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DRAMA

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ARCHANGEL

British-born actor Daniel Craig stars in a major adaptation of Robert Harris's compelling best-seller, Archangel.

Adapted by award-winning writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais (Auf Wiedersehen, Pet) and filmed entirely on location in Moscow and Latvia, Archangel follows Oxford historian Fluke Kelso (Craig) on a dangerous and thrilling race to uncover the dark mystery behind the alleged secret diaries of Josef Stalin.

Set in contemporary Moscow and the frozen northern town of Archangel, the drama revisits the stark landscape of Communist Russia and takes place over four days in Kelso's life. His fateful meeting with a former Stalinist bodyguard of the NKVD secret police leads to the uncovering of one of the world's most dangerous and best-kept secrets. He is led unwittingly through murder and intrigue towards Josef Stalin's secret legacy – a legacy that could change the face of Russian history for ever.

Daniel Craig starred in the BBC's Our Friends In The North as well as the feature films Road To Perdition, The Mother, Sylvia, Layer Cake and the forthcoming Enduring Love. Robert Harris is the author of Pompeii, Enigma and Fatherland.

Drama publicity

LIFE ISN'T ALL HA HA HEE HEE

Childhood friends Tania, Sunita and Chila are now in their thirties and at a crossroads in life but their friendship still holds them together. Tania is the ambitious career girl who left her family and her “community” behind; Sunita dropped out of university to marry her sweetheart but feels trapped by two kids and an unfulfilling job; while Chila is getting married to Deepak, the man of her dreams. But is he the man of Tania’s dreams too?

Adapted from Meera Syal’s acclaimed novel, Life Isn’t All Ha Ha Hee Hee stars Laila Rouass, Meera Syal, Ayesha Dharker, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Ace Bhatti.

Drama publicity



FINGERSMITH

Imelda Staunton, Rupert Evans, Charles Dance, Sally Hawkins and Elaine Cassidy star in Peter Ransley’s adaptation of Sarah Waters Booker-nominated novel, Fingersmith.

Set in 19th-century London, Fingersmith (the Victorian slang for pickpocket) is the story of a con-man, Rivers, who embarks on the most ambitious scam of his career. Passing himself off as a gentleman, Rivers gains employment with Mr Lilly, while befriending his young niece Maud, who stands to inherit a fortune when she marries. However, Maud’s maid has recently left her service and, without a chaperone, Rivers’ access to her is limited.

Rivers’ elaborate scheme is to seduce Maud into eloping with him and, once married, to commit her to an asylum while taking her fortune for himself. To achieve this he enlists the help of Sue. An orphan brought up by Mrs Sucksby in a world of petty thievery and charlatans, Sue is a “fingersmith with a heart of gold”.

The promise of a share in Maud’s fortune is enough to persuade her to join in with Rivers’ deception – and before long she is appointed as Maud’s new maid.

Rupert Evans plays Rivers, Charles Dance plays Mr Lilly, Elaine Cassidy plays Maud, Sally Hawkins plays Sue and Imelda Staunton plays Mrs Sucksby.

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FAITH

Christine Tremarco, Maxine Peake, Adrian Bower, Jamie Draven, Jason Flemyng and Clive Russell star in Faith – William Ivory’s moving and passionate story of two sisters’ struggle for survival during the year-long conflict between the Thatcher government and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), which began in March 1984.

Michelle is married to Gary, a young miner who comes out on strike as soon as the dispute begins, and Linda’s husband Paul is a local policeman; two sisters on either side of the community divide.

As the weeks turn to months and bitterness and hardship become the norm, everyday life begins to change. While Michelle suddenly finds herself wanting to get more involved in the miners’ struggle, Gary begins to wonder whether he has the same passion as those with whom he stands on the picket line. Paul becomes more and more voluble in his opposition to the strike and Linda looks around her at the women of her community who have suddenly found a voice and independence. The scene is set for political and personal conflicts which will change their lives for ever.

Christine Tremarco plays Michelle, Jamie Draven plays Gary, Maxine Peake plays Linda and Adrian Bower plays Paul.

Drama publicity

DOCTOR WHO

Acclaimed actor Christopher Eccleston plays Doctor Who in a new series for BBC One next year. Billie Piper, who made her acting debut in the critically-acclaimed Canterbury Tales – The Miller’s Tale, stars alongside Eccleston as the Doctor’s companion, Rose Tyler.

