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Drama
The Suspect



ITV premieres the gripping thriller, *The Suspect*, starring Aidan Turner (*Leonardo*, *Poldark*, *The Way of the Wind*), from globally renowned independent producers, World Productions.

Aidan is joined in the cast by RTS Best Actor winner and Bafta nominee Shaun Parkes (*Small Axe*, *Lost in Space*), Anjali Mohindra (*The Lazarus Project*, *Vigil*, *Bodyguard*), Camilla Beeput (*Save Me (Too)*, *Peep Show*), Adam James (*Vigil*, *Doctor Foster*), Sian Clifford (*Quiz*, *Fleabag*) and Bobby Scofield (*Time*, *Anthony*).

The series introduces Doctor Joe O'Loughlin, played by Aidan Turner, who appears to have the perfect life – a devoted wife, a loving daughter, successful practice as a clinical psychologist, media profile and a publishing deal. He's even a hero online after rescuing a young patient who was ready to jump from the tenth floor of the hospital where Joe works.

When a young woman is found in a shallow grave in a West London cemetery, veteran police officer DI Vincent Ruiz (Shaun Parkes) and his young partner DS Riya Devi (Anjali Mohindra) are assigned to the investigation. But has the young woman been murdered or is this a case of suicide?

As a successful author, Doctor Joe's opinion is much sought after and when he meets DS Devi he's only too willing to offer help with profiling and his expertise.

Now known for his risk-taking and rule-breaking, does Joe have more to hide? His recent diagnosis with a degenerative condition could explain his behaviour. But as the investigation into the woman's death gathers pace, we start to ask, do we know the real Joe, or does he have a secret life? And has his work as a clinical psychologist allowed him to develop a criminal mindset? Or worse?

From the producers of *The Pembrokeshire Murders* and *Vigil*, this tense new thriller is based on the bestselling novel by acclaimed crime writer Michael Robotham.

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Peter Berry (*Gangs of London*) is the screenwriter, and *The Suspect* is directed by James Strong (*Vigil*, *Liar*, *Broadchurch*) and Camilla Strøm Henriksen (*Phoenix*, *Occupied S3*, *The Truth Will Out S2*). Natasha Romaniuk (*Angela Black*, *The Split*) produces, alongside executive producers: Jake Lushington (*Vigil*, *Born to Kill*), James Strong and Peter Berry.

World Productions.



Drama Ridley



ITV detective drama, Ridley, stars Adrian Dunbar in the title role as a retired detective, who is now working in a consultancy role, having resumed his partnership with former protégée, DI Carol Farman, played by Bronagh Waugh (Unforgotten, The Fall), who is now in charge of investigations.

Ridley is written and created by Paul Matthew Thompson, one of the lead writers of ITV's iconic detective drama, Vera, and co-created by Jonathan Fisher (Blood, Hollington Drive, Penance), Managing Director of West Road Pictures. The four feature length episodes were filmed across Northern England.

The Ridley cast also includes Terence Maynard (Time, Coronation Street) as DCI Paul Goodwin, George Bukhari (Years and Years, The A Word) as DC Darren Lakhan, Georgie Glen (The Crown, Call the Midwife) as pathologist Dr Wendy Newstone. The regular cast also includes Bhavna Limbachia (Citizen Khan, Coronation Street), Aidan McArdle (The Trial of Christine Keeler, The Fall) and Julie Graham (Shetland, Penance).

The series will introduce us to charismatic Alex Ridley, who has retired from the police after years of dedicated service. Ridley's replacement is DI Carol Farman (Waugh), his former protégée whom Ridley mentored for many years.

When he's enlisted by Carol as a police consultant on a complex and compelling murder case, the investigation takes a dark and unexpected turn. Turning to her old mentor for support, Carol is keen to access Ridley's unique insight into crime-solving which has served them so well in the past. With more intriguing cases to solve, Ridley will revive his formidable and successful partnership with Carol.

Inspired by real life retired detectives re-joining police forces in a consultancy role given increasingly over-stretched resources, Ridley will explore thought provoking crime stories in an original and distinctive way.



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Ridley is written and created by Paul Matthew Thompson, co-created by Jonathan Fisher, Managing Director of West Road Pictures. Jonathan Fisher and Paul Matthew Thompson act as Executive Producers alongside Ingrid Goodwin. Juliet Charlesworth is the producer.

A West Road Pictures Production for ITV in association with All3Media International.



Drama
Karen Pirie



Lauren Lyle (Outlander, Vigil) stars as Karen Pirie in this brand new cold case murder drama, based on acclaimed author Val McDermid's *The Distant Echo*, adapted by Emer Kenny.

True to Val McDermid's iconic character, DS Karen Pirie is a young and fearless Scottish investigator with a quick mouth and tenacious desire for the truth. Adapted by Emer Kenny (*Harlots*, *Save Me Too*) who will also take the role of Karen's friend River Wilde, Karen Pirie also stars Chris Jenks (*Sex Education*) as Jason 'Mint' Murray and Zach Wyatt (*Blithe Spirit*) as DS Phil Parhatka.

The series is based on Val McDermid's first Karen Pirie novel *The Distant Echo*, and in the first episode Karen is tasked with reopening an historic murder investigation that has been the subject of a provocative true crime podcast.

When teenager Rosie Duff (Anna Russell-Martin, *Casualty*) was found brutally murdered in the Scottish university town of St Andrews in 1996, suspicion fell on the three drunken students who were discovered at the scene of the crime, claiming to have found her body; Sigmund 'Ziggy' Malkiewicz (*Jhon Lumsden*, *Pancake*) Tom 'Weird' Mackie (Jack Hesketh, *Besa*) and Alex Gilbey (*Buom Tihngang*, *Death In Paradise*). But with a lack of forensic evidence, no charges were brought and the police investigation floundered.

Twenty-five years on, someone appears to be willing to risk everything to keep the secrets surrounding the case hidden. Do the three men know more than they previously revealed? How flawed was the original investigation? And can Karen uncover the truth of what happened to Rosie that fateful night?

Further cast includes Michael Schaeffer (*The Salisbury Poisonings*) as Tom 'Weird' Mackie senior, Ariyon Bakare (*His Dark Materials*) as Alex Gilbey senior and Alec Newman (*Unforgotten*) as Sigmund 'Ziggy' Malkiewicz senior.

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Simon Heath, Emer Kenny and Val McDermid are executive producers, with Gareth Bryn directing and Clare Kerr producing. Written by Emer Kenny.

World Productions.



Drama
Professor T



Smart crime drama **Professor T**, starring **Ben Miller** (*Bridgerton*, *Death in Paradise*) and **Frances de la Tour** (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *The History Boys*) returns to ITV for a second series.

Set against the stunning backdrop of one of the world's most prestigious educational institutions, Cambridge University, the second series of **Professor T** will see Jasper Tempest (Ben Miller) and his mother Adelaide (Frances de la Tour), seek help from a therapist, which in turn will uncover more secrets from Professor T's troubled childhood.

The Professor will continue to help the police solve unusual crimes, rekindling his former relationship with Chief Inspector Christina Brand played by Juliet Aubrey.

Meanwhile Professor T's protégé Inspector Lisa Donckers played by Emma Naomi (*Bridgerton*) begins to regret prioritising her career over her budding relationship with police partner Dan Winters played by Barney White.

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Drama

Jane Austen's Sanditon



Sanditon, the acclaimed drama based on Jane Austen's final, unfinished novel left fans in suspense and clamouring for more with the first series' heart-breaking finale.

The new series will take up the action nine months later, as the town is growing in popularity, featuring characters familiar and new.

