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# **EVENTS**



WE ARE MOST AMUSED (WT)



DIVAS 2



**SOCCER AID 2008** 







RETURNING

### **SOCCER AID 2008**

#### AN INITIAL PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

World Cup legends and top celebrities are to go head-to-head in an England versus The Rest of The World football match, as **Soccer Aid 2008**, to raise funds for the charity UNICEF and its partners, returns to **ITV1**.

With **Ant & Dec** presiding, this year's event – to be screened live – takes place on the hallowed turf of Wembley Stadium, where the crowd will have a thrilling opportunity to see football legends play alongside bigname celebrities.

The brainchild of Robbie Williams and Jonathan Wilkes, the inaugural Soccer Aid was held at Old Trafford and attracted a host of world-class players and celebrities, including Diego Maradona, Damian Lewis, Angus Deayton, Patrick Kielty, Gianfranco Zola, Alastair Campbell, Paul Gascoigne and Jamie Redknapp.

This year, each squad will comprise of eleven celebrities and five World Cup greats. With under a week to train and bond before the big game, the pressure is on for the players to get match-fit and be performance-ready. England were victorious at Old Trafford, but on new turf and with new teams, there's a clean slate this time around. With all the players determined to score that winning goal and lift the prestigious Soccer Aid 2008 trophy, it really is anyone's game.

Soccer Aid 2008 will raise funds for UNICEF's health, education and protection work with vulnerable children all over the world.

UNICEF works with partners in more than 150 countries worldwide, through long-term development and emergency work, to help children realise their full potential. UNICEF is funded entirely by voluntary contributions and the donations to Soccer Aid 2008 will enable UNICEF and partners to reach many thousands more children worldwide.

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NEW THIS SEASON

## WE ARE MOST AMUSED (WT)

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

This Autumn, ITV1 is producing a star studded comedy show that will bring together the very best comedy talent from the last 60 years all on one stage, to benefit youth charity The Prince's Trust.

In celebration of HRH The Prince of Wales' 60th Birthday, the show will appeal to all ages with its mix of both new and old established comedy acts. HRH The Prince of Wales is known for his love of comedy and in particular home grown talent from the likes of Monty Python, The Goons and The Two Ronnies.

A unique one off night, this event promises to be a very special celebration of comedy talent.

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**RETURNING** 

## DIVAS 2 (WT)

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

### The Divas return to ITV1 following its successful debut last year.

**Divas 2** will bring together the very best female singing talent for a spectacular and glamorous TV event, and will again be in association with four of the UK's top breast-cancer charities.

Last year's show featured exclusive performances from Celine Dion, Alicia Keys, Jennifer Lopez, Girls Aloud, Leona Lewis, Jamelia, Natasha Bedingfield and Chaka Khan.

Expect bigger, sexier and bolder exclusive performances from the very best singing 'divas' around today – all together on one stage for one night only.

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# **SPORT**



ENGLAND INTERNATIONALS



UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



**FA CUP** 







**NEW THIS SEASON** 

## **ENGLAND INTERNATIONALS**

#### AN ITV SPORT PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Fabio Capello's **England** team will be putting their recent woes behind them when they start their qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup this autumn on **ITV1**.

Following the disappointment of failing to qualify for Euro 2008, the England team will be determined to prove their international worth during the season, and will be facing Kazakhstan in their first home World Cup qualifier at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 11 October.

ITV1 will also be broadcasting England's international against Germany live on Wednesday 19 November when Capello's men will face the Euro 2008 finalists in Berlin.

ITV1 is to transmit every England qualifier played on home turf for the World Cup 2010 and Euro 2012 competitions as well, with comprehensive same-day highlights of all England games later in the evening on ITV1.

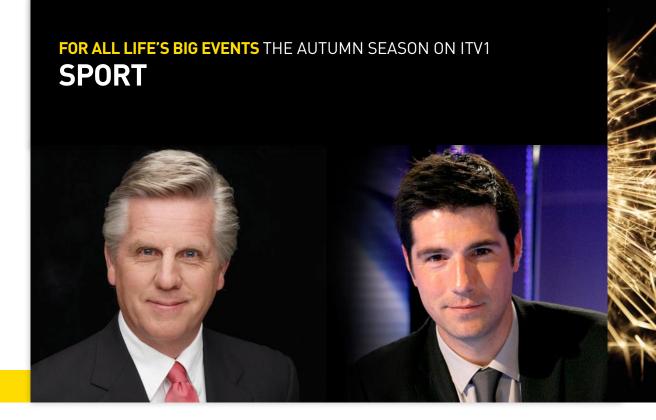
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## **UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

#### AN ITV SPORT PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

The **UEFA Champions League** returns to **ITV** in September with Europe's top clubs convening again to do battle for one of the most prestigious trophies in world club football.

British teams did outstandingly well in the competition last season, with Manchester United beating Chelsea on penalties in the first all-British final in Moscow. And it was the fourth year in succession that a British team had reached the final, while Liverpool also made the semi-finals.

This season, British clubs should once again be present in abundance in the early stages, with Manchester United and Chelsea having secured automatic places in the group stage, and Liverpool and Arsenal entering at the third and final qualifying stage in late August. Meanwhile, Rangers are to compete in the second qualifying round, with Llanelli entering the contest at the first qualifying stage.

ITV will broadcast the pick of the two live games each Tuesday on **ITV1** and **ITV4**, with comprehensive highlights of all the evening's games being shown later in the evening on ITV1.

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THE FA CUP

#### AN ITV SPORT PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

The FA Cup kicks off on its new ITV1 home, with the pick of the live games from round one through to the final. The road to Wembley begins in November with some of Britain's most modest clubs ready for the opportunity to take on top Premier League talent.

Last season, many clubs outside the top flight found success, with Chasetown becoming the smallest team ever to reach the FA Cup third round and non-league Havant and Waterlooville reaching the fourth round to play mighty Liverpool at Anfield.

Current FA Cup holders Portsmouth were the only Premier League club to reach the semi-finals; the first time since 1908 that the top division has had only one representative playing at that stage.

And this year's FA Cup is already breaking new records, with 762 club entries beating the all-time record that was only set last season. It should be a contest packed full of action as the lower league clubs look to make a name for themselves, while those in the top flight fight to regain their place at the top of the pile.

ITV1 will also show comprehensive highlights at each stage of the competition, including the ties not broadcast live on the channel.

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### **FORMULA 1**

#### A NORTH ONE TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Steve Rider presents live coverage from the final six rounds of the 2008 Formula 1 World Championship, with the Belgian, Italian, Singapore, Japanese, Chinese and Brazilian Grand Prix still to come.

All eyes are on British driving prodigy Lewis Hamilton, who is hoping to improve upon his second place finish in the driver's championship in 2007 after his meteoric rise to fame during his debut season.

Hamilton won the first race of the 2008 season in Australia, also taking the flag in Monaco and Silverstone, with podium finishes in the Spanish and Turkish Grand Prix.

Now battling to win the driver's championship, he faces strong competition from reigning champion Kimi Raikkonen and his Ferrari teammate Felipe Massa, as well as BMW Sauber driver Robert Kubica.

Steve Rider will be joined live by former drivers Mark Blundell and Martin Brundle, with commentary from James Allen and reports from Louise Goodman and Ted Kravitz.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



**BRITANNIA HIGH** 



THE X FACTOR



HARRY HILL'S TV BURP





## FOR ALL LIFE'S BIG EVENTS THE AUTUMN SEASON ON ITV1 ENTERTAINMENT



**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **BRITANNIA HIGH**

#### AN ITV PRODUCTIONS AND GLOBE CO-PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

# **Britannia High** is a brand new musical drama for **ITV 1** set in a UK contemporary performing arts school.

The show's director of choreography **Arlene Phillips** and acclaimed theatre producer **David Ian** devised the original idea for the
series alongside a team of composers headed
up by Take That's **Gary Barlow**. Together with
series producer Brian Grant and producer
Gareth Philips, they spent six months selecting
the super-talented performers to sing, dance
and act in a fictional performing-arts school.

The hand-picked cast play a close-knit group of six students – Danny, Lauren, Claudine, BB, Jez and Lola – who attend a contemporary British performing-arts school called Britannia High and all share the same hopes and dreams of success.

The drama series will follow the students as they learn how to make their mark on the world. They're training to be the best they can, in every possible sense, and learn as much about life, themselves and each other as they do about their art.

It also captures the youngsters' lives and loves through their first days and months at the school over eight episodes. The series will climax in a 90-minute finale, which takes the form of an end-of-term students' showcase, featuring performances from the cast.

Starring in Britannia High are Mitch Hewer, Georgina Hagen, Sapphire Elia, Marcquelle Ward, Matthew James Thomas and Rana Roy.

Also starring are **Mark Benton** as Principal Nugent, **Michele Austin** as eccentric landlady Mrs Troy, **Lorraine Pilkington** as music mentor Anna, and **Chris Jarvis** as dance mentor Jason.