Travelling through time and space, the Doctor and Rose come face to face with a number of new and exciting monsters – as well as battling with the Doctor’s arch-enemy, the Daleks.

The series, which promises to surprise and entertain a new generation, also features Penelope Wilton, Noel Clarke, Annette Badland, Camille Coduri and John Barrowman, Bruno Langley and celebrated theatre, film and television actor Simon Callow.

Filming in Cardiff until 2005 for transmission on BBC One, Doctor Who is written by Russell T Davies, Steven Moffat, Mark Gatiss, Paul Cornell and Robert Shearman.

AF/MO



THE AFTERNOON PLAY

A third series of the highly acclaimed, award-winning plays comes to BBC One Daytime.

The five self-contained dramas offer variety, quality and great entertainment to brighten the cold winter afternoons, from contemporary Shakespearian drama *The Hitch* to a story of escape, idealism and practicality in *The Good Citizen*; from very dark humour in *The Trouble With George* by Matthew Parkhill to a story of grief, childhood and magical realism in *The Singing Cactus*; and an Asian "meet the parents" in *Reverse Psychology*, written by Harwant Bain of BBC Three's *Grease Monkeys* fame.

The plays have again attracted a wealth of high calibre and popular talent including Lisa Faulkner, Samantha Janus, Jason Merrells, Claire Goose, Hugh Quarshie and Koel Purie.

CP

DOWN TO EARTH

Ricky Tomlinson and Denise Welch are back as the fun-loving northern duo Tony and Jackie Murphy in the rural drama *Down To Earth*.

Tony has been released from prison and the comedic pair buy *Silverdale* when it falls into receivership following the departure of Frankie and Matt Brewer.

The peace and quiet of the village is soon shattered by the arrival of new pub landlord Nick Christy (played by newcomer Rob Collier). He quickly sets hearts a-flutter amongst the female contingent, but it soon becomes obvious that he is attracted to Kerry Jamil (Shelley Conn), a beautiful yet inexperienced vet. However, his boyish charm and constant flirting soon rub her up the wrong way.

Down To Earth also stars Zara Dawson and Melanie Kilburn.

CP



THE MURDER ROOM

A gruesome murder sets Commander Adam Dalgliesh on a trail to the House of Lords as Martin Shaw returns as the taciturn detective and poet.

The Murder Room is classic PD James – a family at war, a secret society for sexual favours that involves lords of the realm, and a murder case which mimics the crimes from the *Murder Room*, a chilling exhibition in the Dupayne family museum, dedicated to the most gruesome real-life murders between the two world wars.

When the lease on the museum comes up for renewal, the three Dupayne family siblings have to sign it, according to their father's will, or it will be closed. Adopted brother Neville refuses and he becomes the first murder victim to die in a grisly killing that is a replica of one of the exhibits in the *Murder Room*.

Janie Dee (Emma Lavenham), Michael Maloney (Neville Dupayne), Samantha Bond (Caroline Dupayne), Sian Phillips (Marie Strickland), Kerry Fox (Murial Godby) and Jack Shepherd (James Calder-Hale) also star.

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CHERISHED

Sarah Lancashire and Timothy Spall star in the true story of Angela Cannings, the mother wrongfully convicted of killing two of her babies.

Angela spent two years in prison battling for justice before her conviction was quashed, creating a landmark in legal history and resulting in a change of the law. A review into other possible miscarriages of justice is ongoing.

Developed in close collaboration with BBC Current Affairs and Angela and Terry Cannings, *Cherished* is a powerful, moving story which tells of the devastating impact of the case on the family.

Reeling from the incredible anguish of losing her third child, Angela found herself under suspicion of murder. She was forced to move out of the family home and access to her daughter, Jade, was severely limited. Branded a child killer, she was attacked in prison and husband Terry had to leave his job and sell their home to prevent Jade being taken into care.

Angela was eventually released following new evidence of a genetic predisposition to cot death in her family which came to light following a BBC documentary on her case.

JDR

SEA OF SOULS

Exploring the strange and unexplained, Dawn Steele and Iain Robertson join Bill Paterson to make up the new parapsychology team in the second series of *Sea Of Souls*.

