

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2013

SAT 19:00 Africa (b01pwtj)
Savannah

East Africa is a land which is constantly changing. To survive here, creatures must be able to deal with unpredictable twists and turns - wet turning to dry, feast to famine, cold to hot - no matter how hostile it becomes.

From dense forests to snow-capped peaks, steamy swamps and endless savannah, this unique and varied land is also a haven for life, supporting large animals in numbers found nowhere else on Earth. But away from the familiar, forever-travelling herds, there are a huge cast of other characters - lizards that steal flies from the faces of lions, vast dinosaur-like birds who stalk catfish through huge wetlands, and an eagle who risks everything on the arrival of ten million bats from a far-off rainforest.

SAT 20:00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa (b01bgndm)
Series 2

The Kingdom of Asante

We know less about Africa's distant past than almost anywhere else on Earth. But the scarcity of written records doesn't mean that Africa lacks history - it is found instead in the culture, artefacts and traditions of the people. In this series, art historian Dr Gus Casely-Hayford explores some of the richest and most vibrant histories in the world, revealing fascinating stories of four complex and sophisticated civilisations: the Kingdom of Asante, the Zulu Kingdom, the Berber Kingdom of Morocco and the Kingdoms of Bunyoro & Buganda.

In this episode, Dr Casely-Hayford travels to Ghana in West Africa, where a powerful kingdom once dominated the region. Asante was built on gold and slaves, which ensured its important place in an economy that linked three continents. He reveals how this sophisticated kingdom emerged from the unlikely environment of dense tropical forest and how it was held together by a shared sense of tradition and history - one deliberately moulded by the kingdom's rulers.

SAT 21:00 The Young Montalbano (b03c67d4)
Series 1

Mortally Wounded

Some unusual posters appear around Vigata in which the moral status of one of its female inhabitants is questioned. This soon becomes the talk of the town, and Montalbano finds himself attempting to navigate the local gossip and resulting squabbles. But a murder forces more serious events onto the agenda, as Montalbano investigates the private and business life of the victim, uncovering a string of unsavoury facts in the process. Fazio returns to Vigata police station asking to be reinstated in his job following a bout of serious ill health. Salvo's father makes the acquaintance of new girlfriend Livia.

In Italian with English subtitles.

SAT 22:50 What's Going On: The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye (b0074rql)

Marvin Gaye is one of the great and enduring figures of soul music, but his life was one of sexual confusion, bittersweet success and ultimately death by the hand of his own father. Through Marvin's own words and intimate memories gathered from rare film and recordings, director Jeremy Marre tells the story of a 'life of outer grace and inner torment'.

Including interviews with the singer's family, friends and musical colleagues, with re-enactments and archive film of Marvin on stage, at home and in the recording studio.

SAT 23:50 Charles Bradley: Soul of America (b02x8xnn)
Documentary telling the story of late-flowering 62-year-old soul singer Charles Bradley, whose debut album No Time for Dreaming rocketed him from a hard life in the projects to Rolling Stone magazine's top 50 albums of 2011.

Abandoned by his mother as a child, Bradley faced homelessness, illiteracy, violence, the murder of his beloved brother and a nearly fatal illness. He worked odd jobs across the country and performed as a James Brown impersonator and, through it all, never gave up on his life-long dream to make it big in the music industry. Spanning the exciting, painful and uncertain months prior to the release of his debut album, the film documents one man's ultimate triumph over an impossible dream 48 years in the making.

Bradley's two albums, No Time for Dreaming and 2013's Victim of Love, are on the Brooklyn-based Daptone label which helped inspire the sound of Amy Winehouse's Back to Black and his emotionally intense, fervent old-school soul singing and

retro production from collaborator and co-writer Tom Brennek have made him critically acclaimed and a live draw across the world.

SAT 00:55 Top of the Pops (b03bm2fw)

Peter Powell presents the weekly pop chart show featuring Showaddywaddy, Boney M, Rolling Stones, Colorado, Buzzcocks, Frankie Miller and the Jam. With dance sequences by Legs and Co.

