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## **CRITIC'S CHOICE**

**CASUALTY 1909,**  
**BBC1, 9pm ★★★★★**

Far more powerful than the regular *Casualty* – which, let's face it, is usually centred on some nitwit kid who's gone and swallowed an ironing board – this is the drama series that focuses on the medical challenges and social upheaval of a century ago. Centred on the pioneering London Hospital (which, needless to say, still looks horrendously primitive by modern standards) and with a cast including Cherie Lunghi, Sarah Smart and Charity Wakefield, it's based once again on real-life cases, personal memoirs and extensive research, reflecting some of the daunting issues with which the medics of the early 20th century were forced to contend. Among those joining the line-up for these six new episodes are Paul Hilton, Anton Lesser and Tom Hughes. *See page 15.*