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Dear Mr. Bradbury,

Please excuse me writing to 'the man himself.' I am a young writer from England, currently working in mainly special effects and editing, with so far one writer/director credit for TV in London and, more recently, my first Hollywood feature screenplay option deal under way. I am writing to you as a long-time admirer with a great desire to see cinematic justice done to your fiction.

Aside from François Truffaut's magnificent "Fahrenheit 451", I have yet to see a film that adequately captures your own unique style of prose. Charles Laughton came close in his movie "Night of the Hunter" with Robert Mitchum in 1953. He would have made an excellent director for "Dandelion Wine".

I have put together the enclosed proposal for "Banshee", a feature film screenplay based on an interpretation of the title story as a springboard to four further adaptations of classic gothic Bradbury tales.

I realise the copyright complications may be horrendous with such a project. This is why I am writing directly to you, to confront the creator at its source, before approaching any producers or ancillaries. Every time I see "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms" I gnash my teeth and moan -- despite the beautiful Harryhausen effects -- "The Fog Horn" deserves more than this!

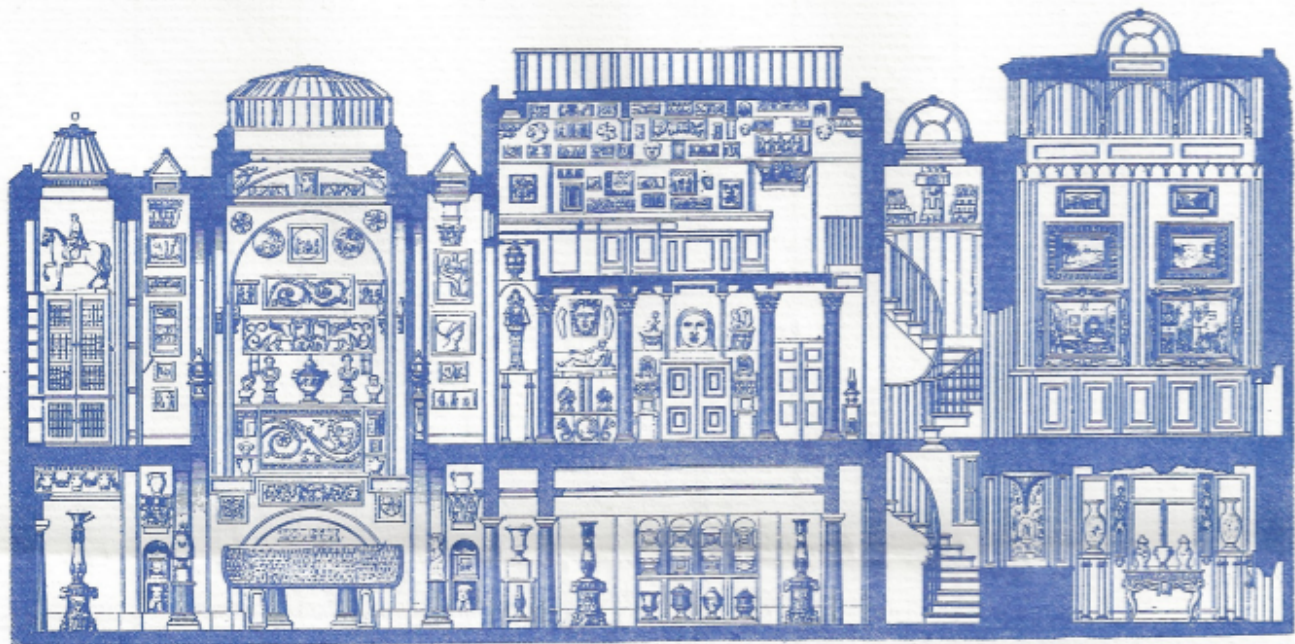
Whatever the outcome of my own attempts to bring the real Bradbury to the screen, please allow me to express my ~~thanks~~ *gratitude* for not only years of literary pleasure but also inspiration. *Thank for your album.*

Yours sincerely,



Joe Fordham.

Enclosed: "Banshee" outline (5 pp.)



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DEAR JOE FORDHAM —

Thank you for your fascinating idea. Sadly, I must report that most of the stories you have included appeared on my own Ray Bradbury TV Theater during the past 3 years. The show is on **U.S.A.** cable tv every Friday night. We have done 30 shows and will shoot 12 more in New Zealand and Canada in the next 12 weeks. I do all the screenplay writing, myself. Sorry to disappoint you. Good luck with your own work in the next years.

*Banshee, incidentally, starred Peter O'Toole. His performance is available on video cassette tapes, along with 5 other shows.

Best,

February 8th, 1990

FOR JOE FONDHAM!

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