Monaghan's two new assistants – PhD student and single mother Justine McManus and research fellow Craig Stevenson – are drawn into a world of restless poltergeists, deathly premonitions and psychic healers. From the natural to the supernatural, the normal to the paranormal, the *Sea Of Souls* team attempts to explain the inexplicable.

Bill Paterson plays Monaghan, Dawn Steele plays Justine McManus and Iain Robertson plays Craig Stevenson. The six-episode series, featuring three two-part storylines, also stars Nigel Terry, James Fleet, Barbara Flynn, Colin Salmon and John Hannah.

JW4

BEATEN

Robson Green stars in a powerful film for BBC Daytime about love struggling for survival in a climate of fear and violence.

Michael is a Newcastle docker, and a man haunted by a tormented past and childhood betrayal. When violence erupts in his home, Michael's whole family fights to stop their world from crumbling. Michael goes on the run with Jamie, his young son, and his wife, Stephanie, finds her own painful childhood history repeating itself. The family are reunited in an emotional conflagration that reveals both the power of a child's love and the clarity of his vision.

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BEX

World According To Bex stars Bex Atwell, a secretary who's stuck in an "almost" world – "almost" in a relationship, "almost" in a good job, "almost" a size 10/12.

Bex is trying to figure out what a smart woman is supposed to do in a world where men behave like ... well, men, but the more she discovers the more infuriating they become.

Bex's boss Charles doesn't acknowledge relationship boundaries; her on/off boyfriend Ryan is worried that she's "trying to corral his seed", and her womanising father Jack has regressed into one of the lads.

With the help of her acerbic friend Chris and her subversive office mate Jan, Bex tries to work out what men are all about and why women even bother trying to work them out in the first place.

Jessica Stevenson plays Bex Atwell, Greg Wise plays Charles, Oliver Chris plays Ryan, Clive Russell plays Jack, Raquel Cassidy plays Chris and Zita Sattar plays Jan. The World According To Bex is created by Fred Barron.

HT

2004 TV MOMENTS

With more fun and frolics at the expense of the celebrity audience, Jonathan Ross presents the BBC One award show that takes each and every TV moment very seriously indeed. Now in its fourth year, the show toasts the perfect nuggets of television from the worlds of sport, drama, soap, comedy, reality TV and entertainment.

TV Moments reveals the underbelly of the television year through the tantrums, breakages, tears and bum notes that have made 2004 such a great 12 months.

SH

MAKING YOUR MIND UP

Hello United Kingdom, this is the Ukraine calling... at least it will be in 2005. But before we get there, the nation needs to choose a song with plenty of boom-bang-a-bang to bring home the coveted trophy. Yes, it's time to unfurl the Union flag with a cry of "nul points – never again!", and cast your vote when Making Your Mind Up makes a triumphant return in the spring.

Ok, so we didn't win last year, but at least James Fox hit all the right notes – but did you think he was the wrong choice? If so, there is only one way to make sure your act goes to the Ukraine as Eurovision celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2005, and that's to vote. Whether it's via SMS or interactively with the red button, there really can be no excuse not to get involved this time!

KC2

THE ORANGE BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS

This prestigious ceremony, hosted by Stephen Fry and exclusive to BBC One, brings together the major stars of the silver screen to walk the red carpet and hopefully receive one of the coveted awards. Viewers will experience the glitz and glamour as the stars and film-makers wait nervously for the announcements of winners of categories including Actor and Actress In a Leading Role, Best Film and The Orange Film Of The Year – the only award voted for by the cinema-going public.

Last year's Awards ceremony was attended by leading personalities from the world of film including Renée Zellweger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Scarlett Johansson, Benicio Del Toro, Naomi Watts, Paul Bettany, Ian McKellen, Holly Hunter, Emma Thompson, Laura Linney, Tim Burton, Helena Bonham Carter, Peter Jackson and Sofia Coppola.

The Orange British Academy Film Awards in 2005 will be held at the Odeon, Leicester Square.

PA

THE TWO RONNIES SKETCHBOOK

In a television career that has spanned 98 shows, 12 series, Christmas specials and more than 30 years in the business, Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker entertained millions with their inimitable brand of comedy – from gags, sketches and clever monologues to spectacular musical numbers.