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### THE X FACTOR

#### A TALKBACKTHAMES / SYCO TV PRODUCTION FOR ITV

## The Bafta-award winning series is back with a new face in the line-up.

Girls Aloud star **Cheryl Cole** joins the judging panel, taking her place next to **Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh** and **Dannii Minogue** as they travel the length and breadth of Britain looking for this year's new singing sensation.

**Dermot O'Leary** returns to host the proceedings and will be on hand to celebrate with the successful acts and also to mop up the tears of those that failed to make the grade. And this year, **Holly Willoughby** will front **ITV2's Xtra Factor** to get all the behind-the-scenes gossip, exclusive interviews with the judges and unforgettable auditions that will make you cry with laughter and cringe with embarrassment.

Once again, each judge will mentor one of four categories: Boys (14-24s), Girls (14-24s), 25 and Overs, and Groups.

After Dannii's triumph last year with Leon Jackson, the pressure is on the other three to pick the act they believe can go on to win the series for them.

With a record-breaking number of applicants this year and with tens of thousands attending auditions all around the UK, this series of The X Factor promises to be bigger and better – and as explosive as ever.

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## HARRY HILL'S TV BURP

#### AN AVALON TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

The multi-award winning Harry Hill's TV Burp returns for an eighth series this autumn after scooping two TV Baftas and a Royal Television Society Award earlier this year.

Big-collared comedian Harry Hill is back to host a bumper run of shows and, once again, will be wringing every last drop of funny from the week's telly. As always, Harry will dish up a weekly helping of clever quips and side-splitting sketches served with only the funniest clips, extra-large laughs and a side order of silly that will have even the fussiest of Freaky Eaters queuing for seconds.

As it's totally up-to-date, there's no way of telling what will feature, but all the major soaps are sure to be there, along with the big reality shows and whichever quirky telly gems catch Harry's eagle eye. Who will be next to join a very exclusive club and follow in the footsteps of Born Survivor: Bear Grylls and American Inventor as TV Burp cult classics? And which of our favourite soap stars will be on the receiving end of Harry's trademark rib-ticklings?

There's only one way to find out...

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

#### AN ITV AND POZZITIVE CO-PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

From the team behind of The Royal Variety Performance and Saturday Live comes a spectacular newstyle entertainment show for the autumn.

**For One Night Only** will be a modern variety show that combines exciting hosts with top-quality comedy, dazzling speciality acts and massive music stars.

Each week, the show will have two different hosts, who will not only introduce a great collection of acts but also take part in an exclusive glittering showpiece finale with all the guests. It will feature a must-see mix of international talent, tapping into established stars alongside cutting-edge newer acts.

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# I'M A CELEBRITY... GET ME OUT OF HERE!

MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Leaving their world of luxury firmly behind, another bunch of celebrities are to face the toughest challenge of their lives – to survive in the Australian jungle for three weeks.

As tradition dictates, they will be cut off from the outside world and survive on meagre rations of rice and beans. They must also endure the dreaded Bushtucker Trials, which are always guaranteed to push them to their limits, in order to win additional food for the group.

And the celebrities will definitely need to keep on their toes because each new series brings fresh surprises that, this series, are bigger than ever.

If all that wasn't enough for the pampered personalities to deal with, they will also be competing against each other for the title of King or Queen of the Jungle.

It will be survival of the fittest as they do their best to win the public's affections and join I'm A Celebrity's roll-call of past winners: Tony Blackburn, Phil Tufnell, Kerry Katona, Joe Pasquale, Carol Thatcher, Matt Willis and Christopher Biggins.

With only the creepy crawlies and each other for company, who will be the first to cry: "I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!"? But it's the viewers who will decide their fate as they choose the person who must complete the daily Trial and, ultimately, wins the coveted crown.

Ant & Dec present the award-winning show as it returns for its eighth series, while on ITV2, I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here...

Now! is also back, and featuring more jungle action, reactions from Australia and the UK, plus interviews with the celebrity evictees.

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### NATIONAL TELEVISION AWARDS

#### AN INDIGO TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

It's television's biggest night of the year as the nation's favourite stars and shows compete for honours in the ceremony for all those who love great TV.

The **National Television Awards**, firmly established as the UK's most popular awards show, presents trophies to winners selected by the public in a huge nationwide poll.

What programme will be voted most gripping drama, funniest comedy or top talent series?

And which star will succeed as Britain's supreme acting talent as, this year, the Best Actor and Actress categories merge into one brand new award?

Join host **Sir Trevor McDonald** live at London's Royal Albert Hall for an evening of glitz and glamour, tension and triumph – and possibly a few tears.

www.nationaltelevisionawards.com

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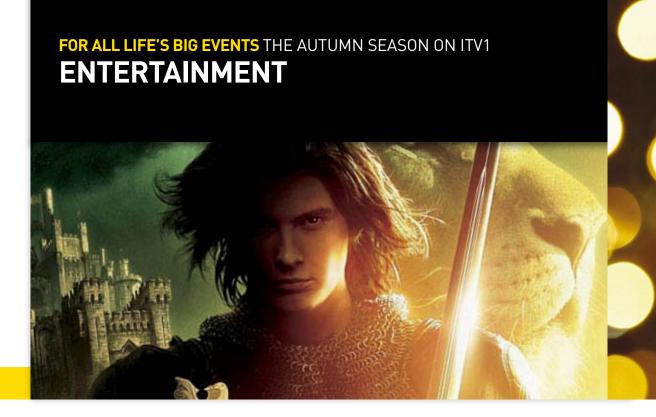
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## **NATIONAL MOVIE AWARDS**

#### AN INDIGO TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR ITV

Following its stunning 2007 debut, the **National Movie Awards** return to celebrate the big screen's most successful films and stars.

With all the awards selected by the movieloving public in an extensive nationwide poll, the winners will truly reflect the choice of the film fan.

And 2008 promises to be another truly memorable year of film, with National Movie Award contenders including The Dark Knight, Sex And The City, Mamma Mia!, Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian, WALL-E and more.

An outstanding cast of stars will gather at London's Royal Festival Hall when the results are revealed in this celebration of cinema's biggest successes of 2008, and an exclusive sneak preview of the coming season's major releases.

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RETURNING

## PRIDE OF BRITAIN AWARDS 2008

MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

## Britain's most inspiring event is back and celebrating its tenth anniversary.

This year's awards are set to be bigger than ever as the nation's most amazing real-life heroes are honoured in a glittering ceremony in central London.

Hosted by **Carol Vorderman**, the annual event will be packed with breathtaking stories of heroism and courage, uplifting moments and touching celebrity surprises. Last year, film star Ewan McGregor joined the British troops in Iraq to honour an extraordinary 32-year-old female bomb disposal officer.

Each year, top names gather to salute the collection of truly magnificent winners, selected from tens of thousands of deserving stories from across the country. Previous guests of the awards include Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Sir Paul McCartney, David and Victoria Beckham, JK Rowling, Emma Watson, Ant & Dec, Jude Law,

Robbie Williams, Stephen Fry, Sting, Sugababes and Dame Shirley Bassey.

This year's sponsors, The Co-operative, are launching a new award category – The Co-operative Local Champion – for people who have improved their local area, while **ITV** regional news shows will be helping to search for the country's most inspiring Teacher of the Year.

The winners truly deserve recognition. From all walks of life, of all ages, and from all corners of the country, they all have one crucial thing in common – they have done something quite exceptional. They've either displayed remarkable courage, battled against the odds or gone the extra mile to make life better for those around them.

**Pride Of Britain Awards 2008** makes real-life heroes the stars of the night in a celebration of the very best of our country.

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### **AL MURRAY'S HAPPY HOUR**

#### AN AVALON TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

## Al Murray's Happy Hour returns for a brand new series this autumn.

The British Comedy Award-winning show will see Al Murray, The Pub Landlord, throw open the doors to his gaff to provide more riotous chat, chart-topping music, and light-hearted banter with the beautiful British audience.

As each show is recorded in the week of transmission, there is just no telling who might join The Pub Landlord for some notorious Common Sense chat.

Classic moments from the second series included Barbara Windsor reigniting her Carry On career with help from James Blunt and Cerys Matthews; Richard Madeley and Phil Vickery dancing out the moves for The Guv's idea for a British haka; Spice Girl Mel B being pushed on all big subjects like,

'Do you ever have any technical problems on stage, such as microphones coming on'; and jungle love-rat Marc Bannerman reassured by The Guv, 'I know you weren't faking it because you're not that good an actor'.

So prepare for another explosive series as The Pub Landlord 'interviews' more of his favourite stars, allows major music acts to perform, and, of course, delivers the usual masterclass of quick-fire interaction with the studio audience.

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## **ALL STAR FAMILY FORTUNES**

#### A TALKBACKTHAMES PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

### **Vernon Kay** hosts the third series of **All Star Family Fortunes**.

This updated version of the classic game show sees two famous faces and their families go head-to-head in a bid to win £30,000 for charity.

Viewers will see celebs face the One Hundred People Surveyed Said... and Double Your Money rounds. But which of the families will go through to the Big Money round to win the top cash prize? They must, however, get more than 200 points and all of the top answers.