Series two picks up with heroine Charlotte Heywood (Rose Williams) returning to the picturesque coastal resort, determined as ever to live a life less ordinary, as she takes up the role of governess to the wards of Alexander Colbourne (Ben Lloyd-Hughes). Charlotte is joined by her spirited younger sister, Alison Heywood (Rosie Graham) who comes to Sanditon to pursue her own romantic dream.

In her last summer season before turning 21, Georgiana Lambe (Crystal Clarke) is keen to forge her own identity and gets up to mischief in the name of love...but will she run the risk of being lonelier than ever before? Tom Parker (Kris Marshall) strives to rebuild Sanditon, but there are many unforeseen issues awaiting him, while the secrets and lies of the dysfunctional Denham's continue to rock the foundations of the sunny seaside town.

Plus, the second series promises new romances, friendships, and challenges for the residents as the Army make Sanditon their new base, led by the charming Colonel Lennox (Tom Weston-Jones).



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Justin Young (Death in Paradise, Ripper Street), who wrote four episodes of the first series of Sanditon, developed the new series and is lead writer and executive producer with Andrew Davies, who originally created the drama and returned to write and executive produce. Colin Bytheway, Janice Okoh, Ellen Taylor and Robin French also wrote for the series. The series producer is Rebecca Hedderly (Casualty), the producers are Ian Hogan (Black Mirror) and Amy Rodriguez (Harlots) and lead director is Charles Sturridge (Marcella), with Ethosheia Hylton (Ackley Bridge) directing episodes 4,5 and 6. Executive producers are Belinda Campbell and Tim Key for Red Planet Pictures, Susanne Simpson for MASTERPIECE and Chloe Tucker for ITV/BritBox UK.



Drama
Doc Martin



Martin Clunes returns to Cornwall to play the nation's favourite grumpy medic for the last time in the final series of the hugely successful ITV drama Doc Martin.

He stars as Dr. Martin Ellingham, the GP with a brusque bedside manner and a phobia of blood, in eight new episodes of the popular drama produced by Buffalo Pictures, and set in the idyllic hamlet of Portwenn in Cornwall.

Picturesque Port Isaac provides the beautiful backdrop for the series, with all the regular members of the cast reprising their roles. Caroline Catz plays Doc Martin's wife, Louisa Ellingham, who resigned from her job as headmistress at the local school to pursue a new career in child counselling.

Also returning for the finale are Dame Eileen Atkins who plays Doc Martin's formidable Aunt Ruth. Ian McNeice is back to play Bert Large, with Joe Absolom as his son Al. John Marquez is PC Joe Penhale, Jessica Ransom is the doctor's receptionist Morwenna Newcross and Selina Cadell is pharmacist Mrs Tishell.

At the end of the last series the Doc decided, after having his medical career scrutinised by the General Medical Council because of his blood phobia, that he would resign from being Portwenn's GP.

This final series sees the Doc making efforts to overcome his phobia, and beginning to question whether he made the right decision about resigning. He and Louisa have also welcomed a baby daughter, Mary Elizabeth, a sister for four-year-old James Henry.

With Louisa pursuing her new career as a child counsellor in his old surgery, the Doc is left literally holding the baby, and indulging his hobby of repairing clocks on the kitchen table. But does he really want his old job back?

Buffalo Pictures has filmed a Christmas special to bid a final farewell to Doc Martin.

The company has also produced a documentary for ITV, provisionally titled "Doc Martin – A Celebration." Directed by Stuart Orme and produced by Evie-Bergson-Korn, the documentary will highlight the amazing longevity and impact both locally and around the world of Doc Martin over the years, as well as giving the audience a glimpse behind the scenes of the final series with the cast and crew.

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This series is produced by Philippa Braithwaite, executive producer is Mark Crowdy, and the directors are Nigel Cole, Philip John and Kate Cheeseman. The writers are Jack Lothian, Andrew Rattenbury, Kevin Cecil, Julian Unthank and Chris Reddy.

Buffalo Pictures.



Drama

Van Der Valk



Marc Warren ((Safe, Mad Dogs, Hustle) reprises his role as Commissaris Piet Van Der Valk in series two of the detective series Van Der Valk which is filmed entirely on location in and around Amsterdam.

The new series follows the street-smart detective as he leads his dynamic team in solving mysterious crimes using astute human observation and inspired detection.

Chris Murray returns as showrunner for the three feature length episodes co-written with Maria Ward. Maimie McCoy (The Three Musketeers) features as Lucienne Hassell, Van Der Valk's gutsy and fiercely competent right-hand woman. Other cast members include Luke Allen-Gale (Dominion), Elliot Barnes-Worrell (Jericho), Darrell D'Silva (Strike Back) and Emma Fielding (Sanditon).

The return of Van Der Valk sees the Dutch detective and his team solving three more homicides in the city. They are called in to investigate the gruesome murder of a solicitor whose mutilated body is discovered strung up on a windfarm with a cryptic note inside her coat.

When the body of former diamond polisher, Ahmed Baykam, is discovered cut into three pieces and left on the doorsteps of his employer's houses, the dysfunctional Cuyper siblings, Van Der Valk and his team must question whether someone has a grudge against the legendary diamond dynasty.

And in the final episode Lucienne is forced to confront her feelings when ex-girlfriend Femke turns up following the murder of a young musician. The investigation brings Van Der Valk and his team face to face with corruption and coercion at the highest levels of authority to discover an international sex trafficking network that has links all the way to the top.

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The second series is produced by all3media group's Company Pictures with NL Film & TV B.V. co-producing.



Drama
The Larkins



ITV's popular comedy-drama, The Larkins will return this Autumn for a brand-new second series.

Filmed within the idyllic and beautiful Kent countryside, this television adaptation of H.E. Bates's iconic novels will see Bradley Walsh and BAFTA award winner Joanna Scanlan return as the much-loved Pop & Ma Larkin.

The new series sees the arrival of a new Reverend in the village and, in stark contrast to the old Vicar, he set hearts a flutter, including Primrose Larkin's (Lydia Page). Primrose, now finished with school, is intent on taking the journalistic world by storm, but could it be love with the handsome Reverend Candy (Maxim Ays)?

Meanwhile, following the excitement of Mariette (Joelle Ray) and Charley's (Tok Stephen) wedding, the local gossip quickly turns to the other new arrivals in the Village. A new out-of-town family, the Jerebohms (Morgana Robinson and Julian Rhind-Tutt), have no sooner made their introductions than they are at war with Ma and Pop, with devastating consequences for the Larkin clan.

Also returning for the new series are Peter Davison (the Vicar), Kriss Dosanjh (Brigadier), Amelia Bullmore (Miss Edith Pilchester), Seeta Indrani (Miss Chand), Robert Bathurst (Johnny Delamere), Francesca Wilson Waterworth (Libby Fothergill), Barney Walsh (PC Harness), Tony Gardner (Alec Norman), Natalie Mitson (Pauline) and Selina Griffiths (Norma Norman).

Completing the Larkin family on screen will be Liam Middleton (Montgomery Larkin), Lola Shepelev (Victoria Larkin), Summer Miller (Zinnia Larkin) and Sienna Miller (Petunia Larkin).

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Soaps Emmerdale



When Faith (Sally Dexter) received the bad news that her cancer had returned, this devastating diagnosis was thankfully enough to shock her son, Cain (Jeff Hordley), out of his reluctance to build bridges with his mother for the first time in his life. At last Cain and Faith seem to be sharing better times, but for how long and will Cain cope with the decreasing health of his mother having missed so many years? Faith soon has a plan to try and make up for all that lost time, but could it backfire?