The Two Ronnies Sketchbook reunites the comedy legends in a unique format that sees them revealing their favourite sketches from one of the most impressive comedy catalogues in mainstream entertainment, including classics such as Mastermind, The Optician's, Swedish Made Simple, Rook Restaurant and The Phantom Raspberry Blower serial.

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COMIC RELIEF 2005 RED NOSE NIGHT

BBC One celebrates the 10th Red Nose Day on Friday 11 March 2005 with a truckload of TV treats.

The night includes a very special Vicar Of Dibley and a series of celebrity Little Britain featuring the likes of Robbie Williams and George Michael, as well as much more unmissable comedy and live music.

Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has gone from strength to strength, raising over £310 million for projects both in Africa and here in the UK. Over the years, Comic Relief cash in Africa has educated people about HIV and Aids, taught women to read and helped rebuild their communities after conflict. Across the UK it has helped disabled people challenge prejudice and discrimination, supported older people in their fight to get rights recognised and provided escape routes for women living with domestic violence.

Red Nose Day 2003 raised a whopping £61,477,539 thanks to support from fundraisers around the country. During next March's Red Nose Night viewers will be able to see how their money has helped Comic Relief to make a real difference to the poorest and most vulnerable people in the UK and Africa.

This year is all about Big Hair and Beyond – changing the way you look for a day to help transform someone else's life for ever. So Red Nose Day 2005 promises to be the biggest, reddest restyle in history!

KC2

SUPERSTARS

Olympic boxing sensation Amir Khan and Olympic gold-medallist Denise Lewis are just two of the names taking part in a brand-new series in which swimmer Zoë Baker and athlete Du'aine Ladejo also return to defend their crowns.

Presented by Johnny Vaughan and Suzi Perry from the La Manga resort in Spain, the show features a Masters heat which includes footballing legend John Barnes and boxer Barry McGuigan.

Events for the heats are kayak, sprint, shot put, swim, football, cross country, gym tests and mountain bike. For the final, shot put, football and cross country are replaced by tennis, golf and basketball.

SH

29 MINUTES OF FAME

From the creators of Whose Line Is It Anyway?, 29 Minutes Of Fame is the panel show in which anything can happen. For some, fame is a fleeting moment in the glare of the camera flash, for others it lasts for a lifetime. But no matter what its nature, fame is a game, and some play it better than others.

The show takes two teams of well-known faces from the world of comedy and makes them battle it out over a series of rounds to uncover who knows the most about anyone with an ounce of celebrity – from Albert Einstein to Kylie Minogue.

Cheeky and completely irreverent, this fame game has got to be played to win, but in this instance the running time is a little longer than Warhol's 15 minutes. It's 29 to be exact.

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FACTUAL

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GENGHIS KHAN

Strike first and always take revenge. From the murder of his father, the kidnap and rape of his wife, and the execution of his closest friend, Genghis Khan learnt the lessons of life the hard way. He grew up in poverty in Mongolia, but how did this outcast come to be the great Khan?

Today the name of Genghis Khan is synonymous with dark evil, yet in his lifetime he was a heroic figure, a supreme strategist capable of eliciting total devotion from his warriors. But how did he conquer an empire larger than the Roman Empire?

Was Genghis Khan the brutal, womanising, medieval monster who ruthlessly slaughtered millions in his quest for power, or was he a brilliant visionary who transformed a rabble of warring tribes into a nation capable of world domination?

Filmed entirely on location in Mongolia and using the CGI software used in Lord Of The Rings, this film tells the truth behind the legend that is Genghis Khan.

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PEOPLE POWER

A programme that explores what motivates everyday people to stop watching the news and start making it, People Power follows those who were not habitual political activists but who became so frustrated about a cause they become involved in a protest movement.

From the poll tax riots to fuel protests, from demonstrations against the transportation of live animals to the fight for fathers' rights, the programme examines four major protests over the past 15 years. Featuring evocative images that have stayed in the imagination long after the event, People Power meets the people behind the causes.

HH

SMART SPENDERS

Larger-than-life thrift expert, journalist and author, Jane Furnival, aims to create smart spenders out of frivolous families. Households trapped in a cash crisis are put to the test as Jane challenges them to thrift their way to a happier life.