The stars will be hoping that they'll be remembered for their performances rather than any bizarre answers, which over the years have included 'Naomi Campbell' when asked to name a bird with a long neck, and 'a sheep' in response to 'name something made of wool'!

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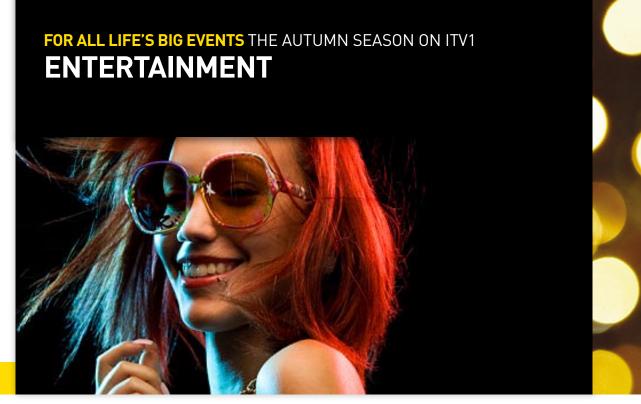
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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

## **EVERYBODY DANCE NOW**

#### A TALENT TV PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

**Everybody Dance Now** is a new show that will take viewers on a nostalgic and exhilarating journey through the biggest dance crazes of all time.

Every few years, a new dance comes along that crosses generations and takes the nation by storm, from Night Fever, YMCA and Thriller to Saturday Night, Macarena and the Cha Cha Slide.

This exciting extravaganza will showcase the hits that inspired the most popular dance crazes. Along with the performers of each dance tune, scores of on-stage dancers will be showing viewers at home how it's done as they strut their stuff to each and every routine.

Everybody Dance Now will feature original artists, contemporary star covers, colourful dancers, nostalgic pop videos, and hilarious home-video dance montages – promising a memorable night to get up and dance to! The show will also hear from some of the nation's favourite celebrities on the dance craze that is their favourite and why.

With live music, flamboyant dances and celebrity faces, Everybody Dance Now will have family members of all ages up doing the Time Warp and Tragedy around their living room. But which dance will be the biggest, best and most loved?

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# DRAMA



PLACE OF EXECUTION



**CAUGHT IN A TRAP** 



THE CHILDREN







**NEW THIS SEASON** 

## THE CHILDREN

#### A TIGHTROPE PICTURES PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Kevin Whately, Lesley Sharp, Geraldine Somerville and Ian Puleston-Davies star in The Children, a tense and compelling thriller written by Lucy Gannon (Soldier, Bramwell) for ITV1.

The provocative three-part drama is about step-families and our messy modern lives. It explores the upheaval and excitement of new relationships, and how the emotional turmoil can lead to the unthinkable happening.

An eight-year-old girl is found murdered on the patio of her home. Any one of the adults who care for her could have killed her, but which one? Cameron (Whately) starts a new relationship with Sue (Somerville) after the bitter breakup of his marriage to Anne (Sharp). He has a troublesome teenage son, who resents the upheaval in family life, while Sue's eightyear-old daughter, Emily (**Sinead Michael**), is equally unhappy with the new arrangements at home.

Meanwhile, Sue's ex-husband Paul (Puleston-Davies) and his new partner Natasha (**Kate Ashfield**) celebrate the birth of their daughter.

The Children is produced by Tim Whitby and directed by David Evans. Executive producers are Hilary Bevan Jones, Keith Halsall and Catriona McKenzie.

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **LOST IN AUSTEN**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Lost In Austen is an ingenious reinvention of Jane Austen's Pride And Prejudice, in which the novel's story is thrown off-track by a very modern heroine, Amanda Price (Jemima Rooper), who swaps places with Elizabeth Bennet (Gemma Arterton) and takes centre stage in the celebrated romance.

Disillusioned with her life in London and disenchanted with her boyfriend, Amanda discovers Elizabeth in her bathroom. Soon she finds herself entering the 'real' fictional world of Pride And Prejudice and arriving at Longbourn, the home of the Bennet family. Realising that she's joined proceedings at the very start of the story, she gets to know the other Bennet sisters and prepares to meet Mr Darcy (Elliot Cowan).

Will she be able to keep the greatest love story of all time on track with Elizabeth Bennet stuck in the modern world?

**Hugh Bonneville** and **Alex Kingston** play Mr and Mrs Bennet, **Lindsay Duncan** is Lady Catherine de Bourgh, **Morven Christie** plays Jane Bennet, **Tom Mison** is Mr Bingley, **Tom Riley** is Mr Wickham, and **Christina Cole** plays Caroline Bingley.

The four-part series is written by the acclaimed Guy Andrews (Prime Suspect, Absolute Power, Lewis).

The director is Dan Zeff (Worst Week Of My Life, Doctor Who, Marple) and producer is Kate McKerrell (Lewis).

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### PLACE OF EXECUTION

#### A COASTAL PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Juliet Stevenson, Greg Wise and Lee Ingleby star in a moving thriller about the mysterious disappearance of a schoolgirl in the 1960s and the haunting repercussions of the case nearly 50 years later.

Adapted from the best-selling novel by Val McDermid, **Place Of Execution** follows high-flying TV journalist Catherine Heathcote (Stevenson) as she puts the finishing touches to a documentary about 13-year-old Alison Carter (**Poppy Goodburn**), who vanished on the Northumberland moors in 1963.

Catherine's film focuses on George Bennett (Ingleby), the young Detective Inspector who made his name on the back of the investigation, and also delves into the lives of Alison's mother Ruth (**Emma Cunniffe**), stepfather Hawkin (Wise) and residents of the close-knit village of Scardale.

As the film is edited, George (**Philip Jackson**), now an old man still haunted by the case, phones Catherine to tell her that he is withdrawing his co-operation. But determined to get some answers, Catherine and her troublesome 14-year-old daughter Sasha (**Elizabeth Day**), decide to head north to confront him.

However, as Catherine retraces Alison's final steps, nothing can prepare her for the shocking revelations that are about to unfold...

Place Of Execution is a three-part drama set in the present day with flashbacks to the 1960s, re-telling the events surrounding Alison's disappearance and the subsequent trial and execution.

Tony Maudsley, Sheila Reid, Dave Hill, Peter Cartwright, Nicholas Pritchard and Joy Blakeman co-star.

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **CAUGHT IN A TRAP**

#### A GREENLIT RIGHTS PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

#### The Sound Of Music star Connie Fisher makes her television drama debut in a brand new film for ITV1, Caught In A Trap.

In the one-off drama, Gemma Perkins (Fisher) is a young woman who is obsessed with rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley.

She lives at home with her overbearing stepmother and downtrodden dad and has a boring, low-paid job emptying parking meters. But she is just waiting for something amazing to happen, and for her life to begin in earnest.

Her life does indeed take a dramatic turn one day when she finds a simple, easy way to fund her Elvis fixation – and that spending power gives her a sense of thrill that she's never experienced before. Gemma has started to dip into the cash from the meters and goes on a spree with Elvis memorabilia at the top of her shopping list.

But when her spending spirals out of control, Gemma is in serious danger of being 'caught in a trap'.

The prestigious cast also includes **Jim Carter** (The Oxford Murders, Cranford) as her father, **Geraldine James** (Heist, The Last Enemy) as her stepmother, and **Joe Absolom** (Doc Martin, Vincent) as her would-be boyfriend.

Caught In A Trap is written by award-winning new playwright James Graham, produced by Jill Green (Foyle's War, Honest, The Man Who Lost His Head) and Eve Gutierrez (Honest, The Man Who Lost His Head, Menace), and directed by Michael Samuels (The Curse Of Steptoe And Son, Our Hidden Lives, The Slavery Business).

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

## **WIRED**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Jodie Whittaker, Toby Stephens, Laurence Fox, Riz Ahmed and Charlie Brookes star in Wired, a fast-paced, three-part thriller, which delves into the murky, high-risk world of bank fraud.

Louise (Whittaker) is a young, fun-loving single mum, who's given a high-profile promotion at ZBG Banking. But the unsuspecting Louise has been targeted as part of a conspiracy to steal £250m from an internet bank.

At the heart of her troubles is best friend Anna (Brookes), who's had her head turned by the glamour and glitz of the criminal world. She's persuaded to divulge Louise's murky past to her devious boyfriend Philip (Fox), who then uses the information to draw the naive bank worker into his plot.

An ex-ZBG employee, Philip Manningham, fired for defrauding the bank, has the insider knowledge that makes him an ideal associate for Manesh (Ahmed), who is intent on stealing

large amounts with the smallest personal risk – and has frightened his cousin Ben (**Sacha Dhawan**) into being his mole in the bank.

Manesh treads an even more perilous path when he approaches Mr Ralindi (Ramon Tikarum), the head of an Asian gangster network, for help in laundering the £250m. As the day of the scam approaches, the stakes rise and people start to disappear.

Louise's only ally seems to be the mysterious Crawford (Stephens), who she gradually realises is an undercover police officer working to expose the fraud ring. His curiosity about Louise causes him to compromise his professionalism – but will he be there when she really needs him?