Meanwhile, with her mother's health of great concern, Chas (Lucy Pargeter) has fallen into the arms of Al Chapman (Michael Wildman) who is seemingly offering her the escapism she's craving in the form of a reckless affair. With her feelings for Al growing stronger by the day, will loyal hubby Paddy (Dominic Brunt) have his heart broken. And how will her headstrong brother Cain react should he realise she's in bed with his arch nemesis?

Leyla's (Roxy Shahidi) cocaine habit is a wrecking ball in her life. Not only is her habit decimating her marriage which is now riddled with lies, but Leyla's losing trust and important contracts at work. How long will it be before she faces up to the fact she has a problem or someone finds out?

When Vanessa (Michelle Hardwick) met Suzy (Martelle Edinborough) she thought she had a keeper. But Suzy's past threw a spanner into their relationship when it became apparent she had, albeit unwittingly, supplied Holly Barton with the cash for drugs that ultimately killed her. Will Vanessa be able to get over the web of lies her new lover has spun?

Amelia (Daisy Campbell) has been secretly visiting Noah (Jack Downham) in prison by falsifying visiting orders. She's a mixed up teen whose health has been at risk from taking a weight gain syrup, but this isn't the only problem this lass has got to contend with; she's pregnant! With the weight of the world on her shoulders will this 15 year old get the support she needs to make a life changing decision?

As Emmerdale starts gearing up to celebrate its 50th birthday this October and following the success of winning 'Best Soap' at the British Soap Awards, it's clear this is a daily dose of drama that is not to be missed.

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Soaps

Coronation Street



Family matters dominate the late summer drama in Weatherfield with returning relatives, couples in crisis and shocking secrets causing chaos on the cobbles.

The clock has been ticking for Gary Windass ever since he took in the teenage daughter of the man he murdered. Increasingly seeing Gary as a father figure, Kelly is further indebted to Gary when he rescues her from the clutches of dad Rick's shady associates. But having witnessed how far Gary is willing to go to keep her safe, Kelly starts to wonder if he has crossed that line before. Meanwhile, Gary's wife Maria continues to struggle with the unwanted online attention her council work has brought and Gary is determined to protect her. Is Gary's past about to catch up with him?

Another resident is also keen to keep secrets from his previous life as he tries to build a new future for himself. Stu Carpenter has found friendship and family with Yasmeen, but when she tries to help him reconnect with his daughter she inadvertently starts a sequence of events that could see Stu's new life come crashing down on them all.

The return of Audrey Roberts' prodigal son Stephen came in the nick of time as her relationship with the rest of her family reached crisis point and resulted in a drunken Audrey being rescued from a nasty accident in the barbers. Furious with being treated like a child by Gail and her grandchildren, Audrey decides to put her finances in order with the help of businessman Stephen, much to the horror of the rest of the family. But as Audrey continues to struggle with the issues that growing older can bring, has she backed the wrong horse and is Stephen the knight in shining armour she believes?

Leanne Tyldesley's concerns for her sister are growing. With Toyah facing a murder charge and possible prison sentence the future is looking grim. As Toyah throws herself into fighting local causes to try and block out the impending court case she looks set to get herself into even more bother, when salvation arrives in the shape of Toyah's ex-partner eco warrior Spider Nugent. As Spider takes Toyah under his wing, Leanne is relieved to finally have someone else to share the load. But exactly what has brought Spider back to Weatherfield and could he bring more trouble to their door?

Summer Spellman's body image struggles were brought to the fore when she and boyfriend Aaron decided to book a beach holiday. Aaron is a tower of strength, but it soon becomes clear that he has his own problems at home. Can this codependent couple work through their issues or will their secrets tear them apart?

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Entertainment

The Masked Dancer



After the success of the first series, The Masked Dancer is back as our celebrity cast attempt to baffle, bewilder and bamboozle the panel and viewers with their fancy footwork and dazzling dance moves whilst covered from head to toe in extravagant and elaborate costumes.

Football legend Peter Crouch joins the panel this series and will be hoping he can hit the back of the net with his guesses - a celebration that could see his unique 'Robot dance' making an appearance! With success both on and off the pitch and a host of famous friends to boot, could this give him the edge over his fellow panellists? He joins Jonathan Ross, Davina McCall and Oti Mabuse who will all be watching each performance closely as they try and work out which twinkle-toed celebrity is behind the mask.

The former England striker will be stepping in for comedian Mo Gilligan this season, with Mo unavailable owing to touring commitments. Mo will be back to join Peter, Davina, Jonathan and Oti on the panel for a surprise appearance during the run. Our panel will also be joined by some very special guests throughout the series.

Presiding over this unique and unusual dance party will be Joel Dommett.

Twelve brand new celebrities will be stepping onto the dancefloor to take on character alter egos as they trip the light fantastic in a bid to wow the panel and confuse with their moves. Clue packages will accompany every Masked Dancer to help the panel and at home detectives crack the case of who the famous faces behind the masks are. From ballet to ballroom, salsa to swing and everything in between, the mystery line up will be dancing onto screens later this year on ITV and ITV Hub.

Last series viewers saw Olympic gymnast Louis Smith storm to victory dressed as the wonderfully outlandish Carwash. The series also saw Radio DJ and presenter Zoe Ball unmasked as Llama, choreographer and TV judge Craig Revel Horwood as Knickerbocker Glory, ice skating legend Christopher Dean as Beagle and presenter Kelly Brook as Frog.

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Entertainment The Voice UK



The Voice UK makes its eagerly awaited return to ITV. Back for its eleventh series set to air in autumn of 2022, super-star coaches Anne-Marie, Olly Murs, Sir Tom Jones and will.i.am are returning to the most infamous chairs on television as they continue their quest to find the next singing sensation.

Much-loved television presenter Emma Willis will also return as host, and will once again preside over all of the action.

Hopefuls looking for a shot at stardom will take to the stage in a bid to be crowned this series' winner, securing a highly coveted recording contract with Universal's label UMOD.

This series will also see a fresh new addition to the format - The Callbacks - where hopeful contestants through to the Blind Auditions will battle it out to earn their place in the Semi-Final.

Anne-Marie said: "It feels so good to be back! I had the most amazing time last series, and I am so excited to be returning to my big red chair. Winning with Craig last series was a special moment and I am determined to keep a hold of my crown!"

Olly Murs said: "I cannot wait to be reunited with The Voice UK family! We always have so much fun making the show and I'm sure this series will be no exception. Anne-Marie needs to watch out because this series I'm taking back the title!"

Sir Tom Jones said: "Whenever I'm back in The Voice UK studio, my expectations are exceeded. I love the anticipation of hearing unknown singers and I can't wait to see what's in store this time around!"

will.i.am said: "Discovering fresh and unique voices is what this show is all about, so I am looking forward to meeting Britain's next wave of talent."

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The Voice is an ITV Studios format.



Entertainment
**National Television
Awards 2022**



Britain's most popular TV awards are to broadcast live on Thursday 15 September 2022 from a brand new venue: London's OVO Arena, Wembley.

In charge of events will be Joel Dommett, who returns as host following a barnstorming inaugural year last September.

The NTAs are unique in being the only UK TV awards ceremony where all the winners are chosen exclusively by the public via a huge nationwide poll. Celebrating everything from beloved primetime shows on scheduled TV to stand out hits on streaming services, these truly are the people's awards where viewers' opinion counts and their favourites take home the prizes.

And with exciting new categories, exclusive live performances and surprise VIP guests in store for 2022, the star-filled night of the live results is sure to be one to remember.

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Entertainment

Pride of Britain Awards 2022



Fresh from its spectacular post-Covid homecoming to Grosvenor House in 2021, the Daily Mirror Pride of Britain Awards returns for 2022.