She's tough and means business but can those with a lifetime in the red be converted and how will they cope with the TV thrift doctor's tactics of rummaging in their rubbish and spying on their shopping habits?

Smart Spenders looks at how the nation spends its money and shares the secret of financial transformation without having to move house or take out yet another loan.

BR/LS2

SUPERVOLCANO

Supervolcano is a true story – it just hasn't happened yet...

Set in the near future, this factually-based drama charts the possible consequences of one of nature's most cataclysmic events.

Using specially commissioned research from several major scientific bodies, studies of previous supervolcanic eruptions and predictions drawn from a range of scientific disciplines, Supervolcano details what could happen if Yellowstone were to erupt again.

Unlike ordinary volcanoes, supervolcanoes are not obvious from the surface. Yet when they do erupt they do so with a force thousands of times greater than eruptions such as that at Mt Vesuvius. Although there are several supervolcano sites around the world, only the one beneath the Yellowstone National Park in the US is currently active.

Satellite photography of the mouth of the volcano has shown that it is huge, and could easily swallow Tokyo, the largest city in the world. And with the land around Yellowstone regularly swelling and subsiding in response to the shifting levels of magma, volcanologists believe that it is only a matter of time before the molten magma contained within the chamber will burst out.

Supervolcano is accompanied by The Science Behind Supervolcano – a two-part documentary exploring the cutting-edge scientific research that informs Supervolcano, and introducing the experts who monitor the behaviour of supervolcanoes around the world, and who face the awesome responsibility of both predicting when the next super-eruption might take place, and advising on what is likely to happen when it does.

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JOURNEY OF LIFE

From the humblest beginnings to the domination of a planet, Steve Leonard journeys through the vast history of life to discover how the extraordinary variety of animals and plants on Earth today came into being.

The crucial moments in evolution are brought to life on screen for the first time as Steve learns how we're related to all 30 million species on Earth. In his quest to piece together this four-billion-year-old story, Steve flies with pterosaurs, becomes bait for sharks and climbs the tallest trees in the world. The journey also brings encounters with slimy hagfish, sex-crazed elk and the biggest congregation of blue whales on the planet.

DC

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

The world-famous author behind the BBC's forthcoming children's drama series Kidnapped led a real life of international intrigue and escapades. Now a new documentary, to accompany the drama series, reveals the life of high adventure led by Scots author Robert Louis Stevenson, which informed his classic works such as Treasure Island and Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde.

The film ranges from his sickly childhood in Edinburgh to his travels as an adult to Europe, California and most notably Samoa in the South Pacific, where he took part in the civil war and later died at the age of 44.

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DESCENDANTS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Adrian is 13. This is his journey as he discovers the truth of what happened to Rene, his grandmother, during her four-year incarceration in Auschwitz and Belsen.

Adrian has always been told by his family that he must wait until he's older to have his questions about his grandmother's Holocaust experiences answered. But now his family have agreed that he is old enough to find out more. Rene travels with him back to the scenes of her imprisonment for the first time since her liberation to show him first-hand the reality of life under Nazi rule.

The programme is also a watershed for 75-year-old Rene. Even though the man she eventually married was one of the Army volunteers who liberated her from Belsen, she has never before spoken about her experiences to him or any of her family.

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CHILD OF OUR TIME

Are four-year-old children aware of social class? Do they have a sense of ethnicity, nationality or gender? In the latest instalment of Child Of Our Time – the fascinating journey through the first 20 years of life – Professor Robert Winston answers these questions about identity as well as inviting viewers to press the Red button and take part in a number of tests to find out how good a parent they think they would make.

And with the Millennium children participating in the series all now starting school, the programmes also examine the extent to which their experiences of the first five years of their life will impact on their school careers; how children perceive the role of the father; how they use their leisure time; and how many hours they spend in front of a television.