Written by Kate Brooke, Wired is a realistic, well-researched story that exposes high-level bank fraud, demonstrating graphically the potential for criminals to get their hands on our hard-earned cash.

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **ABOVE SUSPICION**

#### A LA PLANTE PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Award-winning writer **Lynda La Plante** launches a major
new female detective in **Above Suspicion**, a gripping crime
thriller for ITV1.

Kelly Reilly (He Kills Coppers, Joe's Palace, Eden Lake, Mrs Henderson Presents) plays the new heroine, while acclaimed actor Ciaran Hinds (There Will Be Blood, Margot At The Wedding, The Mayor Of Casterbridge, Prime Suspect) stars as her boss, the volatile DCI Langton.

Based on Lynda's best-selling novel, the two-part drama introduces DC Anna Travis (Reilly), an ambitious young officer who is fast-tracking her way through the ranks in a bid to be as successful as her late father.

Travis is assigned her first murder case – a gruesome series of killings that has shocked even the most hardened of detectives. The murders started eight years previously, with the body count now up to six. The method of killing is identical, and the victims are all drug users and prostitutes.

Then a seventh body is found – but this time the victim is a young student.

Determined to earn recognition from her brusque boss DCI Langton (Hinds), as well as the respect of her other male colleagues, Anna works away furiously to find a vital piece of information that links one man to all of the murders.

The suspect is a much-loved actor who is on the brink of international stardom, and his arrest would create media frenzy. But then, if he is found innocent, all of Anna's arduous work and treasured reputation would be destroyed...

Above Suspicion is produced by Lynda La Plante and Jolyon Symonds (Trial & Retribution, Hustle, Whatever Love Means, Kevin And Perry Go Large), and directed by Chris Menaul (See No Evil: The Moors Murders, State Of Mind, Prime Suspect).

The executive producer is Liz Thorburn (Trial & Retribution, The Commander, Mind Games).

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **MR ELEVEN**

#### A TIGER ASPECT PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Did you know that the average British woman will marry their 11th sexual partner? But does **Mr Eleven** always equal Mr Right?

Michelle Ryan (Bionic Woman, EastEnders), Sean Maguire (Meet The Spartans, EastEnders) and Adam Garcia (Wicked, Coyote Ugly) become involved in a love triangle driven by one woman's obsession with numbers in the romantic comedy Mr Eleven.

A strong supporting cast includes **Lynda Bellingham**, **Olivia Coleman** (Peep Show,
Green Wing), **Denis Lawson** (Bleak House,
Jekyll), **Nicholas Burns** (Benidorm, Nathan
Barley) and **Preeya Kalidas** (Britz, Bodies).

School teacher Saz Paley's (Ryan) love life is driven not by her heart, but by an obsession with numbers. On her wedding day, Saz couldn't be more certain that she has found the love of her life – hunky A&E doctor and all-round Mr Perfect, Dan (Maguire).

Better than that, he is Mr Statistically Right

– Mr Fleven

Well, that is until she finds out that Mr Eleven is actually Mr Ten, when a sexual conquest that she had counted is revealed on her wedding day to be a near-miss. Handsome Aussie Alex (Garcia) turns up unexpectedly as an old friend's 'plus one'. Saz counted Alex as her Mr Nine – until he confesses that she passed out before the deed was done.

Dan has just dropped from Mr Eleven to Mr Ten.

As Saz goes into freefall, Mr One through to Eight are reflected upon as both Dan and Alex wait to see if the course of true love can outsmart the statistics...

Mr Eleven is written by Amanda Coe, directed by Paul Gay and produced by Nicola Larder.

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**RETURNING** 

### THE COMMANDER

#### A LA PLANTE PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

#### Amanda Burton returns as Commander Clare Blake in a three-part series written by Lynda La Plante.

Also back are regulars Mark Lewis Jones as DCI Doug James and Paul Brightwell as Brian Hall. Guest artists include the awardwinning Crissy Rock (Trial & Retribution, Ladybird Ladybird) and Jennifer Ellison (Liverpool Nativity, New Street Law), who play a mother and daughter caught up in the abduction of a baby – just one of the challenging cases for The Commander.

Blake is faced with two horrific crimes - an elderly woman bludgeoned in her own home and a newborn baby snatched from hospital. The two harrowing and emotional cases coincide, and both directly involve members of the officer's own homicide team.

As the investigation intensifies, Blake's highly individual style of policing comes under the spotlight once again. Will she sacrifice her own career in the pursuit of what is right?

The Commander is directed by Gillies MacKinnon (Hideous Kinky, Regeneration, Small Faces), and produced by Lachlan MacKinnon (City Of Vice).

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**RETURNING** 

### **POIROT**

AN ITV PRODUCTIONS, AGATHA CHRISTIE LTD (A CHORION COMPANY) AND WGBH BOSTON CO-PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

**David Suchet** returns to his most celebrated role as Agatha Christie's Belgian detective Hercule **Poirot**, in three grisly new murder cases that tax his 'little grey cells' to the full.

When charwoman Mrs McGinty dies from a blow to the head in Mrs McGinty's Dead, suspicion falls on her lodger, James Bentley (Joe Absolom). Yet Superintendent Spence (Richard Hope) has grave doubts about Bentley's guilt and asks the famous detective for assistance. With the help of crime novelist Ariadne Oliver (Zoë Wanamaker), Poirot uncovers a link to two brutal crimes many years previously. With Sarah Smart, Lesley Nicol, Ruth Gemmell, Raquel Cassidy, Simon Shepherd, Sian Phillips and Amanda Root.

**Cat Among The Pigeons** sees Poirot face one of his toughest cases, encompassing espionage, a Middle Eastern revolution, a missing princess and a long list of people who will go to any lengths to protect their secrets.

The heir to the throne of Rabat is spirited away to the safety of a girls' school run by Miss Bulstrode (**Harriet Walter**). However, when the games mistress is found stabbed, it appears that it isn't the haven it promised to be. The film also stars **Natasha Little**, **Susan Woolridge**, **Claire Skinner**, **Pippa Haywood** and **Jo Woodcock**.

Poirot's attempts to protect a woman accused of a murder in **Third Girl** are complicated as the suspect herself believes that she's guilty. Claudia (**Clemency Burton-Hill**) and Frances (**Matilda Sturridge**) share a London flat with a "third girl", the troubled Norma (**Jemima Rooper**). The day after a party, Norma confesses to Poirot that she may have committed a murder – and soon the body of her old Nanny is found. The solution, Poirot discovers, hinges on a shocking revelation. **Peter Bowles, James Wilby** and **Haydn Gwynne** also star.

Series producer is Karen Thrussell.

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**RETURNING** 

## WIRE IN THE BLOOD

#### A COASTAL PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Robson Green is forced to confront a cannibal killer with a deadly vendetta against him in a new series of the gritty drama, Wire In The Blood.

When human remains are found on wasteland, DI Alex Fielding (Simone Lahbib) brings in eccentric clinical psychologist Dr Tony Hill (Green) to investigate theories including honour killings and fetishism. But the killer has Tony in his sights and the inquiry becomes frighteningly personal.

Tony also finds himself a prime suspect in a police investigation when a woman who tries to seduce him at an experimental psychology convention is found dead.

Other difficult cases facing Alex and Tony in the fictional northern town of Bradfield include a series of prostitute murders, the mysterious disappearance of young men, and the bizarre killings of homeless people.

Tony's understanding of human behaviour enables him to empathise with both victim and killer – even to the point of almost sensing the killings themselves.

Filmed in and around Newcastle, Wire In The Blood plays out in a new format of four two-part stories. The second story, Falls The Shadow, is partly based on Val McDermid's novel The Last Temptation.

Guest stars include **Christian Solimeno**, **John Hopkins, Mary Tamm** and **Michael Smiley**.

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**RETURNING** 

### A TOUCH OF FROST

MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Sir David Jason reprises his role as DI Jack Frost for three brand new feature-length episodes entitled In The Public Interest, Dead End and Mind Games.

In The Public Interest reveals the discovery of three naked dead bodies with a possible black-magic connection. Also, a multimillionaire press baron, James Callum (Adrian Lukis), sets about taking over the town of Denton. He wants to establish his new headquarters in the area and runs a smear campaign in his newspapers to force a youth-club owner to sell up. As the headlines go a step too far and lead to a suicide bid, will Frost be able to stop Callum before another death occurs?

**Dead End** sees Frost frustrated as he finds himself working alongside DS Marsh (**Cherie Lunghi**), a former colleague who previously had him suspended from duty.

Will Frost and Marsh be able to put their differences aside in order to investigate the abduction of two people, and the murder of a children's entertainer?

In **Mind Games**, David Crewes (**Keith Barron**) is furious when the man convicted of murdering his 14-year-old daughter
Jane over 20 years previously is released from prison. David's niece Harriet also went missing at the same time as Jane, and the case is blown open again when the remains of Harriet's body are finally found. Can Frost get to the bottom of the unsolved mystery that spans so many years?

