

SATURDAY 08 MARCH 2008

SAT 19:00 Emma (b0094yrt)
Episode 1

1972 adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel about Emma Woodhouse. After attending the marriage of a friend, Emma fears that her own life will now become dull.

SAT 19:45 Emma (b009gmp7)
Episode 2

1972 adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel about Emma Woodhouse. Emma befriends young pupil-teacher Harriet Smith and, although an inveterate matchmaker, she encourages her to reject the advances of Robert Martin.

SAT 20:30 Soul Deep: The Story of Black Popular Music (b0074sn6)
The Sound of Young America

Landmark music series continues with the story of soul music's greatest svengali - Berry Gordy, the founder of Motown Records. The former Detroit car production line worker was a man on a mission from an early age to produce music that would appeal equally to black and white audiences. Gordy ransacked Detroit's ghettos for the raw talent that his gifted team of Motown songwriters and producers would turn into the winning pop formula he called 'the Sound of Young America'. Motown became the original 'hit factory', launching the careers of some of the biggest soul superstars including Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Four Tops and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. With contributions from the songwriting team of Holland-Dozier-Holland, Mary Wilson of the Supremes, Martha Reeves, Etta James, Fontella Bass and many others.

SAT 21:30 The Hard Sell (b00936cc)
Cigarettes and Alcohol

Phill Jupitus examines the controversy around and quality of the adverts that encouraged people to smoke and drink, how some came to be banned and how they best demonstrated the craft of British advertising. Contributors include Lord Tim Bell, Sir Alan Parker, Jilly Goolden and Melanie Sykes.

SAT 22:00 Selling the Sixties (b009364s)
Documentary about Madison Avenue, home of the American advertising business, a semi-mythical place where the dreams of a new, affluent society were spun in the early 1960s. These were the 'days of heaven', when the country felt to many like a land of plenty and a land of hope - politics was reinvigorated thanks to a product known as new, improved JFK, consumerism was on the up and the challenges of Vietnam, feminism and the counter-culture still lay in the future.

Includes contributions from advertising legend George Lois and writer Gay Talese.

SAT 23:00 Motor City's Burning: Detroit from Motown to the Stooges (b009372j)
Documentary looking at how Detroit became home to a musical revolution that captured the sound of a nation in upheaval.

In the early 60s, Motown transcended Detroit's inner city to take black music to a white audience, whilst in the late 60s suburban kids like the MC5 and the Stooges descended into the black inner city to create revolutionary rock expressing the rage of young white America.

With contributions from Iggy Pop, Alice Cooper, George Clinton, Martha Reeves, John Sinclair and the MC5.

SAT 00:00 Storyville (b0074qf6)
Standing in the Shadows of Motown

Documentary telling the story of the Funk Brothers, the Motown session musicians who were behind more number one hits than the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones, Elvis and the Beatles combined. Drawn together from Detroit's jazz and blues scene, the film recounts their evolution of the Motown sound from its origins to its demise in LA during the 1970s, and reunites the surviving Funk Brothers for the first time in thirty years.

SAT 01:45 Selling the Sixties (b009364s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

SAT 02:45 The Hard Sell (b00936cc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:30 today]

SAT 03:15 Selling the Sixties (b009364s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

SUNDAY 09 MARCH 2008

SUN 19:00 Dear Television (b0091qr8)
Episode 4

Letters cataloguing the preoccupations and passions of television viewers over the last five decades.

SUN 19:10 Shoestring (b007bxqc)
Series 2

Mocking Bird

Drama series about an easygoing gumshoe with a phone-in radio show. A boastful caller wages a sinister war of nerves with Radio West, and Eddie in particular.

SUN 20:00 The Cult of... (b0094yzn)
Sunday Night

Shoestring

Series which unearths the history and anecdotes behind cult British Sunday night drama series looks at downbeat maverick Bristolian detective and radio DJ, Eddie Shoestring. The programme gives clues as to why the slouching man with a moustache and an on-off relationship with his landlady drew audiences of 20 million, explains the role the aristocracy played in it finding a home on Sunday nights, and uncovers what actor Trevor Eve was thinking when he called time on the role after two series.