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SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN 19:00 Miss Marple (b01le9s2)

The Body in the Library

Part One

The ordered tranquility of life in St Mary Mead is shattered by a mysterious discovery. Miss Marple's investigations lead her to a seaside hotel where some rather unusual people are staying.

SUN 19:50 Wild (b0078yx9)

2005-06 Shorts

The Rabbits of Skomer

Documentary about the wild rabbits which live on sea cliffs on the Pembrokeshire coast alongside seabirds like puffins and seagulls. They come in many shades, owing to their intriguing history, and each spring the island of Skomer itself is transformed by wild flowers, creating one of Britain's most beautiful natural spectacles. The green and brown island turns blue and pink for a couple of spectacular weeks under a carpet of bluebells and red campion.

SUN 20:00 Fabric of Britain (b03bm1rg)

The Story of Wallpaper

Paul Martin presents the surprisingly compelling story of wallpaper. From its origins in the 16th century to the present day, wallpaper has always had something to say about us and our tastes and aspirations. It's a journey that takes Paul from the grandest of stately homes to the poorest of two-up-two-downs, the height of luxury to industrial grime and infestation. There are some fascinating tales along the way; wallpaper may seem insignificant, but governments have tried to control it, and it's even threatened to poison us.

The programme also reveals the art and craft of wallpaper. Paul learns how to make flock wallpaper, very much a deluxe item in the 18th century, helps to uncover a rare antique piece of wallpaping from a building site, and prints the designs of Marthe Armitage. Along the way, he meets contemporary designers and makers, and tells the stories of such historical wallpaper luminaries as Pugin and William Morris.

SUN 21:00 Secret Voices of Hollywood (b03bxrxj)

In many of Hollywood's greatest movie musicals the stars did not sing their own songs. This documentary pulls back the curtain to reveal the secret world of the 'ghost singers' who provided the vocals, the screen legends who were dubbed and the classic movies in which the songs were ghosted.

SUN 22:30 Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies (b03bm2fy)

New Frontiers

In the last of three programmes in which composer Neil Brand celebrates the art of cinema music, Neil explores how changing technology has taken soundtracks in bold new directions and even altered our very idea of how a film should sound.

Neil tells the story of how the 1956 science fiction film Forbidden Planet ended up with a groundbreaking electronic score that blurred the line between music and sound effects, and explains why Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds has one of the most effective soundtracks of any of his films - despite having no music. He shows how electronic music crossed over from pop into cinema with Midnight Express and Chariots of Fire, while films like Apocalypse Now pioneered the concept of sound design - that sound effects could be used for storytelling and emotional impact.

Neil tracks down some of the key composers behind these

innovations to talk about their work, such as Vangelis (Chariots of Fire, Blade Runner), Carter Burwell (Twilight, No Country for Old Men) and Clint Mansell (Requiem for a Dream, Moon).

SUN 23:35 BBC Proms (b0395mzs)

2013

Proms on Four: John Wilson's Hollywood Rhapsody

At the Royal Albert Hall, Katie Derham introduces the ever-popular John Wilson and his orchestra in a celebration of the music of Hollywood. Bernard Herrmann's Psycho, Erich Korngold's Robin Hood, Max Steiner's Casablanca and Miklos Rozsa's Ben Hur are among the film scores featured, performed by the orchestra Wilson describes as 'a symphony orchestra with an old-fashioned dance band in the middle'. With soloists Venera Gimadieva, Matthew Ford and Jane Monheit.

SUN 01:25 50s Britannia (b01sgbw2)

Rock 'n' Roll Britannia

Long before the Beatles there was British rock 'n' roll. Between 1956 and 1960 British youth created a unique copy of a distant and scarce American original whilst most parents, professional jazz men and even the BBC did their level best to snuff it out.

From its first faltering steps as a facsimile of Bill Haley's swing style to the sophistication of self-penned landmarks such as Shakin' All Over and The Sound of Fury, this is the story of how the likes of Lord Rockingham's XI, Vince Taylor and Cliff Richard and The Shadows laid the foundations for an enduring 50-year culture of rock 'n' roll.