The cast also includes **Bruce Alexander**, **Elizabeth Berrington**, John Castle, Nicholas Farrell, John Lyons, Mel Martin, Sarah Matravers, Paul Shane, Julia Watson, Paula Wilcox and Tam Williams.

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**RETURNING** 

### SHARPE'S PERIL

A CELTIC FILMS ENTERTAINMENT/PICTURE PALACE FILMS PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

**Sean Bean** is back as hero of the hour Richard **Sharpe** in a new two-part epic adventure, written by Russell Lewis and set in the heat and dust of 19thcentury India.

Also returning is **Daragh O'Malley** as Sharpe's best friend Sgt Patrick Harper in the 'bloody enterprise' that was filmed entirely in India.

Sharpe's Peril takes up where Sharpe's Challenge, transmitted in 2006, left off. Sharpe and Harper are on their way to Calcutta when they chance upon an East India Company baggage train. The entire party travels warily through hostile territory, which is controlled by fearsome bandit leader Chitu. And when the inevitable attack occurs, Sharpe leads the party 300 miles to safety, while also training up the ill-assorted group into proper soldiers.

Sharpe's Peril also stars **Raza Jaffrey** (Spooks, Mistresses), **Luke Ward Wilkinson** (Wild At Heart), **Beatrice Rosen** (The Dark Knight, Charmed) and Sharpe regular **Michael Cochrane**.

Sharpe's Peril is produced by Malcolm Craddock, Muir Sutherland and Paul Frift, and directed by Tom Clegg. The executive producer is Stuart Sutherland.

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**RETURNING** 

## **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MARPLE**

A GRANADA, AGATHA CHRISTIE LTD AND WGBH BOSTON CO-PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

**Geraldine McEwan**, much loved as Agatha Christie's spinster sleuth **Miss Marple**, is joined by stellar ensemble casts in her final two Marple films for **ITV1**.

Richard Grant, Johnny Briggs, Amanda Burton, Anne Reid, Ronni Ancona, George Cole, Dan Stevens, Will Mellor, Ruth Wilson, Adrian Rawlings, Laura Michelle Kelly, Lee Ingleby and Emily Woof star in Nemesis, in which Miss Marple faces her greatest challenge.

She receives instructions from the recently deceased Mr Rafiel to investigate a possible crime, but is not told what it is. Instead, she is booked on a mystery coach tour to gather clues.

Miss Marple is accompanied by her nephew Raymond West (Grant), and it soon dawns on them that Mr Rafiel has engineered it for everyone to be there, and that their lives interconnect in various ways, but particularly to a girl who disappeared during the war. Nemesis is produced by Karen Thrussell, directed by Nicholas Winding and the novel is adapted by Stephen Churchett.

Towards Zero stars Tom Baker, Julie Graham, Paul Nicholls, Alan Davies, Saffron Burrows, Greg Wise, Julian Sands, Zoë Tapper and Dame Eileen Atkins.

The formidable Lady Tressilian (Atkins) reluctantly hosts a party on her Devon estate for a glittering array of guests, including dashing tennis star Neville Strange (Wise), who arrives with his attractive new wife Kay (Tapper), even though his first wife Audrey (Burrows) is also invited.

Sexual tensions and marital mishaps play out and it is not long before a gruesome murder takes place. Local Superintendent Mallard (Davies) investigates, assisted by Lady Tressilian's old school friend, Miss Marple.

Towards Zero is produced by Karen Thrussell, and directed by David Grindley. Kevin Elyot adapted the novel.

**Julia McKenzie** takes over as Miss Marple for a new series in 2009.

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### **CORONATION STREET**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

There's a heady cocktail of intrigue, romance, deception, mystery and, of course, comedy on **Coronation Street** this autumn. With new arrivals, departures, affairs and fallouts, it all adds up to must-see TV.

Steve's fling with Becky is still a secret, but for how long? With Becky working behind the bar and getting ever friendlier with Michelle, it can only be a matter of time before someone lets something slip. And when Becky finds herself single again, she goes on a drunken rampage, which spells trouble for Steve.

Liam and Carla's secret fling is another ticking time bomb. Carla invests in Liam and his cousin's new business, but it throws the pair together again and the feelings that they've both tried to bury resurface.

Although Liam is trying for a baby with Maria, he can't contain his jealousy when Tom flirts with Carla. But will Carla give in again to the man she truly loves?

In an effort to expand Underworld, Tony launches a David and Goliath battle to force garage owner Kevin to sell up - but when he refuses, Tony uses every dirty trick in the book, including using Rosie in a bid to put Kevin out of business.

Rosie still has the video of Carla in a clinch with Liam and enjoys the power she has over her family and her bosses. But Rosie goes missing and cash from a factory syndicate lottery win is found in her bank account. Has she really done a runner or is something more sinister going on?

Teresa surprised everyone with her 'devotion' to ex-hubby Jerry, even managing to win round sceptical daughter Mel. But Jerry doesn't get any better – in fact, his health deteriorates alarmingly. Is her Mother Teresa act all it seems?

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### **EMMERDALE**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

The new lady of the manor
Anna De Souza makes an instant
impact on the Dales this autumn
as she's fought over by hotheaded Carl King and his brash
brother Matthew

She attempts to manipulate their emotions to win a position of strength within the De Souza regime – however, when Carl's firebrand lover Lexi discovers his darkest secret, Anna's plans are thrown into turmoil.

The long-suffering Hope family face their sternest test as Viv's fraud inquiry reaches its climax. With Viv due in court, Donna tracks down the elusive Freddie and a desperate car chase ensues. With her mum's freedom hanging in the balance, will she reach him in time to clear Viv's name or does further tragedy await her?

Meanwhile, with her family crumbling around her, Donna finds comfort in the company of her friend and colleague Ross Kirk. Finding that his feelings for Donna will not dissipate, Ross struggles to reach a balance between friendly support and a lover's concern.

Jo has no respite from Andy's vicious temper and abuse. With rumours spreading around the village about his erratic behaviour, Andy's fury erupts as he suspects Jo has betrayed him. As he prepares to lash out at his broken wife once more, Jo is forced to concoct an elaborate lie. Can Jo's shocking revelation dampen the wrath of her husband?

Elsewhere, the dramatic return of Emmerdale's public enemy No 1 endangers lives during a tense hostage situation. But the village show provides many a comedy moment as sabotaged veg and a pie-eating contest take centre stage. With a siege orchestrated by the infamous Dingle clan and an unexpected and unwanted proposal on the horizon, autumn in Emmerdale will be anything but quiet.

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### THE BILL

#### A TALKBACKTHAMES PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Rocked by the recent loss of one of her troops, Inspector Gina Gold (Roberta Taylor) struggles to regain her former tough, but fair, attitude.

A series of questionable decisions have been clocked by colleague and friend Sgt Smith (Alex Walkinshaw), and the pair nearly come to blows. However, when Smithy is caught in an armed siege at a school that threatens the lives of dozens of children, Gold rises heroically to the challenge.

Meanwhile, Supt John Heaton (**Daniel Flynn**) promotes new Sgt Rachel Weston (**Claire Goose**) to Inspector and her strategic mind wins the admiration of DI Neil Manson (**Andrew Lancel**).

And when an eight-year-old girl goes missing, Sun Hill mobilises into action.
But, tragically, officers discover her body on a riverbank. All is not what it seems, however, in a compelling two-parter. The team, led by DCs Grace Dasari (Amita Dhiri) and

Mickey Webb (**Chris Simmons**), uncover the disturbing truth when it becomes apparent that 10-year-old schoolmate Mason Kemble (**Richard Whisker**) is responsible.

The Bill's 25th Anniversary will be marked in November, with a special two-part story that will break new boundaries for both the cast and crew. DC Terry Perkins (**Bruce Byron**) goes undercover to investigate the kidnapping of a young German woman. With DCI Jack Meadows (**Simon Rouse**) at the helm, the team – including newly promoted DC Kezia Walker (**Cat Simmons**) – race against time to rescue the woman.

The year at Sun Hill draws to a close with DC Stevie Moss (Lucy Speed) facing some old ghosts. Stevie and DS Stuart Turner (Doug Rao) work on a case together, but revelations about Stevie's past force Stuart to confront his worst fears that Stevie is not who she says she is. Did she take the wrong path in the name of love?

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### **HEARTBEAT**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

The drama in Aidensfield continues as **Heartbeat** celebrates its 350th episode with an action-packed new series.

Sergeant Miller finds himself compromised emotionally and professionally when his daughter is kidnapped and he is determined to do whatever it takes to ensure her safe return. But can PC Mason stop him from committing a crime to save her?

Meanwhile, Nurse Carol Cassidy is in a spin when an old friend from Barnardo's turns up explaining that her mother wants to meet her. Having grown up with little knowledge of her parents, Carol tries to come to terms with past skeletons – but does her so-called friend have an agenda of her own?

Elsewhere, PC Wetherby fears his wife is cheating and follows her in a bid to discover the truth.