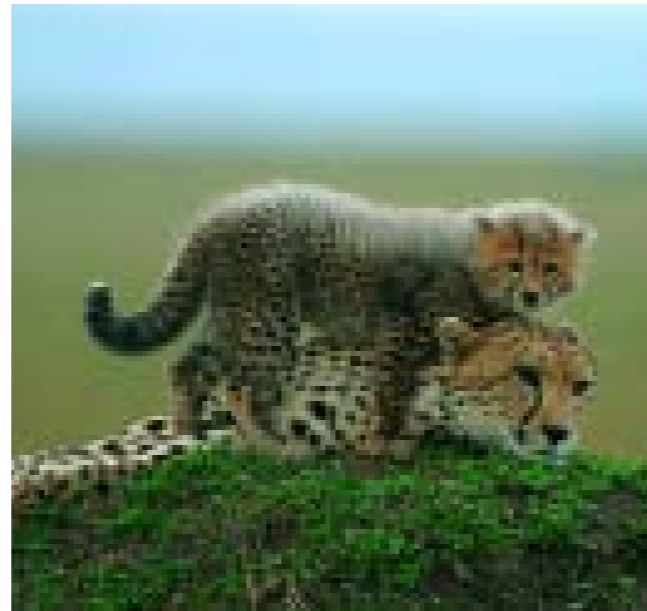
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BIG CAT WEEK

Following on from last year’s hugely successful Big Cat Week, the expert team return to Africa’s beautiful plains to bring viewers another feline feast, as they follow the incredible true-life adventures of wild lions, leopards and cheetahs.

Simon King, Jonathan Scott and Saba Douglas Hamilton give a week of reports following the progress of three families of big cats, watching the drama unfold. The Marsh Pride struggles to rise again after losing its leading male; two cubs from the neighbouring Ridge Pride provide comedy and drama pussyfooting with the local crocs; and Kike the cheetah’s cubs are hunting as a team but still have many lessons to learn about their neighbouring baboons.

DC



OTZI – THE ICEMAN MURDER

In 1991 two walkers in the Alps discovered a perfectly preserved body. It was not a climber, but the corpse of a 5,300-year-old man, along with clothes, weapons, tools and possessions. He is called Otzi and has given scientists a vital set of clues to life in Neolithic times, including lifestyle, diet and social structure. Otzi is the most remarkable archaeological find of the 20th century and is also the world’s oldest unsolved murder victim.

This documentary special uses hi-tech scientific research, forensic investigative methods and multiple-storyline dramatic reconstruction. The film builds a picture of Otzi’s world, follows a scientifically accurate autopsy and re-enacts the different scenarios of the final moments of his life.

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THE WALTZ KING

Soprano Lesley Garrett presents a drama-documentary that recreates the atmosphere of the 19th century waltz in all its glory. Breaking all the rules of public dancing, the waltz scandalised polite society with its racy rhythms, generating a social revolution along the way. Never before had ladies been able to dance with any gentleman who asked them and hold each other so close!

In the 19th century, Vienna became known as the waltzing capital of the world and, of all of the great composers who lived there at this time, father and son composers Johann Strauss Sr and Johann Strauss Jr far outshone the others for sheer popularity. The stars in their day, they earned reputations as the greatest living composers of dance music and, despite being fierce rivals in their private life, they shared the public title of The Waltz King.

With dancing filmed in a raucous smoke-filled ballroom at Vienna’s Hofburg Palace, accompanied by sensuous and intoxicating music performed on authentic period instruments by the Vienna’s Wiener Akademie, The Waltz King takes the viewer on a journey back in time to where waltzing quickly turned into a craze.

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SPORT

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SIX NATIONS

The northern hemisphere's most prestigious rugby championship kicks off once again in February, with coverage of every match from the Six Nations live and exclusive on the BBC.

The competition begins on the weekend of 5 February with live coverage of France v Scotland and Wales v England on the Saturday, and Italy v Ireland on the Sunday.

Coverage is presented by Steve Rider and John Inverdale, with commentators including Eddie Butler, Nick Mullins, Brian Moore and Phillip Matthews.

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MATCH OF THE DAY

As the Premiership football season passes the halfway mark, the battle at both ends of the table starts to heat up – with the fight for the title, for European qualification and relegation, in full flow.

Match Of The Day rounds up all the action on a Saturday, with Gary Lineker and guests providing comprehensive highlights and analysis of every game.

And, throughout the season, Football Focus, Final Score and Score Interactive continue to bring all the latest news, analysis and results from all levels of football.

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FA CUP

The journey towards the FA Cup final began back in August 2004 with the qualifying rounds of the knockout trophy.