Last year's show saw an audience full of Hollywood A-listers, sporting legends and showbiz icons, and was packed with hilarious moments and surprises, including a very special performance from KSI.

But of course Pride of Britain is all about the winners and their heroics and emotional real-life stories moved the stars in the room and millions watching at home to tears.

The search is currently on for this year's winners, who will take to the stage with hosts Carol Vorderman and Ashley Banjo in October for Pride of Britain's biggest ever celebration of the nation's unsung heroes.

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Entertainment

Fastest Finger First



Fastest Finger First, the new spin off-format from the creators of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? will offer contestants the one prize money can't buy – a guaranteed place on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? and the opportunity to win a million pounds.

The ITV and ITV Hub series will be presented by award-winning broadcaster, Anita Rani, who is also known as a lead presenter on BBC One's Countryfile and host of BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour. This will be her first foray into ITV's entertainment shows.

The 5 x 60 minute spin-off quiz was born out of the fact that a phenomenal amount of people apply to be on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? each year, but never has there been the opportunity to guarantee a contestant a place in the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? hot seat, opposite host Jeremy Clarkson.

As the name suggests, Fastest Finger First will expand on the first round of Millionaire, where contestants have to put their answers to a multiple-choice question, in a specific order. Five contestants play against each other to take it in turns to work their way up the question ladder. The two players with the biggest score at the end of the round go head-to-head in a Fastest Finger First dual.

At the end of each episode, whoever is in the seat when the Klaxon sounds has won a place to be fast tracked to sit in the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? hot seat in front of Jeremy Clarkson - by-passing the usual Fastest Fingers First round that opens the much-loved show.

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Entertainment

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?



Jeremy Clarkson hosts this brand new 6 x 60-minute Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? which sees members of the public hoping to get a chance to win a life-changing £1,000,000.

This brand new series starts with a twist with the first five contestants taking to the hot seat having claimed their place by winning their spot on our daytime sister show – Fastest Finger First.

The global hit game show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? returned to ITV in May 2018 to celebrate it's 20th anniversary and in 2020, the series crowned its first millionaire in 14 years. Donald Fear answered all 15 questions correctly with three lifelines still in tack, infact making him arguably the most successful contestant in the series' history.

With over 75,000 applications for this series, the lucky contestants will put their knowledge to the test in front of the nation as they try to answer the 15 questions to win the £1,000,000 prize, helped along the way by four lifelines; 50:50, Phone a Friend, Ask The Host and with the return of Ask the Audience.

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Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? is a Sony Pictures Television format.



Entertainment
Ninja Warrior UK



Ninja Warrior UK, the toughest series on TV, is about to get tougher as a revamped, high octane new season returns to ITV and ITV Hub.

Potato, the award-winning ITV Studios label behind The Chase, Beat The Chasers and Moneyball, has confirmed that the hit TV entertainment series Ninja Warrior UK will be back, but this time it's bigger, faster, harder, and complete with an all-new competition structure.

In a twist on the format, and for the first time in the show's history, the hunt is on for two champions, as the UK's top female and male competitors take on the most challenging course ever to be crowned Ninja Warrior UK Male and Female Champions.

The contestants will not only face each other but they will also have to face the 'Ninjas' - a team of professional Ninja Warrior athletes - in head-to-head races.

Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara will preside over the action as contestants take on new courses, new obstacles and even bigger challenges designed as the ultimate test of strength, speed, and courage.

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Entertainment
DNA Journey

DNA JOURNEY

DNA Journey returns to ITV this Autumn, as more of our celebrity duos set off on a quest to discover where they come from and unearth secrets from their past in a life changing and emotional voyage of discovery.

The second part of this new series will continue with four more globetrotting DNA stories featuring Alison Hammond and Kate Garraway, Joel Dommett and Tom Allen, Alison Steadman and Larry Lamb plus Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan.

Delving into their families histories, the celebrated TV duos will be using cutting edge DNA technology and genealogy to uncover the truth behind their bloodlines, as well as coming face to face with living relatives they never knew existed.

In the ultimate TV road trip, this set of celebrities follow in the footsteps of Ant & Dec, Freddie Flintoff and Jamie Redknapp, Amanda Holden and Alan Carr, Martin and Roman Kemp and Anne Hegerty and Shaun Wallace.

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Entertainment

Queens for the Night



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For one night only, a cast of celebrities will channel their inner drag Queens and unearth the divas within in a fabulous competition like no other. **Queens For The Night**, created and produced by Tuesday's Child, is set to launch on ITV this year.

Celebrating the art and appeal of drag in spectacular style, this TV extravaganza sees a selection of famous faces undergoing the ultimate drag makeover.

Hosted by drag superfan Lorraine Kelly, who will be joined by judging panel, Spice Girl and pop icon Melanie C; stand up comedian Rob Beckett; world-famous drag artist Courtney Act; and star of *Bad Education* and West End hit *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, Layton Williams, who will all offer their thoughts on the famous novices as they attempt to master this flamboyantly entertaining skill.

This one off TV special will see Coronation Street favourite Simon Gregson, fitness icon Mr Motivator MBE, Love Island star and TV presenter Chris Hughes, member of popband Union J and *I'm A Celebrity* runner up George Shelley, actor and soap star legend Adam Woodyatt and England rugby star Joe Marler, unleashing their drag alter-egos as they attempt to go head to head to be crowned the winning Queen.

This primetime celebrity drag contest pairs each wannabe Queen with their very own drag mentor, as they attempt to master this uniquely difficult craft. The celebrity wannabes will not only have to perfect wearing the highest of the heels but also hone one of the distinctive disciplines that each drag artist will expertly enact, from singing, dancing, lip syncing, impression, comedy or Drag! (Drag magic). Performing live in front of the panel of expert judges and a live studio audience, only one celebrity can be crowned the ultimate winner.

The show will see some of the most successful Drag Queens in the business become mentors to each of the celebrities. Blu Hydrangea, Kitty Scott-Claus, La Voix, Myra DuBois, Asttina Mandella and Margo Marshall will be using their expert knowledge to guide and teach our famous students, as they prepare and perfect their drag personas. Viewers will witness every step of the process, from mastering the killer heels, fine tuning their comic timing and bringing to life a breathtaking character through costume and make up. The process will culminate for each of the celebrities in a cabaret style performance as they showcase their newly acquired drag talents. Voted by the studio audience, who will capture the hearts of the public to be crowned their Queen For The Night?



Entertainment
Celebrity Lingo



Lingo is the word guessing game that got the whole nation on tenterhooks with its hit daytime format, and now audiences are about to get a brand-new celebrity version as ITV launches a primetime spin off called **Celebrity Lingo** with a presenter who needs little introduction....

Hosted by the inimitable Emmy award-winning US entertainer RuPaul Charles, **Celebrity Lingo** will see famous faces pair up and go head-to-head in the fast-paced word play game as they vie to fill in the blanks and find the missing words.

Produced by Triple Brew Media, part of Objective Media Group, the 7 x 60" series will launch on ITV this Autumn.

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Entertainment

I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!



I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! returns which can mean only one thing... the time has come for a brand new cast of celebrities to battle it out in TV's toughest entertainment challenge.

Returning to its home in Australia after a two-year break, our celebrities will leave their plush pads and luxuries far behind as they spend up to three weeks taking on the Australian jungle with a whole host of surprises created just for them.

Whoever does end up in the legendary jungle camp will find themselves cut off from the outside world and their fate will be in the hands of viewers who could decide to send them into a dreaded Bushtucker Trial.

Our BAFTA award-winning hosts Ant & Dec are back to present all the big stories live every night.

Who will be crowned this year's King or Queen of the Jungle? Find out this Autumn on ITV.