As his suspicions are confirmed, Gina becomes a shoulder to cry on but, with a baby to look after, is she too preoccupied to notice that Wetherby sees her as more than a friend? And what will Oscar say about it?

Also, Peggy's money-making scams continue and, with Dawn as David's new best friend, the trio find themselves in more mischief than ever.

Later in the series, Bernie is shocked to see Australian sheep shearer Mick, who went travelling with Rosie. As Mick explains that he last saw Rosie in Australia, the locals, particularly PC Younger, are beside themselves with worry. Mason and DS Rachel Dawson decide to fly to Australia in search of their friend, along with Carol who has investigations of her own to make.

Guest artistes include **George Cole**, **Jay Villiers**, **David Crellin**, **Barbara Marten**, **Emma Stansfield** and **Sean Gallagher**.

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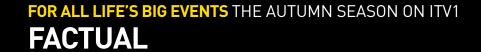
THINGS I DO IN MY SLEEP



**TOTAL EMERGENCY** 









**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### IN THE LINE OF FIRE

#### A WILD PICTURES PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Gun and knife crime amongst young people is running at unprecedented levels on the streets of London. Last year, 26 teenagers were murdered and more than 350 children were shot.

The Metropolitan Police formed the highly secretive CO19 squad, Britain's largest firearms division, 41 years ago to deal with London's growing number of gun crimes.

With exclusive access to this specialised unit, In The Line Of Fire films the officers as they head into London's gun hot spots, armed with weapons and clad in body armour, to carry out operations and to see how they work alongside other serious-crime divisions specialising in terrorism, drugs, armed robbery and abductions.

At any one time, CO19 has eight fully armed patrols on the streets of London. It is these officers who are on the front line when dealing with armed assailants.

CO19 has over 600 members, whose psychological profile is crucial – the Metropolitan Police has channelled many of their smartest, most dedicated and tenacious officers into the division. As well as the 24-hour response teams, CO19 also has a large number of senior specialist firearm officers who provide an enhanced capability.

The two-part series features dramatic incidents and reveals the stories of the officers operating 'in the line of fire' of a new and very dangerous world.

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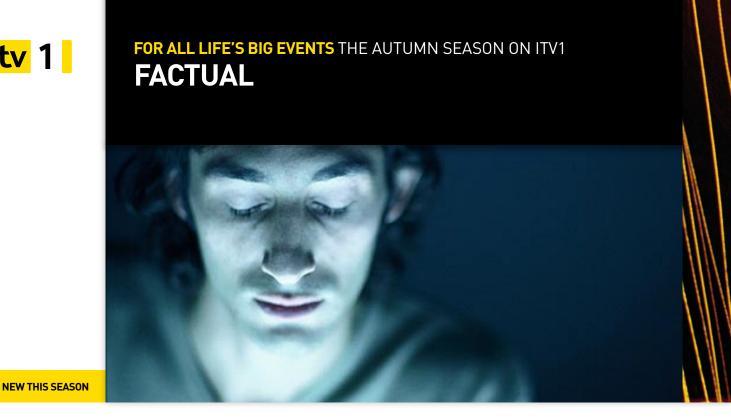
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### THINGS I DO IN MY SLEEP

#### AN HDTV PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

A good night's sleep is something most people take for granted - but for some, going to bed each night is nothing short of a nightmare.

From sleepwalking to sleep-cooking, ransacking the house to attacking or having sex with their partners without being aware of what they are doing, Things I Do In My Sleep meets the individuals whose extreme sleep activity is ruining their lives - and follows them as they consult leading experts to see what can be done to make their lives bearable.

Among the stories featured is one man whose extraordinary nocturnal talent for creating first-class art while in deep sleep is currently baffling top scientists. The programme follows his extraordinary journey to find out how and why he does this. Then there's the lively nine-year-old whose mother has to almost barricade her in her room at night due to her extreme sleepwalking, and two sleepeaters, one who even cooks complicated recipes using kitchen knives and an oven.

In a bid to find the causes of the disturbances and to help treat these individuals who are desperate to reclaim their lives, cameras are installed in their bedrooms to record the nocturnal behaviour for analysis by experts.

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **TOTAL EMERGENCY**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

For the first time on TV, dozens of cameras have followed all three major emergency services in one of Britain's biggest cities to provide a unique and comprehensive view of the work of the men and women who keep Sheffield safe.

The result: **Total Emergency**, an action-packed series full of real drama, tension and acts of true heroism set in one of the busiest urban areas in the country.

With full access to Sheffield's Police, Fire and Ambulance services, which serve an area populated by more than half a million people, cameras record the dramatic work of the services from the heart of the action.

Responsible for the city's bustling centre, large housing estates, industrial areas and the busy M1 motorway nearby, they tackle a wide range of incidents, from house fires and road traffic accidents to drugs raids and car chases.

And when a major incident, such as a blaze or a car crash, takes place, the series will reveal how the services co-ordinate to quickly and efficiently deal with any injuries and to make the area safe for Sheffield's residents.

Total Emergency follows the drama of 999 call-outs and gets to know the characters who work around the clock protecting the public. They carry out some of the most stressful jobs in the country and routinely find themselves in life-threatening situations.

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### **FAITH IN THE FRAME**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Faith In The Frame is a new 10part series in which Melvyn Bragg chairs lively discussions on ten of Western art's most fascinating religious pictures, highlighting their religious and secular themes, and relevance.

Each week, the debating panel will be drawn from groups including clerics, writers, art historians and art experts.

They will discuss the subject matter, artistic value and social history of each of the paintings, beginning with the artists' original religious intent and moving to wider issues of the period, as well as contemporary relevance. Panellists include Ekow Eshun, Andrew Graham-Dixon, Sarah Dunant and The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

This defining late-night religious art series will provide broad, creative and stimulating discussions for ITV1 viewers.

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### THE SOUTH BANK SHOW

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

ITV1's respected arts series, The South Bank Show, returns this autumn with more high-profile subjects.

The series features a film about the band

The Streets, headed by the brilliant Mike

Skinner, whose music marks the soundtrack
of today's urban youth.

Meanwhile, The One Ronnie profiles Ronnie Corbett, one of the country's best-loved comedians. Featuring specially written new material, it explores Ronnie's passion for golf and fine tailoring, gives a critique of contemporary comedy, and throws light on to one half of comedy's greatest double acts.

The South Bank Show also follows film-maker and photographer **Sam Taylor-Wood** for a year, gaining exclusive access as she makes her first short film, attends the opening of her first major retrospective in the US and prepares for an exhibition of new work.

The world of Bond is uncovered in a definitive profile of the enduring icon. **Melvyn Bragg** interviews **Daniel Craig** on what it means to be 007, as well as **Sean Connery**, arguably the most memorable Bond. It also analyses the brand's creative and artistic aspects, and reveals why Bond films are a major cultural event.

The South Bank Show travels to Rio de Janeiro to uncover the life and work of **Cildo Meireles**, one of Brazil's most original and significant living artists, known for his dramatic, multisensory environments that intimately involve the viewer. The series has also been given complete access to St Petersburg's historic Mariinsky Theatre, its artists and archives, to help celebrate the venue's 225th anniversary and which gives a unique insight into how the arts managed to flourish in Russia under so many different regimes.

Plus, **ITV3** is to transmit a new six-part series, **Celebrating The South Bank Show**, which features Melvyn's personal recollections during 30 years of making the world's longestrunning and most prestigious arts series.

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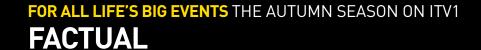
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# TRINNY AND SUSANNAH UNDRESS THE NATION

MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine return to ITV1 this autumn with a third series of Trinny And Susannah Undress The Nation, in which they face a stern new makeover challenge.

The style experts are tasked with applying their expertise to groups, or tribes, whose outward appearance reflects a specific, collective identity – from dog lovers to sex bombs.

The first step is group immersion, in which Trinny and Susannah meet a shining example of each tribe and spend 24 hours in their life; getting to know them, taking part in their activities and, yes, dressing like them in a bid to understand why they dress the way in which they do.

After this comes the big test – to make over the women without stripping away their group identity.

There are two very different factions within the doggie brigade. Trinny and Susannah take on the breeders who are always covered in dog hairs and drool, and spend all their free time walking their dogs, while at the other end of the spectrum are the ladies who love to show off their dogs, spend hours grooming them and pride themselves on having outfits to match their pampered pooches.

The duo will also take in hand the women who really know what they want – the sex bombs. Dressed to kill in all their glamorous finery, these are the more mature ladies who love to dress to impress regardless of their age, and who occasionally invite unflattering remarks of the mutton and lamb variety.

Finally, Trinny and Susannah turn their attention to ladies of an altogether more demure nature – the frumpy pillars of community who prematurely age themselves by dressing beyond their years.