SUN 20:30 Sounds of the Sixties (b0074q9l)
Original Series

The First Steps

The rock and pop series kicks off with the very birth of the decade, when pop was consigned to Crackerjack and rebellious singers still wore cardigans. But then Beatlemania came along.

Features the fabulous Freddie and the Dreamers on Blue Peter and Pinky & Perky doing the Twist.

SUN 21:00 Timeshift (b0094yzq)
Series 7

The Rise and Fall of the Ad Man

Cultural commentator Peter York takes a characteristically insightful and witty look at the changing fortunes of British advertising through the story of the personalities who led it through its highs and lows.

Inspired by the maverick US advertisers of Madison Avenue, a new generation of British ad men created a unique style of advertising based on authentic British culture. It tapped into home-grown humour and marketed itself as almost a branch of the arts. During the 1970s, British ads came to be regarded as the best in the world.

But as York shows, the same combination of ambition, big spending and oversized egos which fed British advertising's glorious rise also led to a disastrous fall when the business climate changed in the 1980s. Now the British ad man has had to reinvent himself for a new, global market.

York gets the extraordinary inside story from top British advertising figures past and present including Alan Parker, David Puttnam, Tim Bell, Frank Lowe and the most successful ad man in the world today, Martin Sorrell.

SUN 22:00 Mad Men (b0094yyp)
Series 1

Ladies Room

Drama series which takes an unflinching look at the world of advertising in 1960s New York. Don has to find the answer to the question of what women want, and find it quickly. Betty consults a specialist about her health issues. Don is pressured to help with Nixon's presidential campaign. Peggy fends off the advances of one of the copy writers.

SUN 22:45 The Late Edition (b00936hl)
Series 4

Episode 17

Satirical comedy show, with host Marcus Brigstocke and guests.

SUN 23:15 Timeshift (b0094yzq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

SUN 00:15 The Cult of... (b0094yzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

SUN 00:45 The Lost World of Tibet (b0093677)

Dan Cruickshank presents a documentary revealing the story of the Dalai Lama, his secret Himalayan kingdom and the story of his exile, using eyewitness accounts from Tibetans including the Dalai Lama himself and colour archive footage of Tibet from the 1930s to 50s.

SUN 01:45 Timeshift (b0084102)
Series 7

Archaeology - Digging the Past

An exploration of the way archaeology has been presented on television over the past 50 years, from panel show Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?, which made celebrities out of its host Professor Glyn Daniel and resident character Sir Mortimer Wheeler, to Channel 4's contemporary Time Team. With contributions from archaeologists and broadcasters including Professor Barry Cunliffe, Tony Robinson and David Attenborough.

SUN 02:45 The Cult of... (b0094yzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

SUN 03:15 The Lost World of Tibet (b0093677)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

MONDAY 10 MARCH 2008

MON 19:00 World News Today (b009gl0z)
The latest news from around the world.

MON 19:30 The Cult of... (b0094yzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Sunday]

MON 20:00 Comedy Playhouse (b009g7k8)
Series 1

The Offer

The very first episode of the classic sitcom, which was first broadcast in 1962. Harold has had an offer which would mean leaving the junk yard for ever. But his dad has other ideas and does all he can to keep up the family tradition.

MON 20:30 Thoroughly Modern... (b007jcxz)
The Typewriter

Documentary series about objects the Edwardians either invented or advanced. The QWERTY keyboard appears on every computer, but surprisingly it was created by engineers to slow typing down rather than speed it up. The typewriter was used by Edwardian suffragettes and credited with getting women into the workplace, but was it actually the great liberator it's seen to be?

MON 21:00 Prime Ministers and Press Barons (b0094z25)

For a century, Britain's newspapers have been run by a handful of extraordinary men - the press barons. Andrew Neil tells the remarkable story of Britain's newspaper proprietors and their relationships with the Prime Ministers of the day. From Lord Northcliffe and Lloyd George, to Lord Beaverbrook and Winston Churchill, to Rupert Murdoch and Gordon Brown, it's a tale of power and intrigue at the very top, and the epic battles between Fleet Street and Downing Street.

MON 22:00 Maxwell (b007h9ll)

David Suchet stars as the media tycoon in a dramatised account of how greed and ambition destroyed a man and led him to commit one of the world's biggest ever frauds.