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Entertainment **Riddiculous!**



Ranvir Singh takes on the role of quizmaster in this rapid, ruthless, and totally Riddiculous new show.

Three teams of two will go head-to-head, answering a series of quick-fire general knowledge questions before facing a mind-bending riddle, set by the show's very own Riddlemaster, Henry Lewis, star of *The Play that Goes Wrong*.

The more brain-bending verbal and visual riddles they solve, the more money they bank. The team that cracks the most clues will then face off against endgame Henry's Riddle Run against the clock - and a final riddle awaits, where they're offered a chance to double their money or go home with nothing.

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Riddiculous is an East Media production, part of The Whisper Group, for ITV.



Entertainment

Ainsley's World Cup Flavours



To coincide with the World Cup, Ainsley Harriott will officially be bringing football home - well, to the kitchen at least!

Mixing food and football, two things the nation holds most dear, Ainsley's World Cup Flavours will be hitting the back of the net over five consecutive Saturdays in the lead-up to the tournament. Joining Ainsley in the kitchen each week will be a squad of football VIPs; managers, players, and celeb footie fans will all be sampling the tasty dishes Ainsley's whipping up.

These footballing legends will be showing off their knowledge, skills and tastebuds, and a small audience of football fans will be in the studio too, adding to the atmosphere, enjoying a specially made 'half time pie' - and maybe even throwing in a chant or two when a dish is ready.

This is one show that you'll really want to go to Extra Time!

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Factual

Paxman: Putting Up with Parkinson's



Paxman: Putting Up with Parkinson's, will follow Jeremy Paxman's story of living with Parkinson's disease since his formal diagnosis, 18 months ago.

For the very first time, Jeremy Paxman will allow cameras into his life as he reflects on how Parkinson's is impacting him.

Jeremy meets experts who are at the leading edge of research, including observing a brain dissection.

In this one-off, 60 minute special, Jeremy speaks to other high profile people living with Parkinson's, meets the President of Parkinson's UK, Jane Asher, attends an English National Ballet therapy dance class - and learns to play bowls.

One in 37 people in the UK will be diagnosed in their lifetime and Jeremy investigates and busts some of the myths surrounding the illness.

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Factual

Joe & John Bishop: Life After Deaf



Comedian John Bishop and his son Joe will share the realities of hearing loss in a personal and insightful new documentary for ITV and ITV Hub, Joe & John Bishop: Life After Deaf.

Co-produced by South Shore and Lola TV, the one-hour film will document John and Joe, who lost most of his hearing at the age of 15, as they embark upon a journey to understand more about the Deaf community and learn British Sign Language together.

Opening up about the 12 years since Joe became partially deaf, John and Joe will meet people across the Deaf community who can not only relate to the miscommunication and misunderstanding they've faced, but can also offer them alternative perspectives on what it means to be deaf.

As John sets himself the goal of learning to Sign well enough to perform stand-up comedy in BSL, the documentary asks if learning to Sign together will provide John and Joe with an entry point to the Deaf community and a way to better relate to each other.

Joe & John Bishop: Life After Deaf is made by South Shore & Lola TV for ITV and ITV Hub. Charlie Melville is the Director. Andrew Mackenzie and Caroline O'Neill are Executive producers for South Shore. John Bishop and Lisa Thomas are Executive producers for Lola TV. The programme is commissioned for ITV by David Smyth, Commissioner and Katie Rawcliffe, Head of Entertainment Commissioning.

John Bishop said: "Before we started this journey, we could never have imagined what an impact it would have on us as a family. Joe and I are so grateful to the members of the Deaf community who we've met this year, their generosity has changed our lives."

Katie Rawcliffe said "This documentary is an opportunity for viewers to see a completely different side to John and understand more about what life is like for the Deaf community and those around them. We're very grateful to John and Joe for sharing their story with us and hope our audiences find this film engaging and informative as we have done."

South Shore CEO Andrew Mackenzie said. "This is an extraordinary and brave film for the Bishop family to make. They've opened up an incredibly personal and moving story as they take their first steps into the Deaf community."

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Factual

Gino's Italy: Like Mama Used to Make



Gino D'Acampo returns to his motherland to learn more from the Mammamas of Italy for this brand new ITV series.

In a personal food odyssey, Gino will be travelling the length and breadth of Italy from Naples, Florence and Bologna to encounter local dishes from families and their matriarchs along the way.

The 6x30 series from Betty TV celebrates the women who have fed Italy and shaped the country's cuisine through the ages. Starting in his place of birth, Torre Del Greco in Napoli, where he learnt to cook in the kitchens of his Nonna Flora and Mamma Alba, Gino is going back to his roots to celebrate all the women whose kitchens have fuelled Italy through their incredible food.

With recipes including Pasta al Genovese, Steak Fiorentina and Tortellini, Gino will have his work cut out to keep up with the women running the kitchens which he visits.

Gino said: "From learning to make pizza at the fingertips of my Nonna Flora, to stirring simmering pots of ragu in my mamma's kitchen. From the first meatballs I rolled with my Auntie Clara to the Spaghetti Vongole that I make for my own family. My journey as a chef is all thanks to two generations of women, who without their passion for the food that they fed their families, I would not be where I am."

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Factual

Emmerdale - 50 Unforgettable Years



This one-off special documentary celebrating 50 years of Emmerdale tells the story of how a sleepy daytime afternoon series about rural folk became the award-winning, ratings-busting, peak-time drama that it is today.

A mixture of compelling classic Emmerdale clips and rarely seen gems will be mined from the archive for viewers to relish. From family feuds, fires and fights to more light-hearted moments from life on the farm and in the village that goes by the name of - Emmerdale.

They will feature alongside contributions from much-loved cast members, as the stars of Emmerdale past and present watch back their famous storylines to share reflections on their characters.

With a treasure trove of behind-the-scenes secrets and anecdotes, the acclaimed cast will remember key moments from the last five decades.

This milestone celebratory tribute will also recall some of the standout 74 weddings, 43 births and 105 deaths in the show since 1972, whilst reminiscing over some of the show's most popular family dynasties including The Sugdens, The Tates and The Dingles.

Along the way, we'll discover the original ambitions of Emmerdale Farm's creator - the playwright Kevin Laffan, how the TV critics and viewers responded to the show and its early depiction of rural life, and ultimately how it has transformed to reflect the changing lives and appetites of its loyal audience.

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Handle with Care: Jimmy Akingbola



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Is love all you need? The number of children in care has risen by a massive 28% in the past decade to almost half a million. Of the children in Britain awaiting adoption, over 40% are black, yet black foster families are rare in comparison, resulting in white parents raising children from other ethnicities and cultures.

In this deeply personal film, acclaimed actor and presenter Jimmy Akingbola tells his own story and in doing so, reveals the truth of growing up in the care system in England.

At two years old Jimmy was uprooted from his Nigerian family and fostered by a white British family, who raised him alongside their birth children as if he were their own. Now living in the bright lights of Hollywood with a glittering career, Bel-Air star Jimmy returns home to Britain to reflect on how his upbringing shaped him.

Jimmy speaks to his own foster family and biological siblings about their feelings and meets fellow actor Lenny James and retired Olympic athlete Kriss Akabusi, who both share their own personal stories of foster and adopted care and children's homes, good and bad.

While exploring themes of identity, abandonment, the importance of role models and cultural connection, this thoughtful, engaging and emotional film, directed by Andy Mundy-Castle, considers whether a loving family, no matter their ethnicity, is always more important than racial or cultural differences.



Factual Fresh Cuts



This brand new strand will showcase films from five rising Black producer/directors commissioned to create films for Black History Month 2022.