Now well into their seventies, the flame still burns strong in the hearts of the original young ones. Featuring Sir Cliff Richard, Marty Wilde, Joe Brown, Bruce Welch, Cherry Wainer and The Quarrymen.

SUN 02:30 The Enigma of Nic Jones - Return of Britain's Lost Folk Hero (b03bsrrb)

Nic Jones is a legend of British folk music. His 1980 record Penguin Eggs is regarded as a classic. In a poll by The Observer a few years ago, Penguin Eggs was rated number 79 of the 100 Best Records of All Time, just above Station to Station by David Bowie and just below Let It Bleed by The Rolling Stones - amazing for an LP that never actually charted. His iconic song Canadee-i-o has even been covered by Bob Dylan.

Many believe that Nic was destined for international stardom; his funky, rhythmical and percussive guitar style and smooth singing meant that his music crossed musical barriers.

In 1982, Nic Jones was at the peak of his career, but driving home from a gig one night a near-fatal car crash changed his life forever. Almost every bone in his body was broken and neurological damage meant that he would never play his guitar in front of an audience again. Apart from a couple of tribute concerts, Nic Jones disappeared from the public eye for thirty years. Then in the summer of 2012, encouraged by friends and family, Nic returned to the stage to play several festival performances accompanied by his guitarist son, Joe Jones and keyboard player Belinda O'Hooley. The concerts were a resounding success and for his old and new fans, a moving comeback for their musical hero.

The film is the emotional story of Nic's return but also demonstrates why he is so revered, not just in folk circles but across all music genres. Nic has inspired a whole generation of younger artists including BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards winners Jim Moray, Eliza Carthy, Sam Carter and Blair Dunlop. They all appear in the film, as does American singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell. Folk legends Martin Carthy, Martin Simpson, Chris Wood and ex-Fairport Convention founder Ashley Hutchings are also featured.

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

MON 19:00 World News Today (b03c262g)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

MON 19:30 A Garden in Snowdonia (b00kn777)

Bodnant Rising

The story of a year in the life of Bodnant Garden in north Wales. With visitor numbers in decline, those who live and work at the National Trust property are on a mission to transform this spectacular garden. Head gardener Troy Scott Smith and his manager Michael McLaren are spending two million pounds on a revamp, with the aim of creating one of the top ten gardens in the world.

MON 20:00 Welsh Railways (b018gs4c)

Beating Beeching: Part 2

The steam railways of Wales seemed lost forever with the Beeching cuts of the 1960s, but this series celebrates their revival with wonderful colour archive film combined with the memories of passengers and railwaymen from the age of steam.

In this episode we meet the last generation of Welsh steam railwaymen and visit the heritage railway that keeps their glorious past alive.

MON 20:30 Only Connect (b03c262j)

Series 8

Globetrotters v Board Gamers

A trio of travellers square up to three board game players, competing to draw together the connections between things which, at first glance, seem utterly random. So join Victoria Coren Mitchell if you want to know what connects jet-propelled unicycle, dehydrated boulders, invisible paint and iron bird seed.

MON 21:00 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley (p01fv0kh)

Detection Most Ingenious

Lucy Worsley explores how real-life crime, science and the emerging art of detection had an influence on the popular culture of homicide during the Victorian Age.

MON 22:00 Miss Marple (b011e9s4)

The Body in the Library

Part Two

While the investigation centres on the Jefferson family and their entourage, Miss Marple's hunch about a second killing proves all too tragically justified.

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TUESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2013**TUE 19:00 World News Today (b03c26xc)**

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

TUE 19:30 A Garden in Snowdonia (b00kt718)

Bodnant Blooming

A year in the life of the spectacular Bodnant Garden in north Wales. Head Gardener Troy Scott Smith and his team give Bodnant a facelift. Supervisor Adam Salvin brings a beautiful Italianate terrace back to its former glory. Dave Larter shares his passion for giant lilies and the world famous Laburnum Arch is in full bloom.