As Maxwell's world starts to collapse, his obsession with power and his great rival Rupert Murdoch begin to unravel his life. Cracks appear in his multi-billion business empire, his marriage enters troubled waters, and he becomes infatuated with his PA.

With time running out he retreats to the heart of his web at the offices of the Daily Mirror and sets about saving his skin.

Trapped and paranoid, his attempts to stem the tide of debts culminate in him stealing a billion pounds from his companies and their pension funds.

MON 23:30 A Tabloid is Born! (b00714fv)

Former Sun editor Kelvin MacKenzie explores the origins of the tabloid newspaper at the dawn of the 20th Century, which began with the 1896 launch of the Daily Mail. The publisher was maverick opportunist Alfred Harmsworth, who realised that the Victorian broadsheets bored most ordinary Edwardians to death. The Mail would provide them with stories that would inform and entertain, featuring scandal, celebrities and murder.

The Mail's targeting of female readers was copied by the Mirror, which relaunched as a 'pictorial' and became the country's biggest selling illustrated paper. These early days of the tabloid heralded the launch of the paparazzi, and the first debates about privacy and intrusion.

MON 00:30 The Protestant Revolution (b007zlfz)
The Godly Family

Four-part documentary series in which historian Tristram Hunt explores the scientific, cultural, economic and political aspects of Protestantism. He looks at how Protestantism replaced the Catholic veneration of celibacy with a devotion to family life - from Martin Luther as the loving husband and father to the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury with his modern idea of marriage. Plus, the contradictory legacy of Protestantism, with its sexual equality but virulent patriarchy.

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MON 02:30 The Cult of... (b0094yzn)
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MON 03:00 The Protestant Revolution (b007zlfz)
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TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b009gl2d)
The latest news from around the world.

TUE 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b008bxxt)
Series 1

The Move

A colourful nugget of pop mined from the BBC's archive, featuring Birmingham's The Move.

TUE 19:35 Batman (b009gl2g)
Series 2

The Spell of Tut

Fantasy adventure series. The nefarious King Tut plots to take over Gotham City using an ancient narcoleptic potion.

TUE 20:00 Around the World in 80 Treasures (b0078zjh)
Series 1

Jordan to Ethiopia

Dan Cruickshank goes in search of the Ark of the Covenant – the legendary great gold box that held the original Ten Commandments handed down to man by God. His journey takes him from Jordan to the Holy Land of Israel and Palestine and finally to Ethiopia – Africa's Garden of Eden.

His journey has all the hallmarks of an endurance test. The astonishing city of Petra – so fine and intricate in its decoration yet carved directly out of the rock face – must be reached by donkey along a precipitous gorge. Then Dan must get past the Guardian Monk of Ethiopia, who allows no-one to pass, and riskiest of all, he must climb the vertical cliff at Debre Damo to reach the treasures hidden inside the monastery on top of the mountain.

Along the way, Dan encounters prehistoric skyscrapers and the most powerful ruler in Africa, King Lalibela. His ultimate prize is unexpected – to be cleansed of all shame by an ancient relic that wields its mystical powers beneath the Star of David. And the Ark of the Covenant? Maybe he finds it, maybe not, but at least he escapes without being turned into a pile of ashes.

TUE 21:00 Storyville (b0094z8v)

Somebody Has to Live: The Journey of Ariel Dorfman

Documentary about internationally-renowned author Ariel Dorfman, the third generation of his family to know exile. His father's leftwing beliefs saw the family uprooted from both Argentina and the US, before settling in Chile. When Allende came to power, Ariel was a prominent member of his circle, but the bloody 1973 coup saw many of his friends and colleagues killed or disappeared and Ariel forced into exile again. Peter Raymont journeys with Ariel as he looks back on his life.

TUE 22:00 Goodness Gracious Me (b007491j)
Series 2

Episode 4

British Asian comedy sketch show. Includes Mrs Eatmore and tips on 'Fifty Ways to Leave Your Mother'.

TUE 22:30 The Hard Sell (b0094z8w)
Food and Drink

Phill Jupitus narrates a series looking at 50 years of British TV advertising. Britain's food and drink adverts have fed our minds, filled our bellies and quenched our thirst. The perfect adland recipe includes entertainment, persuasion and manipulation to steer Britain through home cooking and happy families to single living and tv dinners. Contributors include filmmaker Alan Parker, broadcaster Gregg Wallace, writer Joanna Blythman and Juan Cabral, the adman behind the Cadbury's Gorilla.