The five filmmakers – Louise Coleman, Yemi Adegbulu, Daniel Dempster, Jason Osborne and David Adeyemi – were selected for their innovative, contemporary ideas capturing Black Britishness for their first network 60-minute documentary for ITV.

Recent research by The Creative Diversity Network showed that Black directors make up just 1.6 per cent of the industry. As the UK's biggest commercial broadcaster, ITV continues to be committed to improving representation on-screen and off-screen. This includes giving a greater range of off-screen talent the opportunity to progress and gain credits in senior production roles, whether through Step Up 60, or ITV's Diversity Commissioning Fund, or new strands like Fresh Cuts.

Fresh Cuts include:

Our Jubilee (w/t) directed by Jason Osborne.

An alternative social history of Britain through the stories of Black Britons in the Queen's Jubilee years. Jason transitioned to the world of film after spending time in various corporate roles. He is an inaugural recipient of the Netflix Documentary Talent Fund and co-founder of Project Must Entertainment, an independent production company focused on documentary, scripted, factual entertainment, digital and music projects.

The Bottom Line (w/t) by Louise Coleman

This film explores the popularity of controversial Brazilian Butt Lift surgery. During the pandemic, Louise co-founded Verbatim Film Agency, a creative film and video collective which represents individuals from Black and Minority Ethnic communities and underprivileged backgrounds.

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Factual Fresh Cuts

Ink to Skin (w/t) by Yemi Adegbulu

Yemi, whose film explores tattoos in black culture, was funded and mentored in 2022 by The Roundhouse for her directorial debut 'Keeping Grandma' – a documentary based on her family's eight-year fight to keep her grandmother in the country.

Everyone Can Rap (w/t) by Daniel Dempster

Daniel's film sees everyday people taught to rap in order to help express themselves. Daniel is passionate about celebrating Black talent. He has previously worked on shows like The Rap Game and Chasing The Dream.

Black British and Basketball (w/t) by David Adeyemi

This film follows the journey of two basketball players and their teams battling through the Ball Out 3 x 3 basketball tournament, highlighting the importance of the sport in black communities and its place in the UK sporting landscape. David has worked in production for over six years. He earned his first TV credit through Mama Youth Project.



The strand was commissioned by Factual Entertainment Commissioning Editor Satmohan Panesar. The producer/directors will be housed at Multistory Media, part of ITV Studios, with support and training from the ITV Creative Diversity team.

Satmohan Panesar said: "From Brazilian Buttlifts, to conversations about tattoos in the Black community and even looking at the Queen's Jubilee through the lens of Black history. This strand is going to showcase some fascinating and unique storytelling.

"We're really proud to provide a platform for Black filmmakers to tell exciting contemporary stories of being Black today."

Overseeing for ITV Studios and MultiStory Media, Lara Akeju, Executive Producer (on secondment from her Entertainment Commissioning role), said: "Giving a platform to Black directors to tell their authentic stories of Black British experience is really exciting.

"We've selected an incredibly talented group of filmmakers, all with very different backgrounds. Fresh Cuts will allow them to showcase their unique skills and I have no doubt that the programmes they produce will accelerate their careers."

Tim Carter, CEO of MultiStory Media, said: "There's nothing more exciting than identifying and promoting the next generation of rising stars and new voices, and MultiStory is privileged to be building a relationship with these talented directors".

Nahrein Kemp, Creative Diversity Partner, ITV said "We are very proud to partner with ITV Studios and Multistory Media and to work with these 5 talented Filmmakers. Fresh Cuts represents the best of ITV- bold, distinct and exciting. We can't wait to see what our audience thinks of the films.'

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Sport FIFA World Cup 2022



The FIFA World Cup 2022, taking place in Qatar, will run from Monday 21st November to Sunday 18th December, with 32 matches broadcast live from ITV, ITVX and ITV4.

ITV will show England's group game against the USA and will have picks one and two of the round of 16 and first pick of the quarter-final stages. The tournament will kick off on ITV [and STV in Scotland] with coverage of the first match between the Netherlands and Senegal.

The tournament, which takes place in the winter for the first time, will feature expert pundits, former international players and a host of ITV's finest sport broadcasters. They will lead the coverage bringing the highest quality analysis of each game live to viewers across all platforms.

ITV will show Wales v the USA, which takes place on the opening day of the tournament, as well as broadcasting stand out group stage matches featuring number-one FIFA ranked country Brazil's matches against Switzerland and Cameroon.

ITV's broadcast will also feature World Cup holders France's key match against Denmark, as well as games involving other heavyweights Argentina, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands and Portugal.

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Sport

England Women's World Cup Qualifiers



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ITV will broadcast the England Women's Senior teams upcoming Autumn Qualifiers following their UEFA Women's Euro 2022 success.

The home of the England Lionesses, ITV will air the Women's teams FIFA World Cup Qualifiers against Austria and Luxembourg as part of ITV's four-year deal announced last year (September 2021). All games will be broadcast live and free to air on ITV, ITV4 and the ITV Hub.

The Lionesses will face Austria on Saturday 3rd September and Luxembourg on Tuesday 6th September. England can clinch their World Cup qualification in the game against Austria.

The match against Austria will be the first time they will walk out as European Champions after claiming their first major championship after beating Germany 2-1 at Wembley Stadium in a nail-biting UEFA Women's Euros Final.

ITV will also show all of England Women's Senior teams remaining friendlies this season.



Sport

Women's Rugby World Cup



The biggest event in women's rugby comes to ITV in October with every game available to view on ITV and ITV4.

With a stellar line-up of pundits, commentators and hosts, ITV will deliver top tier coverage of the event.

Every game will be available to watch from the tournament in New Zealand, giving rugby fans unprecedented levels of coverage so you don't miss a minute of the action.

The first match of the tournament will see South Africa take on France, followed by England's first match against Fiji from Eden Park in Auckland.

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Entertainment Bad Chefs



YouTube sensation Chunkz will host ITV2's most chaotic cooking show, Bad Chefs.

In the ultimate recipe for disaster, this brand new reality will challenge ten takeaway addicts to ditch the delivery apps and swap convenience food for culinary flare as they learn to cook for the very first time.

As the takeaway obsessives live and cook together, Chunkz will oversee the potential kitchen commotion in a cooking competition like no other.

Faced with daily challenges, the rookie chefs will have to learn fast to avoid eviction and stay in the competition. Can they hold their nerve in the kitchen and resist the craving for delivery apps?

Chunkz said "Let's get cooking! If you can't boil an egg or cut a loaf of bread this is a show you can get on board with. I can't wait to see what the Bad Chefs can or can't cook up...this is going to be so bad it's good."

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Bad Chefs is produced by Aaron Morgan and Paul Hepplewhite for Lifted Entertainment, part of ITV Studios.



Entertainment

Don't Hate the Playaz



This Autumn on ITV2 sees the return of Don't Hate The Playaz, the multi award-winning Hip Hop comedy show.

Returning for its fourth series, the show will once again see two teams battle it out for the ultimate prize...bragging rights!

Alongside fan favourite rounds will be new games which will test the teams' Hip Hop knowledge and ability!

Jordan Stephens returns as host, alongside team captains Maya Jama and Lady Leshurr, with DJ Shortee Blitz on hand to drop the tracks. They will be joined by a stellar line-up of live studio guests and team players.

Previous guests have included Dizzee Rascal, Mo Gilligan, Yung Filly & Chunkz, Katherine Ryan, Big Narstie, Professor Green, Judi Love, Ghetts, Munya Chawawa, Aitch, Big Zuu, Ms Banks, MNEK and The Sugarhill Gang to name a few.