The New Year opens with the all-important third round of the FA Cup – the world's oldest and most well-known domestic football championship – when the big guns from the Premiership enter the competition for the first time.

Gary Lineker presents live coverage of three games over each FA Cup weekend in Match Of The Day Live, from the third round to the quarter finals. The BBC also has first choice of the semi final and live coverage of the all-important final in May.

In addition, Football Focus runs throughout the year, and brings all the latest FA Cup news, views and opinion.

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WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

England's journey towards qualification for the Germany 2006 World Cup continues with two crucial home qualifiers.

Gary Lineker presents Match Of The Day Live for exclusive coverage of England v Northern Ireland and England v Azerbaijan.

LF

THE MASTERS

Steve Rider presents 14 hours of live coverage from the prestigious Augusta National course as the world's best golfers compete for the coveted Green Jacket – awarded each year to the tournament's champion.

Last year's Green Jacket winner, Phil Mickelson, will have tough competition from the likes of Ernie Els and Tiger Woods, who is still looking for a fourth Master's victory to take him a step closer to Jack Nicklaus's record six.

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THE GRAND NATIONAL

On the second Saturday in April, at 3.45pm, the whole nation stops for 15 minutes and focuses on an epic battle between 40 horses.

This year sees the 158th running of The Grand National, the world's most famous steeplechase and the climax of three days of exciting racing. Sue Barker and Clare Balding present all the action from Aintree.

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CBBC

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KIDNAPPED

CBBC brings an all-star cast to the screen in 2005 with an adaptation of *Kidnapped*, Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale.

Iain Glen stars as Alan Breck and James Anthony Pearson as Davie Balfour in Stevenson's tale of treachery, romance and rebellion, along with Paul McGann as Colonel McNab, Adrian Dunbar as Uncle Ebenezer, Gregor Fisher as James of the Glens and Kirstin Smith as Catriona.

Kidnapped chronicles the adventures of Breck and Balfour as they escape murder and shipwreck on a quest for justice, all set against the fierce social and political backdrop of 1760s Scotland.

The BBC is working with South Pacific Productions, (makers of the Oscar nominated film *Whale Rider*) on location in New Zealand.

AA

NEWSROUND – ISLAM WEEK

Newsround is planning a week of special programmes looking at what life is like for young Muslims in the UK and around the world. Muslims have found themselves in the headlines regularly since the events of September 11 2001, and many feel they are portrayed unfairly. How much do children generally understand about the Muslim faith?

The week starts with a Newsround Extra featuring the findings of research commissioned by the Newsround team to discover children's attitudes towards Muslims in the UK, and also what's thought to be the first national survey amongst British Muslim children. The programme also features Press Packs (reports from children themselves). The rest of the week looks at stories such as the growth of Islamic hip hop, and asks young people in the Arab world what they think of the UK and the US.

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PLANET COOK

Planet Cook is a creative cookery adventure show for kids.

Hosted by Captain Cook – also known as Kevin Woodford (Ready Steady Cook) – its mission is to defeat boring meals and bring fun food to kids everywhere.

With the help of his culinary sidekick, a yeti called Bouma, and the Cook Cadets, Captain Cook aims to banish boring food and in each show send a Taste Transmission to the world. With recipes inspired from the natural world, from Australian spiders to erupting volcanoes, Captain Cook and the Cook Cadets must complete the recipe before the timer runs out.

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SERIOUS ARCTIC

Following the success of the RTS award-winning Serious Jungle and last year's Serious Desert, CBBC presents Serious Arctic, a new six-part documentary series that promises to be the most challenging Serious expedition to date.

Serious Arctic follows eight intrepid teenage volunteers as they spend three weeks in the Canadian High Arctic where their mission is to help scientists by collecting crucial data linked to global warming. They will measure – for the first time – one of Canada's most southerly glaciers and help the endangered polar bear.

Four girls and four boys were selected from nearly 10,000 eager volunteers. Serious Arctic documents the adventures of the eight as they get the chance to experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Their tough journey sees the keen youngsters tolerating the most basic and harsh conditions, including travelling over 100 miles by dog sled and living in conditions of 50 degrees below zero with wind storms of up to 70 miles per hour.

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