TUE 23:00 Steptoe and Son (b009gmzk)
Series 1

The Bird

Rag-and-bone men sitcom. Harold has been going out in the evenings, making Albert suspicious. It turns out Harold has a 'bird', so Albert suggests he invite her round.

TUE 23:30 A Year in Tibet (b00936pn)
The Visit

Intimate documentary series following a year in the life of the society living in and around Gyantse, Tibet's third largest town. The Panchen Lama, the highest ranking Buddhist living in Tibet today, pays an unexpected visit to the local monastery and throws the monks into turmoil. A local hotel owner is worried about the lack business. In the nearby village of Tangmai, a young farmers wife is rushed into hospital with complications with her pregnancy.

TUE 00:30 The Protestant Revolution (b008098s)
A Reformation of the Mind

Four-part documentary series in which historian Tristram Hunt explores the scientific, cultural, economic and political aspects of Protestantism. In 16th century Britain, radical Protestants triggered a great act of vandalism by wiping out Catholic monasteries, churches and artwork. But their cultural revolution went much further, leading to art galleries and the creation of the novel, as well as driving on a new scientific age that spanned the discovery of gravity to the Industrial Revolution.

TUE 01:30 BBC Proms (b007vhbr)
2007

French Classics - Prom 22

Suzu Klein introduces les Musiciens du Louvre, Grenoble, under their founding conductor Marc Minkowski in an entire French programme which includes Bizet's incidental music to L'Arlesienne and Berlioz's song-cycle Les nuits d'ete, sung by Anne-Sophie von Otter.

TUE 03:30 The Protestant Revolution (b008098s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:30 today]

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008

WED 19:00 World News Today (b009gl3w)
The latest news from around the world.

WED 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b008d06d)
Series 1

Alan Price

A colourful nugget of pop mined from the BBC's archive.

WED 19:35 Batman (b009gl3y)
Series 2

Tut's Case Is Shut

Fantasy adventure series. Will King Tut go running for his mummy when the dynamic duo turn up?

WED 20:00 Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (b008j42c)
The Queen and Us

Documentary series providing insight into the work of The Queen and other members of the Royal Family over the course of a year. It's the Palace garden party, and every single invitation must be written out by hand and treble-checked by the team of Garden Party Ladies. Their work is crucial, as people from all over Britain and the world descend on the Palace lawns.

WED 21:00 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0094zhm)
Through the Looking Glass

Three-part documentary series about fantasy fiction, which has become one of the biggest-selling genres in publishing. This edition tells how, in the last ten years, fantasy has been one of the biggest forces in popular culture, conquering every media from books to interactive computer games. It also asks whether fantasy is pure escapism or if it has always been another, more sophisticated way of reflecting the world, while exploring the work of one of the giants of the genre, Terry Pratchett.

WED 22:00 Masterpieces of Vienna (b008m65f)
Schiele's Death and the Maiden

Series about Vienna's cultural artefacts looks at Egon Schiele's haunting 1915 picture of two lovers clinging to each other, his tribute to the woman who stood by him in his darkest hour but then discarded ruthlessly.

WED 22:30 The Late Edition (b0094zhn)
Series 4

Episode 18

Satirical comedy show, with host Marcus Brigstocke and guests.

WED 23:00 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b007x4y2)
Stephen Fry

Mark Lawson talks to Renaissance man Stephen Fry about his many talents, his mysterious disappearance from the cast of Cell Mates in 1995 and how he battles with his demons.

WED 00:00 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0094zhm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WED 01:00 The Late Edition (b0094zhn)
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WED 01:30 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b007x4y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 today]

WED 02:30 The Worlds of Fantasy (b0094zhm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WED 03:30 The Late Edition (b0094zhn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today]

THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2008

THU 19:00 World News Today (b009gl6s)
The latest news from around the world.

THU 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b0077r7k)
Series 1

The Piano

Classic sitcom about a father-and-son rag-and-bone team and their uneasy alliance. The offer of a free piano seems too good to be true - and it is.