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Don't Hate The Playaz is produced by BAFTA-winning producer Monkey, which is part of Universal International Studios, a division of Universal Studio Group.



Entertainment

The Emily Attack Show



The Emily Attack Show, produced by Universal International Studios' Monkey, is back for 6 x 45" episodes.

Once again, Emily will be unleashing her own uniquely personal comedy and treating viewers to even more uncanny impressions, mischievous sketches and comedic skits.

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Reality

The Only Way Is Essex



The new series of The Only Way is Essex will bring even more glamour, gossip and great laughs to ITVBE in 2022 this August.

Diving into their real lives, families, relationships and businesses, Essex's most colourful characters will return for TOWIE this summer.

The brand new series will kick off on the sandy white beaches of the Dominican Republic, before heading back to the iconic streets of Essex. TOWIE's 30th series debuts on ITV Hub and ITVBe.

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Reality

The Real Housewives of Cheshire



The Real Housewives of Cheshire returns to ITVBe and ITV Hub next month for another serving of glamour, chaos and conflict.

Hanna Kinsella, Lauren Simon, Lystra Adams, Nicole Sealey, Rachel Lugo, Seema Malhotra and Sheena Lynch will all return for the brand new series, alongside several new faces.

The 11x60' series, produced by Universal International Studios' Monkey Kingdom, will once again be followed by the Reunion show, hosted by number one #RHCheshire fan and TV presenter Brian Dowling.

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The Singles' Table, is a brand-new dating show, set to give us a heart-warming and entertaining snapshot of what it's like to be single and looking for love in 2022.

As the UK gets back into the swing of weddings, The Singles Table asks – can five single women find love in this most romantic of settings?

The Singles' Table - every wedding has one. We've all sat on one. Now our iconic Singles' Table is popping up at weddings across the country in the hope of helping five single girls find the man of their dreams.

Across one joyful summer of love, each of the six episodes sees The Singles Table cast invited to a different stranger's wedding by the bride and groom - keen for their own single mates to find 'the one'. The girls join potential suitors on The Singles' Table for some dining, dancing and drama, but once the bouquet is thrown and the carriages await - will they choose to see any of them again?

Over the series they'll be attending six very different weddings, giving viewers a hilarious and revealing insight into how Brits celebrate their big day.

The Singles' Table promises to be a real life rom-com full of everything that makes our favourite wedding movies so great: humour, romance and just a splash of champagne.

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Executive Producer for Initial is Sharyn Mills. Casting for the series will be overseen by Bobbie Hall. Banjay Right is the international distributor.



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Highlights

Autumn 2022



Drama Litvinenko



ITVX premieres Litvinenko, with David Tennant as Alexander Litvinenko, the former Russian Federal Security Services and KGB officer whose death, from polonium poisoning in November 2006, triggered one of the most complex and dangerous investigations in the history of the Metropolitan Police.

Written by acclaimed screenwriter George Kay (Lupin, Criminal), Litvinenko is the story of the determined Scotland Yard Officers who worked for ten years to prove who was responsible.

The four part drama also focuses upon the story of Marina, played by Margarita Levieva, Alexander's fearless, dignified widow who fought tirelessly to persuade the British Government to publicly name her husband's killers and acknowledge the role of the Russian State in his murder.

Litvinenko is produced with the support of many of the key individuals involved in the investigation and subsequent public enquiry including former Scotland Yard officers, Clive Timmons and Brent Hyatt, along with Ben Emmerson QC and Alexander's family. Mark Bonnar portrays Clive Timmons, whilst Neil Maskell portrays Brent Hyatt.

The drama relates how in November 2006 two police officers were called to University College Hospital in London to interview a patient in declining health. The patient was Alexander Litvinenko, a Russian dissident who claimed to have been poisoned on the direct orders of Vladimir Putin.

During the police interviews, Alexander provided meticulous details from his hospital bedside about the events leading up to his illness. His information would ultimately help detectives track down two Russians who had poisoned Litvinenko with Polonium 210, a highly toxic radioactive substance.

The iconic photograph taken of Litvinenko at his bedside generated international headlines, and after he was pronounced dead on November 23, Scotland Yard launched its murder investigation.



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The screenwriter is George Kay, while Litvinenko is directed by Jim Field Smith (Criminal, Truth Seekers). Chris May is the producer, and executive Producers are Patrick Spence for ITV Studios (Adult Material, Marvellous), Josephine Zapata Genetay for NENT Group, Lucy Bedford for Tiger Aspect Productions (Viewpoint, The Good Karma Hospital), George Kay, Jim Field Smith and David Tennant. Co-producer is Richard Kerbaj for Livedrop Media (Hunting the KGB Killers, Unmasking Jihadi John: Anatomy of a Terrorist).



Drama

Tell Me Everything



Created by Mark O' Sullivan (Lee and Dean, The Agency), and written by Mark O'Sullivan and Yemi Oyefuwa, Tell Me Everything explores what it's like to be coming of age in the 2020s.

Brimming with heart, laughs, pathos and gut-punches, tenderness and darkness, Tell Me Everything is a six-part drama exploring the stresses of mental health for today's teens created by the omnipresence of technology and social media, whilst they are still searching for their own identity, exploring sexuality, and experimenting with relationships, drink, drugs and sex (as well as what to wear tonight).

Rooted in truthful observations about life as it actually is for young people, Tell Me Everything is a celebration of adolescence, without shying away from the difficult subjects facing teens as they grow up in the 2020s.

Tell Me Everything introduces us to 16-year-old Jonny Murphy (Eden. H Davies), who is trying his best to navigate through this world. Growing up hasn't been easy, and although loved by his friends and family, Jonny suffers from undiagnosed depression and anxiety which he does his best to hide. So when he is faced with the most gut-wrenching tragedy, Jonny has to decide – is he going to let events overtake him or is he going to learn how to live?

His oldest friends, Louis (Spike Fearn) and Neve (Lauryn Ajufo), are battling their own issues and emotional struggles, yet continue to be there for Jonny. So they are right to be suspicious of Mei (Callina Liang) when she comes into his life. She seems to understand Jonny, but increasingly appears to be a dangerous influence on him. Meanwhile, new college mates, Regan (Tessa Lucille) and Zia (Carla Woodcock), initially appear cool and care-free, but as Jonny, Neve and Louis get to know them, it soon becomes clear that everyone is fighting their own personal battles.

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Executive Producers are Camilla Campbell and Robert Wulff-Cochrane. Tell Me Everything is written by Mark O'Sullivan and Yemi Oyefuwa, and directed by Richard Senior and Marley Morrison. The producer is Scott Bassett.

Noho Television for ITV.



Drama
Riches



Penned ‘a love letter to Black London’, Riches is a glossy, high stakes family drama in six parts, written and created by Abby Ajayi (Inventing Anna, How To Get Away With Murder) and produced by Greenacre Films.

Deborah Ayorinde (Them, Truth Be Told) stars as Nina, the estranged daughter of self-made millionaire Stephen Richards played by Hugh Quarshie (Stephen, The Murder of Stephen Lawrence). Sarah Niles (Ted Lasso, I May Destroy You) plays Stephen’s second wife, Claudia, and Brendan Coyle (Downton Abbey, Requiem) is Stephen’s trusted advisor and confidante, Gideon. Hermione Norris (Cold Feet and Luther) will play Stephen’s long-standing and faithful PA, Maureen Dawson.

The cast also includes Adeyinka Akinrinade (Top Boy, Temple), Ola Orebiyi (Cherry, A Brixton Tale), CJ Beckford (Sitting in Limbo, The Trial of Christine Keeler), Nneka Okoye (Grantchester, The A List) and Emmanuel Imani (Cobra, Black Earth Rising).