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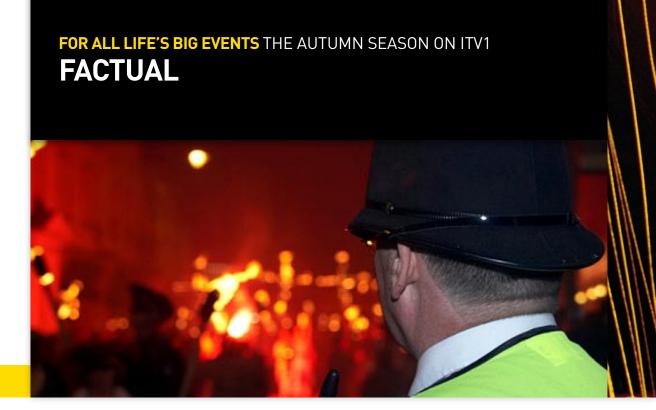
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### **COPS WITH CAMERAS**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

ITV1's action-packed series Cops With Cameras is back for a third run as it follows police forces across the country to see firsthand how they tackle crime on the streets – as it happens.

Cameras built into police officer's jackets provide unique access to the front line of the forces' relentless fight against crime in the UK – giving a unique view from the heart of the action. It gives viewers a chance to see what it's really like to be on patrol during dangerous drug raids, dramatic car chases and covert operations.

As well as focusing on specific operations, the cameras are at the sharp end with bobbies on the beat as they tackle antisocial behaviour, street crime, domestic disturbances and much more.

Cops With Cameras rejoins teams in Oldham to see how a special task force that was set up to tackle the recent rise in burglary in the area is working. It also trails the Taser response team in Devon and Cornwall, and the South Wales police as they continue to do battle with local drug dealers.

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# DAYTIME



THIS MORNING



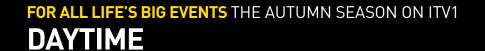
**BRITAIN'S BEST DISH** 



**GOLDEN BALLS** 









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### THIS MORNING

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

In its 20th anniversary year, **This Morning** remains Britain's biggest and brightest daytime television show.

Presented by **Fern Britton** and **Phillip Schofield**, the show continues to be as fresh and original as when it first launched.

Bursting with live and exclusive celebrity chats, performances, showbiz news, TV reviews and behind-the-scenes footage, This Morning has shown time after time that it is No 1 for entertainment. From high-profile musical artists and actors, to soap stars, authors and comedians, the most sought-after names in showbiz choose to appear on This Morning.

Strong, informative breaking-news stories and lively topical discussion are also integral to the show, ensuring that viewers have the latest updates on the world's biggest news events.

Human-interest stories and lifestyle features, with a strong emphasis on transforming the lives of our viewers, add to the mix. This Morning is the only programme with a famous family of experts, who give invaluable advice and react to the issues of the day. And a fresh look at cookery, fashion, hair, fitness and top gardening tips also help viewers to create the perfect lifestyle.

From learning how to cook the perfect soufflé, to grilling top politicians about the issues that really matter, everyone has a reason to tune into This Morning.

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### **BRITAIN'S BEST DISH**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Britain's Best Dish returns with a new series that aims to discover more of Britain's tastiest home-grown recipes – and to bring viewers culinary delights to impress and inspire.

A nationwide search has found dozens of cooks with class who can serve up great gourmet grub. The cooks with the most potential will present their signature dishes to a panel of expert judges – **Ed Baines**, **Jilly Goolden** and **John Burton Race**.

The best cooks must then prepare their dishes in an exciting live final – but will their starters score or sink? Will their mains be magnificent or mediocre? Will their desserts delight or depress?

The most impressive meal will be crowned Britain's Best Dish – and will be eaten and celebrated across the land.

Award-winning sports commentator and ex-England cricketer **Mark Nicholas** presents the series and will also ensure fair play for all the contestants.

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### **GOLDEN BALLS**

#### AN INITIAL PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Renowned Brummie comic **Jasper Carrott OBE** returns with a new series of the tea-time hit **Golden Balls**, a game of luck, intuition and bare-faced bluff.

One hundred Golden Balls concealing different cash amounts are up for grabs. Players must try to find and hang on to the balls containing the life-changing sums of money. But they also need to avoid the dreaded Killer Balls, which can turn pounds into pennies within seconds.

In each show, the four contestants must convince their rivals that they are in possession of the Golden Balls containing the largest amounts. They have to decide who is telling the truth and who has the smallest sums in front of them. The person who holds the most Killer Balls also needs to be eliminated. One player will be voted off at the end of each round – but will the contestants make the right choice?

In the final round, the tension mounts as the two remaining players, who have convinced and conned their way to the final, face the vital showdown. Will they work together and go home with a share of the winnings? Or will they try to outwit each other, which could mean losing the lot.

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### THE ALAN TITCHMARSH SHOW

#### A SPUN GOLD PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

#### The Alan Titchmarsh Show is returning for a third series of the popular chat show, so put your feet up, take a well deserved break and let Alan entertain you every

weekday afternoon.

Alan will be celebrating the Best of British, from the unsung heroes to our biggest stars and the stories everyone is talking about.

He will be discovering the hidden talents and skills of members of the public and honouring those who contribute to their communities to help make Britain a better place. Alan will also be debating the hot topics of the day, chatting to top celebrities and discovering what exciting events are happening around the country.

Every day there will be interesting lifestyle items with experts giving advice on a variety of subjects, including gardening, cookery, food and drink.

The Alan Titchmarsh Show will be fun, entertaining, thought provoking television; an afternoon treat that will have something for everyone

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### **60 MINUTE MAKEOVER**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

**Terri Dwyer** presents **60 Minute Makeover**, the series in which there are always plenty of surprises for an unsuspecting homeowner.

Every weekday, the team descends on the property of the owner whose home is being made over, and who will know nothing about it until it's finished. He or she will be sent out for a day with a friend, who will be in the know, while their other half welcomes Terri and the team of experts into their home for the makeover.

The designers, however, only have a mere 60 minutes in which to restyle the house, while also providing viewers with plenty of tips and practical advice along the way. But, as the clock ticks by, will the team be able to make the transformation from dreary to divine in the time limit?

And once the clock stops, there's no going back. Terri and the team face the reaction of the homeowner as they return to discover that their house is totally different from the one that they left that morning.

What will their reaction be? Will they love or loathe the new look? And will they be delighted by the deception? Or will they blame their partner for the whole thing?

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### **LOOSE WOMEN**

#### MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

#### **Loose Women** continues this autumn, giving a female perspective on the hot topics of the day.

The four-strong team of feisty, funny famous names discuss topical news and showbiz stories in the series where outspoken opinions, lively debates and moments of laughter are quaranteed.

In addition, top celebrities are invited to join in the fun each day. But they will face a few pertinent questions, and must also help to keep the chat lively with their views on the subjects in hand.

From speculation over the latest celebrity faux pas to fierce discussion on the hottest issues, this popular daytime show promises loose tongues, sparky attitudes and controversial conversation that never loses its appeal and edge.

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### THE JEREMY KYLE SHOW

MADE BY ITV PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

Hard-hitting, plain-speaking talk show host **Jeremy Kyle** continues to delight, provoke and involve viewers of **The Jeremy Kyle Show** this autumn.

He will again be dealing with a whole host of real-life problems and dilemmas to help the public get to grips with such issues.

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## **CITV**



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FINGER TIPS



**CAPTAIN MACK** 







**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **BOOKABOO!**

#### A HAPPY FILMS PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

CITV is backing the National Year of Reading 2008 initiative to promote child and adult literacy in the UK by launching a new series called **Bookaboo!**, a multi-platform live action and animation series about a famous drum-playing 'rock puppy' who can't perform his drum solo unless someone reads him a story.

Bookaboo! will feature celebrity guests who meet Bookaboo backstage and help him out by sharing a story with him. These soon-to-be-announced celebrities will become Storytime Ambassadors for the National Year of Reading 2008, alongside Jim Knight, Minister of State for Schools and Learners, who is backing the campaign.

With an increasing number of parents lacking confidence in their own literacy skills and one in five children leaving primary school unable to read, the series aims to highlight not only the educational benefits but also the fun that adults and children can have if more parents read aloud with their kids at home – as underlined by the programme's tag line: 'A story a day or I just can't play'.

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**NEW THIS SEASON** 

### **FINGER TIPS**

#### A FOUNDATION TV PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

Finger Tips, the upbeat makeand-do show combines traditional methods with technology, returns this autumn with a creative bang, bringing with it fresh ideas and new presenters.

New face **Tim Dixon** will be teaming up with regular presenter **Naomi Wilkinson** to create the most amazing surprises using the simplest of materials from around the home. Gadgets and trends inspire the original ideas and everything is made using easily accessible and recycled materials.

The 'makes' range from food to games, and from the simple to the more complex. And there will be plenty of 'makes' using technology in a creative way, be it a computer, scanner or digital camera.

In the 'One Minute Make', Tim and Naomi will try to beat the clock and make something in less than 60 seconds using bits and pieces found easily around the home. You'll be surprised at what they can do!

All the 'makes' are also explained stepby-step on an illustrated website, using a ratings system that will be mirrored on both the TV show and website, that clearly indicates the complexity of a 'make'. The site also includes sheets you can print off, tips and follow on ideas.

