and the menopause). But these are quibbles in a virtuoso act that is sure to sell out here, and will hopefully run and run on radio.

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