TUE 20:00 A Pembrokeshire Farm (b007hgz9)

Episode 4

Building work on Griff's farm moves to the inside of the house. At last, things are being built up instead of knocked down. But as the deadline looms, tempers begin to fray.

TUE 20:30 Britain on Film (b03c26xf)

Series 2

This Sporting Life

Series in which high-quality 1960s colour footage from the vaults of the Rank Organisation is brought together to offer compelling insights into British life during that seminal decade.

This episode salutes the Rank filmmakers' attempts to reflect our near-obsessive national preoccupation with a range of competitive sports, ranging from golf and cycling to skiing and stock car racing. Featuring vintage prose praising the idiosyncratic appeal of cricket by the incomparable commentator Richie Benaud, as well as rare colour footage of the England football team in training shortly before their greatest-ever triumph in the 1966 World Cup.

TUE 21:00 House of Surrogates (b03c591s)

Dr Nayna Patel runs a clinic in rural India that attracts childless couples from all over the world. For a fee, they can pay for local women to act as surrogates, spending their entire pregnancy away from home in dorms with up to 80 other pregnant surrogates living alongside them.

There are three babies delivered every month at the clinic, but that's not the end of the story - Westerners can have to stay up to eight weeks in India after the baby is born waiting for the paperwork they need to take their baby home and many of them choose to have their surrogate look after and wet-nurse the baby for them until then.

While critics accuse Dr Patel of exploiting the poor, she believes that she is empowering the local women with life-changing amounts of money.

An intimate film in an extraordinary setting.

TUE 22:30 Secret Voices of Hollywood (b03bxrxj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Sunday]

TUE 00:00 Calf's Head and Coffee: The Golden Age of English Food (p00y4h9g)

Stefan Gates discovers the cradle of contemporary English cuisine. The film argues that the current renaissance of British food has its origins in a golden age, some 300 years ago.

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WEDNESDAY 02 OCTOBER 2013**WED 19:00 World News Today (b03c26z5)**

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

WED 19:30 A Garden in Snowdonia (b001nprm)

Bodnant at Risk

A year in the life of Bodnant Garden in north Wales. Head gardener Troy Scott Smith struggles to preserve one of the largest collection of rhododendrons in the country. With many rare and ageing plants, and a growing threat from 'sudden oak disease', Bodnant faces some tough challenges.

WED 20:00 Guilty Pleasures: Luxury in... (b012cnks)

The Middle Ages

Luxury isn't just a question of expensive and the beautiful objects for the rich and the powerful. It has always been much more important than that, especially in the ancient and medieval worlds.

This second episode follows the clash between luxury and Christianity which convulsed medieval Europe. Luxury was a roadblock on the road to heaven, so the church was quick to condemn the jewellery, gorgeous weapons and pattern-welded swords of the early medieval world. Yet the church also had its own form of luxury, in the form of spectacular manuscripts designed to do the work of God through astonishment and display. And to some extent it worked, as by 1200 medieval boys' toys like warhorses and tournaments came to be suffused

with Christian ideas of chivalry and gentility.

But by that time the growth of trade had brought new luxuries to Europe, condemned in turn by the church, like exotic spices from the East. Spicy food led to spicy conduct, said the preachers, and to the sin of lechery. But soon the Black Death paradoxically liberated luxury from the church by initiating a new world of relative luxury and consumerism - the luxury world we inhabit today.

WED 21:00 Fabric of Britain (b03c2766)

The Wonder of Embroidery

The Reformation in England witnessed the destruction of the most brilliant art of the medieval age. Church paintings and stained glass - even sculpture - were destroyed throughout England in the name of religion. And yet one art survived against the odds - the art of medieval embroidery.

Portable and easily squirrelled away, English embroidery was spirited out of the country in the 16th century and many brilliant examples survive today - if slightly unappreciated and forgotten in Italian churches and museums, even the Vatican. And yet it is an art form that rivalled the very finest in medieval painting or stained glass and for 200 years was the finest embroidery in the western world. Known simply as Opus Anglicanum (English work), the work of English embroiders was desired by kings and popes throughout Christendom.