So whether it's having a go at making an edible masterpiece, affordable present or technological teaser, Finger Tips provides the know-how and the show-how.

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### **CAPTAIN MACK**

#### A FIREBACK ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION FOR ITV1

# Stand aside Superman, back of the line Batman! There's a different kind of super hero in town and he means business!

Hyper-daring and hyper-caring, **Captain**Mack is a strong, awesome and totally aspirational character whose heroic but level-headed approach makes him a natural leader. Taking its inspiration from 1960's live-action show Batman, Captain Mack is 'good versus naughty', offering three to six-year-olds their own, age-appropriate hero. CITV's young audience will delight in Mack's energetic approach to life, his kind and caring nature, his sense of humour – and, of course, his super-fast Sky Rockets!

Unfortunately, Sunshine City has more than its fair share of naughty characters. The 'naughties', a pre-school version of 'baddies', will include Tracy Trickster, Grabby Crabby and Marty Meddler. Imagine classic Batman villains (The Joker, Penguin, Cat Woman) with a fresh pre-school twist. The trouble-makers in Sunshine City are not evil or bent on world domination – they are just driven by desires that all pre-schoolers will understand and relate to as 'naughty' or 'not nice'. They never set out to be mischievous – they just can never resist the temptation that a particular situation presents.

Captain Mack is produced by John Bullivant and Iain Russell.

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### **SKYLAND**

### A METHOD FILMS (FRANCE) AND 9 STORY ENTERTAINMENT (CANADA) PRODUCTION

The year is 2251, and earth as we know it has shattered into millions of habitable pieces. The universe is being held to ransom by the evil Sphere, a powerful dictatorship that ruthlessly controls the precious water supply.

Welcome to **Skyland**, where pirate resistance leaders Mila and Marcus seem to be the last line of defence. Viewers will be enticed in planetary proportions by the couple's mysterious and conspicuous links to an ancient prophecy telling of Skyland's rebirth. However, their existence is under constant threat from Sphere army leader and megalomaniac, Oslo.

Mila has learned that her daughter is 'the light' spoken of in the prophecy. She decides to keep this from her children until they are adults, so they may have a normal childhood. However, they learn about the prophecy and Mila's past soon enough.

Mila, a powerful Seijin in her own right has been imprisoned by the evil Oslo. It's up to her children Mahad, a cocky teen lad with expert piloting skills, and his sister Lena, a young girl with superior Seijin powers, to find and free her. Thanks to Mila's connections, they have joined a band of pirates, who give them a home and a family and who help our heroes on their mission to bring down the Sphere and rescue their mum.

An eye-popping blend of motion capture, CGI, 2D and key frame animation combine to provide audiences aged nine to 14 this revolution in TV animation. A uniquely rich visual style, stunning imagery, a superb concept and imaginative storytelling are the hallmark of this exciting television series.

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### **MY GOLDFISH IS EVIL**

#### A SARDINE PRODUCTIONS FOR ITV1

# What is the most dangerous creature in the animal kingdom? How about the bloodthirsty shark? A growling, grizzly bear?

This new series reveals that it is actually a three-inch goldfish, named Admiral Bubbles! Not your innocent domestic pet, this fish can talk, he is a maniacal evil genius and wants to take over the world.

Enter Beanie, who owns Admiral Bubbles and is trying to foil his plans for world domination. He is being raised by his single mum and although he pictures himself as the man of the house, Beanie is really just a young kid. Upbeat by nature, he has an active imagination that causes his mother to roll her eyes whenever he describes his latest misadventures.

Beanie's ideas range from new conspiracy theories about government plots through to flying saucer sightings, and what they really put in hot dogs. Understandably, this does not do a lot for his credibility when things suddenly heat up and he finds himself in an actual life-or-death struggle to save the planet.

Finding himself reluctantly appointed as mankind's last hope for survival, Beanie's biggest job now is to keep a wary eye on his perilous pet for any signs of suspicious behaviour so he can intervene in time to save the planet.

Of course, Beanie's problems could all be solved with a simple flush of the toilet, but not if his mum has anything to say about it! If anything ever happens to Admiral Bubbles, then Beanie is in big trouble.

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# MOVIES



HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE



KING KONG



THE CONSTANT GARDENER







**PREMIERE** 

# HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (2005)

In this fourth big-screen instalment of JK Rowling's phenomenally successful boywizard adventures, an older Harry Potter (**Daniel Radcliffe**) returns refreshed from his summer break and looking forward to a new year at Hogwarts.

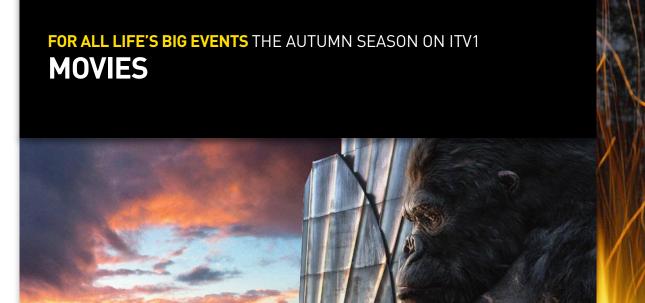
But the 17-year-old's wishes for a quieter time are dashed before term starts when he attends the prestigious Quidditch World Cup final with pals Hermione and Ron (**Emily Watson** and **Rupert Grint**) when a group dressed as Lord Voldemort's Death Eaters sets the camp on fire – and then Voldemort's symbol, the Dark Mark, is seen stamped chillingly across the sky.

Harry receives another shock when he's chosen by the enchanted Goblet of Fire to take part in The Triwizard Tournament, in which three top magic schools – Hogwarts, Beauxbatons and Durmstrangs – battle it out in a display of magical supremacy. This is because the Goblet unexpectedly picks four names, instead of three, with Harry the surprise fourth choice. Since the magic cannot be undone, he is forced to undertake three torturously difficult tasks. And when evil forces threaten Hogwarts, Harry's powers are tested like never before.

Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire also stars Ralph Fiennes, Robbie Coltrane, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman and Maggie Smith. The screenplay is written by Steve Kloves and it is directed by Mike Newell.

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**PREMIERE** 

### KING KONG (2005)

Peter (Lord Of The Rings) Jackson's remake of the 1933 classic was one of the most anticipated movies of the year when it was released in 2005.

In Depression-era New York, ambitious wildlife film-maker Carl Denham (Jack Black) hires desperate out-of-work actress Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) to star in his mysterious new feature, which is to be written by respected writer Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody) on location. They sail to Skull Island, a remote location near Sumatra, where they discover a world in which prehistoric creatures roam the land and where the indigenous tribe worships a giant gorilla called Kong.

However, as Denham is finalising his plans to capture Kong and take him back to New York, Ann is kidnapped by the locals and offered as a sacrifice to the monster. A desperate rescue attempt by Driscoll and the crew ensues and eventually the beast is captured and shipped back to the USA.

But, as he is being displayed as the Eighth Wonder of the World, a furious Kong breaks free from his shackles and runs amok in the Big Apple – and Driscoll is again forced to save his love Ann from the ape's clutches.

Directed by Peter Jackson, **King Kong** was written by Jackson, Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens.

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**PREMIERE** 

### THE CONSTANT GARDENER (2005)

## The acclaimed, Oscar-winning thriller receives its terrestrial premiere on **ITV1** this autumn.

Based on a best-selling novel by John Le Carré, it tells the story of Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), a junior British diplomat sent to a remote part of northern Kenya, who finds himself investigating the murder of his activist wife.

Tessa Quayle (**Rachel Weisz**) is a passionate, strong-willed campaigner who begins to accompany local doctor Arnold Bluhm (**Hubert Koundé**) on visits to the homes of patients in the region. When Tessa is found murdered and the doctor is nowhere to be found, officials say the pair were lovers and that it was a crime of passion - but Justin is not convinced and sets out on a determined personal quest to find out who was behind his wife's brutal death.

He travels across three continents and stops at nothing to find out the truth – using his job to access diplomatic secrets and even risks his own life. His inquires eventually uncover a dangerous conspiracy involving senior staff in the British High Commission and the multibillion-dollar pharmaceutical industry.

**The Constant Gardener** is written by Jeffrey Caine and directed by Fernando Meirelles.

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**PREMIERE** 

### THE INTERPRETER (2005)

**Nicole Kidman** heads the cast in the terrestrial premiere of explosive political thriller **The Interpreter**, which was directed by the late, great Sydney Pollack.

It also stars **Sean Penn** as Tobin Keller, a troubled secret-service agent charged with protecting Silvia Broome (Kidman), a UN translator and a native of the fictional state of Matobo, who overhears a disturbing conversation over the communications system on which delegates receive translations. It's spoken in a Matoban dialect and strongly hints that an assassination attempt is to be made on the country's controversial ruler

Keller is wary about Silvia and her story but, when she becomes the target of sinister figures, he learns some surprising information about her past and her connections; however, the two grow closer.

But when they discover that the murder plot is about to be carried out, can they foil the assassination?

The Interpreter also stars **Catherine Keener** and **Hugo Spear**.

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