THU 20:00 Himalaya with Michael Palin (b0074qm6)

North by Northwest

Intrepid adventurer Michael Palin embarks on an epic journey. He travels through Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, starting on the Khyber Pass and ending five miles from K2 on the Pakistan/China border. He passes through Darra, visits a street dentist in Peshawar, goes bull racing with a Pakistani aristocrat and is almost trampled to death, and finally crosses over the Lowari Pass into the buffer state of Chitral.

THU 21:00 A Year in Tibet (b0094zlf)

Three Husbands and a Wedding

For twelve months, a television crew has followed a handful of ordinary Tibetan people living in and around Gyantse, Tibet's third largest town. The result is a unique and intimate portrait of life in one of the most mysterious and isolated societies on earth.

It is autumn in southern Tibet and everyone is pulling together to get in the harvest. Like all farmers, Dundan is worried most about hailstones flattening his crops. In the past his brother Tseden, the local shaman, protected the fields with his spells. Now the local government has installed guns to disperse the clouds and this has put Tseden out of a job.

In the nearby town of Gyantse, Rincheu, a local builder, struggles to find enough workers during the harvest to complete his all important first government commission.

In the monastery, the monks recover from a hectic visit by the highest ranking Buddhist Lama in Tibet. After a riotous time celebrating the success of the event, they go home to help with the harvest.

Tseden is also helping a local family to arrange their daughter's wedding. Despite months of preparation, nobody actually gets around to telling the bride she is going to be wed - nor does anybody mention that she is expected to marry her husband's brother as well.

THU 22:00 Ashes to Ashes (b00937yj)

Series 1

Episode 5

Simon Neary is a gangster Gene has wanted to nail for years. When the team discovers that his latest deal is to obtain guns, the case takes on another imperative for Alex. Is stopping the guns a way to stop herself getting shot in 2008? Gene is shocked by how far Alex is prepared to go, including trying to persuade Neary's young boyfriend to turn informant. Would she put a civilian at risk?

THU 22:55 Mad Men (b0094yyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Sunday]

THU 23:45 Timeshift (b0094vzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Sunday]

THU 00:45 A Year in Tibet (b0094zlf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THU 01:45 Prime Ministers and Press Barons (b0094z25)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

THU 02:45 A Year in Tibet (b0094zlf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2008

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b009gl7r)

The latest news from around the world.

FRI 19:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00809fv)

Series 3

Episode 3

Folk musicians come together in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever'. Paul Brady hooks up with Scottish chanteuses Eddi Reader and Karen Matheson and a few others in a performance of his song, Rainbow. Also featured are Iris DeMent in a rare appearance in the UK, joining Joan Osborne and Bruce Molsky, with the instrumental talents of Sharon Shannon on accordion and Russ Barenberg on guitar.

FRI 20:00 Tin Sandwich, Anyone? A History of the Harmonica (b0094zrl)

Documentary which reveals how the humble mouth-organ has been bent to different forms of music-making, featuring interviews and demonstrations from the world's leading players. With over a billion sold, the harmonica, often dismissed as a toy, was the first great democratiser in music creation, and Rory McLeod, Will Galison, Paul Jones, Brendan Power and Charlie Leighton are among those highlighting the instrument's appeal.

FRI 21:00 Legends (b0094zrm)

The Chieftains

Profile of the band who has helped to save Irish traditional music from disappearing, spreading its sound and popularity across the world for more than four decades. Featuring interviews with the current four members - fiddler Sean Keane, vocalist and bodhran player Kevin Conneff, flautist Matt Molloy and band leader Paddy Moloney, who plays pipes and whistle - and tributes from fans including Keith Richards, Sting, Elvis Costello, Sir James Galway and Andrea Corr.

FRI 22:00 Folk Hibernia (b00749yb)

Documentary which looks at the Irish folk revival of the last 20 or 30 years. 60 years ago virtually unheard abroad and largely unloved at home, Irish music has given the world a sense of Ireland and Ireland a sense of itself, as the country has risen from an impoverished post-colonial upstart to a modern European power. Contributors include Christy Moore, Paddy Moloney of The Chieftains, Ronnie Drew of The Dubliners, Liam Clancy of The Clancy Brothers and Shane MacGowan of The Pogues.

FRI 23:35 Batman (b009gl2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:35 on Tuesday]

FRI 00:00 Batman (b009gl3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:35 on Wednesday]

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