Dan Jones, Plantagenet expert and medievalist, goes in search of these fragile yet stunning survivors from the great age of embroidery - encountering a world of finery, bejewelled luxury and sacred beauty on an undreamt-of scale.

WED 22:00 Hidcote: A Garden for All Seasons (b011s3pw)

Documentary telling the story of Hidcote - the most influential English garden of the 20th century - and Lawrence Johnston, the enigmatic genius behind it. Hidcote was the first garden ever taken on by the National Trust, who spent 3.5 million pounds in a major programme of restoration. This included researching Johnston's original vision, which in turn uncovered the compelling story of how Johnston created such an iconic garden.

Until recently, little was known about the secretive and self-taught Johnston. He kept few, if any, records on Hidcote's construction, but current head gardener Glyn Jones made it a personal mission to discover as much about the man as possible to reveal how, in the early 20th century, Johnston set about creating a garden that has inspired designers all over the world.

WED 23:00 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley (p01fv0kh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

WED 00:00 Edgar Allan Poe: Love, Death and Women (b00vfhhp)

Crime author Denise Mina investigates the life and work of one of the world's greatest horror writers, Edgar Allan Poe. The relationships between Poe and the women in his life - mother, wife, paramour and muse - were tenuous at best, disastrous at worst, yet they provided inspiration and stimulus for some of the most terrifying and influential short stories of the early 19th century.

Travelling between New York, Virginia and Baltimore, Mina unravels Poe's tortuous and peculiar relationships. Dramatised inserts take us into the minds of Poe and his women through their own letters, journals and published writing.

WED 01:00 A Garden in Snowdonia (b001nprm)

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WED 01:30 Guilty Pleasures: Luxury in... (b012cnks)

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WED 02:30 Fabric of Britain (b03c2766)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THURSDAY 03 OCTOBER 2013**THU 19:00 World News Today (b03c277c)**

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

THU 19:30 Top of the Pops (b03c68lk)

Tony Blackburn introduces the weekly pop chart show featuring Elvis Costello, Public Image, Jonathan King, Boomtown Rats, Dollar, the Jacksons, the Undertones and a Legs & Co dance

sequence.

THU 20:00 The Horizon Guide to Mars (b00p1crx)

The intriguing possibility of life on Mars has fuelled man's quest to visit the Red Planet. Drawing on 45 years of Horizon archive, space expert Dr Kevin Fong presents a documentary on Earth's near neighbour.

Man's extraordinary attempts to reach Mars have pushed technological boundaries past their limit and raised the tantalising prospect of establishing human colonies beyond our own planet.

While the moon lies 240,000 miles away, Mars is at a distance of 50 million miles. Reaching the moon takes three days, but to land on Mars would take nearly eight months, and only two thirds of the missions to Mars have made it. The BBC has been analysing the highs and lows throughout - including the ill-fated British attempt, the Beagle.

Horizon has explored how scientists believe the only way to truly understand Mars is to send people there. If and when we do, it will be the most challenging trip humanity has ever undertaken.

THU 21:00 Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines (p01f51z4)

Pain

Pain has a profound effect on our bodies - when we are experiencing it, millions of nerve cells deep within our brains are firing, telling us 'it hurts' - and for centuries the challenge has been to find something that will lessen or even switch off these sensations to bring us relief. Dr Michael Mosley discovers just what pain is, why we want to control it and how we ultimately did it when the discovery of morphine, the world's first pharmaceutical, at the beginning of the 19th century led to a 200-year journey of scientific breakthrough, discovery and self-experimentation.

THU 22:00 For Britain and the Hell of It (b03c59k7)

Documentary telling the story of Richard Noble's various attempts on the land speed record, including his successful record-breaking run on Nevada's Black Rock Desert on October 4th 1983.