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Executive Producers are Abby Ajayi, Nadine Marsh-Edwards, Amanda Jenks, Alison Owen and Alison Carpenter. Riches is written by Abby Ajayi and directed by Sebastian Thiel, Abby Ajayi and Darcia Martin. Yvonne Francas is the producer.

Greenacre Films for ITV.



Drama

A Spy Among Friends



A Spy Among Friends, a limited series based on the New York Times best-selling book written by Ben Macintyre, will be coming to ITVX later this year.

In collaboration with Sony Pictures Television, ITV Studios and Veritas Entertainment Group, the limited series produced in the UK stars Golden Globe® and Emmy® Award-winning actor, Damian Lewis (Homeland, Billions) and Emmy® Award-winner, Guy Pearce (Jack Irish, Mare of Easttown). Lewis will also serve as executive producer.

The six-episode series dramatises the true story of Nicholas Elliott and Kim Philby, two British spies and lifelong friends. Philby was the most notorious British defector and Soviet double agent in history. This is a story of intimate duplicity; of loyalty, trust and treachery. Philby's deeply personal betrayal, uncovered at the height of the Cold War, resulted in the gutting of British and American Intelligence.

From Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winning British writer Alexander Cary, producing alongside ITV Studios' BAFTA award-winner Patrick Spence (Adult Material, Fortitude), the series will have a worldwide premiere airing exclusively on ITVX in the UK and Spectrum's On Demand platform in the U.S.

Additional cast includes: Anna Maxwell Martin (Motherland, Line of Duty) and Stephen Kunken (Billions, The Handmaid's Tale) and Adrian Edmondson (Back to Life, The Pact).

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From Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winning British writer Alexander Cary, producing alongside ITV Studios' BAFTA award-winner Patrick Spence (Adult Material, Fortitude). Alexander Cary serves as creator and executive producer along with Patrick Spence, Nick Murphy and Damian Lewis. The limited series is directed by BAFTA award-winner Nick Murphy (Save Me, A Christmas Carol) and produced by BAFTA award-winner Chrissy Skinks (Elizabeth is Missing, The Last Kingdom). Bob Bookman, Alan Gasmer, Peter Jaysen are executive producers for Veritas Entertainment Group.



Drama
Without Sin



A four-part psychological thriller exploring the relationship which develops between a grieving mother and the man she believes murdered her daughter is the subject of new ITV drama, *Without Sin*.

BAFTA and RTS award winning actress Vicky McClure (*Line of Duty*, *This is England*, *Broadchurch*, *Trigger Point*) will play the leading role of Stella Tomlinson, whose 14-year-old daughter Maisy, is found dead at their family home with the bloodied, hooded figure of Charles Stone standing over her.

Acclaimed film and television actor, Johnny Harris (*The Salisbury Poisonings*, *Medici*, *Troy: Fall of a City*) will star alongside Vicky as Charles.

The Nottingham-based drama focuses upon Stella's life three years on from the death of her teenage daughter and how she is still hostage to her grief. The loss of her beloved only child has created deep divisions in her life, as she struggles on a daily basis to come to terms with this.

Wracked with guilt and remorse at the events of that night, she chooses to live a nocturnal existence as an Uber driver. She is estranged from husband Paul, who still lives in the family home. When contacted by Restorative Justice, and in an attempt to move on, Stella and Paul reunite to listen to a taped recording of Charles, who they believe wants to atone for his sins and apologise for murdering their daughter.

Following this development, Stella returns to her roots in the Millfields estate. Surrounding herself with the people she trusts and holds dear, her mother Jessie and best friend Remy, she decides to take things with Charles one step further.

Stella agrees to visit the prison alongside a Restorative Justice Mediator and come face to face with her daughter's killer. But nothing could prepare her for what Charles has to say next...

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Without Sin is produced by Left Bank Pictures (*Quiz*, *The Crown*, *Behind Her Eyes*) and co-produced by Vicky and Jonny Owen's production company, Build Your Own Films. It is written by Nottingham-born Frances Poletti (*Charlie Says*, *Miss Todd*), who created the series for Vicky and Johnny, reuniting the pair on screen for the first time since 2010's *This Is England '86*.



Comedy

PLEBS: Barbarian Invasion



After five successful series, multi award-winning comedy PLEBS ends with a feature-length special which will premiere for free on ITVX this Autumn.

Marcus, Grumio, Jason and Aurelius join the army in peace-time, hoping to win respect, romance and discounts at participating restaurants. But when war's declared, they're sent to fight on the front line for a cause they don't believe in. Now their main interest is the struggle for survival...

The journey takes our new recruits from their humdrum lives in Rome to the army garrison and tribal villages on the Empire's edge.

Shot in Bulgaria and Wales, the backdrop of war allows their adventures to unfold on an epic scale.

Returning as the four PLEBS are Tom Rosenthal, Ryan Sampson, Jon Pointing and Tom Basden, along with Karl Theobald as series regular Landlord. Joining them for the finale are Patrick Baladi (The Office/Breeders) as Roman commander General Diomedes, Tori Allen-Martin (London Kill/Here We Go) as warrior queen Barbronelda and Kåre Conradi (Norsemen) as Barbarian leader Segimundus.

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PLEBS is directed and written by Sam Leifer and co-written by Tom Basden.



Reality

Loaded in Paradise



ITVX launch a brand new action packed, adrenalised reality game show Loaded In Paradise.

This high-octane new format will see party loving pairs island hop across Greece's Aegean Islands in a race to take control of - and spend - 50,000 euros.

The series starts with five pairs and a gold card loaded with cash to spend on the wildest trip of their lives. However, only one lucky pair can be in control at any time. For this pair it's simple, live their best life on the run but don't get caught! Meanwhile, everyone else will be trying to hunt them down and take control of the card. The cash card will be loaded up with a fresh cash injection daily, so the spenders can live it up and spend, spend, spend.

At the end of each 48-hour chase, a luxury safehouse will open and everyone will reconvene. Dotted across the Aegean islands, these amazing and luxurious hubs will allow viewers to see the drama and fallout of the chase as they all come together. On the final leg of the chase, there'll be a big twist as everyone chases the gold card one last time.

The new series will premiere on ITVX, and will later be broadcasted on ITV2.

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Comedy

Deep Fake Neighbour Wars



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Deep Fake Neighbour Wars is a new 6 part series that will premiere for free exclusively on ITVX.

Tyson Fury and noisy neighbour Simon Cowell, Billie Eilish and Taekwondo teacher Beyonce, Mark Wahlberg and wannabe strongman Chris Rock. All embroiled in petty neighbour disputes. The latest AI technology makes the UK's best new impressionists become the world's most famous celebrities. And they're all arguing.



Factual

A Year on Planet Earth



Showcasing the many wonders of the world, A Year on Planet Earth, will reveal the incredible ways in which all life is connected and how massive natural events affect the lives of individual animals.

The fresh concept documentary series will draw on the most spellbinding and dramatic stories from all corners of the globe.

Combining extreme weather, breathtaking landscapes, epic wildlife spectacles and lovable animal characters, this series reveals our planet in a completely new light, uncovering how animals react and adapt to shifting habitats and unexpected events.

Featuring a story arc across the seasons, A Year on Planet Earth, is set to draw viewers in over a number of episodes, unfolding like a drama.

Narrated by acclaimed actor, author and comedian, Stephen Fry, this unique series is brand new for ITVX.

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The series is from a highly specialised and multi award-winning blue-chip natural history team, comprising Tom Hugh-Jones (Tiny World, Planet Earth II) and Dr Martha Holmes (Blue Planet, Hostile Planet).