THU 22:50 House of Surrogates (b03c591s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

THU 00:20 Twitchers: A Very British Obsession (b00vnflv)

Every year, a secret tribe take to the roads of Britain. In the space of a few months they will drive thousands of miles and spend thousands of pounds in pursuit of their prey. Their aim is to see as many birds as possible, wherever that bird may be.

Welcome to the very competitive world of the twitcher - obsessives who'll stop at nothing to get their bird.

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THU 02:00 The Horizon Guide to Mars (b00p1crx)

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THU 03:00 Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines (p01f51z4)

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FRIDAY 04 OCTOBER 2013

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b03c27v8)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

FRI 19:30 The Sound and the Fury: A Century of Music (b01qsqzc)

Free for All

The second episode looks at how the freewheeling modernism that had shocked, scandalised and titillated audiences in the first two decades of the 20th century comes under state control. Initially, many practitioners thought the totalitarian regimes would be good for music and the arts. What followed in Germany was a ban on music written by Jews, African-Americans and communists, while in the Soviet Union there was a prohibition on music the workers were unable to hum. In the USA, many composers voluntarily embraced music for the masses.

After the cataclysm of the 1940s, a new generation of 20-something composers - Boulez, Stockhausen, Xenakis, Nono, Ligeti - turned their back on what they saw as the discredited music of the past and decided to try and reinvent it from scratch. Or, at least, from serialism, which became, as the 1950s wore on, as much of a straitjacket as the strictures of totalitarianism had been before. But from this period of avant-garde experimentation, which many listeners found baffling and even terrifying, came some of the most influential and radical musical innovations of the century.

The story is told by a musical cast list including Pierre Boulez, Michael Tilson-Thomas, Peter Maxwell-Davies, Harrison Birtwistle and John Adams.

FRI 20:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b03bv1bv)

Series 6

Episode 2

Music co-directors, Shetland fiddle virtuoso Aly Bain, dobro ace Jerry Douglas and their all-star house band, host a gathering of the cream of Nashville, Irish and Scottish talent in a spectacular new location overlooking the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

This programme features Virginian Mary Chapin Carpenter, Maura O'Connell from County Clare in Ireland and Hebridean Julie Fowlis. Tim O'Brien adds some Appalachian bitter-sweet.

FRI 21:00 Elton John in Concert 2013 (b03c5bpb)

As part of BBC Radio 2's In Concert series, Elton John performs in the beautiful art deco surroundings of the BBC's famous Radio Theatre situated in Old Broadcasting House.

Elton performs classic songs from his enviable and extensive back catalogue including: Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Rocket Man, I'm Still Standing, Saturday Night's All Right For Fighting and Your Song plus The Diving Board from his latest album, which sees him join forces again with his career-long lyrical collaborator Bernie Taupin, and with producing credits going to country music man of the moment T-Bone Burnett, he'll be treating us to some brand new material.

A very special, exclusive and intimate performance from the legend that is Elton John.

FRI 22:00 The Making of Elton John: Madman Across the Water (b00vs4yv)

Documentary exploring Elton John's childhood, apprenticeship in the British music business, sudden stardom in the US at the dawn of the 70s and his musical heyday. Plus the backstory to the album reuniting him with Leon Russell, his American mentor. Features extensive exclusive interviews with Elton, plus colleagues and collaborators including Bernie Taupin, Leon Russell and others.

FRI 23:00 Elton John at the BBC (b00vs5c0)

Elton John's career tracked in archive from performances, interviews and news clips.

FRI 00:00 Big in America: British Hits in the USA (b01bywsr)

Compilation of British rock 'n' roll acts in performance with tracks that crossed over to the US charts. From The Dave Clark Five to Coldplay, the Brits have rocked America and sometimes even done better across the pond than here - take a bow A Flock of Seagulls, Supertramp and Bush - who are also included here alongside darker British global exports like Black Sabbath and The Cure.

FRI 01:00 Elton John in Concert 2013 (b03c5bpb)

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FRI 02:00 The Making of Elton John: Madman Across the Water (b00vs4yv)

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FRI 03:00 Elton John at the BBC (b00vs5c0)

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