

SATURDAY 03 JULY 2021

SAT 19:00 Bill Oddie's Top Ten Birds (b007nm5r)

Bill Oddie counts down the UK's ten most beloved and most villainous birds in a definitive, light-hearted guide to our feathered friends and foes. Bill's poll is based on the thousands of letters he has received over the years from members of the public.

SAT 20:00 Coast (b07yk7f4)

The Great Guide

England's South East

Tessa Dunlop and Neil Oliver present their insiders' guide to our frontline shoreline - England's south east. From the heart of the capital to Hastings, they reveal the stories of trade and defence that characterise this coast.

As well as selecting the best Coast stories from a decade of exploring these shores, Tessa hitches a ride with the Thames river police to the new London Gateway, where she gets an overview of Britain's trade with the world from the vantage point of a giant crane. From Ramsgate, she embarks on one of the Dunkirk 'Little Ships' to discover the vital role it played during the Second World War, before making her way to Dover, where she finds a magnificent Roman lighthouse that has guarded the shores for centuries.

SAT 21:00 Beck (p0912c7h)

Undercover

Swedish police detective drama. Martin Beck and the team investigate a drugs gang after the death of a young man, putting them on a collision course with an undercover operation.

SAT 22:30 The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story (b09vppg7)

Series 1

Episode 1

In April 1955 Ruth Ellis shot her lover David Blakely dead. It's a case that shocked the nation and it still fascinates today. It has its place in ushering in the defence of diminished responsibility and the eventual abolishment of capital punishment. We all think we know the story, but why, when it was seemingly such an open-and-shut case, does it still divide opinion on whether Ruth Ellis got the justice she deserved? Film-maker Gillian Pachter wants to find out. The result is a fresh investigation with fascinating true-crime twists and turns that also shines a unique light on attitudes to class, gender and sex in 1950s London.

In this first episode Gillian takes a forensic look at the police investigation launched just after Ruth's arrest. Gillian is all too aware of the femme fatale persona that has stuck with Ruth since 1955. She wants to build Ruth Ellis back up from the evidence, and this means looking carefully at the police documentation from the time. Gillian begins with Ruth's first statement where she confesses to the crime but intriguingly states that she's 'confused'.

As Gillian follows the course of the investigation, she uncovers some worrying assumptions, problematic omissions and missed opportunities. There's a key witness who was never questioned by the police - Ruth's 10-year old son Andre, who tragically took his own life in the 1980s. He left behind an audio cassette that features a recorded conversation where Andre shares his thoughts on his mother's case. Gillian uses this to piece together what the boy knew. Then there's the murder weapon - one of thousands of guns that flooded Britain during the war. Gillian traces its provenance and it leads her to a shocking conclusion.

Experts in policing shed new light on the involvement of a possible accomplice and Gillian tracks down those who met Ruth and David. A picture begins to build of their relationship and lifestyle and it's a unique snapshot of the complex world of post-war Britain that made and then broke Ruth Ellis.

SAT 23:30 The Killing (b018jdhg)

Series 2

Episode 9

Lund and Strange are in Afghanistan on a mission to track down the killer. Pressing on with the investigation back home, Brix decides to conduct a search at the army barracks. Justice minister Thomas Buch remains hellbent on getting to the bottom of what he believes to be a top-level cover-up and goes out of his way to generate turmoil within the cabinet with his revelations. The cabinet, in turn, is less than impressed. Raben is once again preparing to face a court hearing and, despite pressure from all sides, refuses to retract his inflammatory statement.

SAT 00:30 The Killing (b018jdhj)

Series 2

Episode 10

Lund and Strange return from Afghanistan with new, incontrovertible evidence, while Brix and his team are getting their heads around what appear to be important findings in the investigation. Raben and Jarnvig must reluctantly work together when Louise is in danger. In parliament, rumour has it that the prime minister has plans for a cabinet reshuffle, while Buch develops a new suspicion that someone has been leading him astray - but who and why?

SAT 01:30 The Killing (b01nzmzq)

Series 3

Episode 1

Denmark is the midst of a fiercely contested election race, set against the backdrop of the financial crisis. With ten days to go to the election, Detective Chief Inspector Sarah Lund prepares to celebrate her 25th year in the police force and looks forward to the prospect of a new job in the force. But her relative peace is shattered when body parts are found at Copenhagen dock only hours before a scheduled visit by the prime minister.

In Danish with English subtitles.

SAT 02:30 The Killing (b01p1r5y)

Series 3

Episode 2

Following the kidnapping of Robert Zeuthen's daughter Emilie, Copenhagen Police put every effort into tracking down the perpetrator and finding the little girl. Meanwhile, the kidnapping has quickly become a hot potato in the election campaign and Prime Minister Kamper must deal with the fallout.

In Danish with English subtitles.

SUNDAY 04 JULY 2021

SUN 19:00 BBC Young Musician (m000xnz2)

2004: Nicola Benedetti's Prizewinning Performance

Nicola Benedetti plays Szymanowski's thrilling First Violin Concerto, the performance that, at the age of 16, won her the title of BBC Young Musician in 2004.

SUN 19:15 Discovering... (m00041td)

Series 1

The Bridge on the River Kwai - Malcolm Arnold

Sir Malcolm Arnold was a prolific composer of music in many genres. Over five decades his output included concertos, ballet music, dance suites, overtures and nine symphonies. He was also at home composing for the film studio, his sweeping score for David Lean's 1957 feature film, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, being perhaps his best known film soundtrack. It won him an Oscar.

Here Katie Derham presents the BBC Concert Orchestra performing *The Bridge on the River Kwai* in full from the Watford Colosseum with conductor Christopher Seaman. Before the performance, Katie speaks to Christopher and to several members of the orchestra to learn more about the composer and the symphonic qualities he brought to the score. Understanding the instruments of the orchestra as well as Arnold did makes his music extremely satisfying to play.

Katie discovers how Arnold managed to create such an iconic soundtrack in only ten days, and composer Debbie Wiseman, who herself composes prolifically for cinema, uses scenes from *The Bridge on the River Kwai* to demonstrate how the music is interwoven with the rest of the film's soundtrack. We see how Arnold's understanding of the orchestra allowed him to use the right instruments in the right registers to complement to action on screen.

Katie also learns the fascinating story of Arnold's own life - a pacifist who shot himself in the foot to get medically discharged during World War II, and a diagnosed schizophrenic who suffered with mental illness and alcoholism throughout his life. We see how he nonetheless remained an outgoing, engaging and well-loved figure, before hearing his *Bridge on the River Kwai* suite performed in full.

SUN 20:15 Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession (b00s96gn)

Mapping the World

In the last of a three-part series about the extraordinary stories behind maps, Professor Jerry Brotton uncovers how maps are snapshots of a moment in history and offer visions of distant lands, tempting explorers to plunder and conquer.

However, adventurers first had to tackle the great challenge of mapping the globe onto a flat surface. There is no perfect solution, but the father of geography, Claudius Ptolemy, had some clever ideas.

Explorers like Christopher Columbus sailed into the unknown in search of riches and discovered a whole new continent that would become the most powerful on earth, while Amerigo Vespucci gave it his name.

Sir Walter Raleigh's treasure map of El Dorado in South America ultimately lost him his head. But the myth of El Dorado lived on, sending hundreds of men to their death in fruitless attempts to find the golden city.

As navigation became easier, maps enabled nations and enterprises like the Dutch East India Company to plunder far-off territories for spices, natural resources and gold. Even today, a project to map the North Pole is the flashpoint for the so-called 'Cold Rush' - the dash to exploit oil, gas and mineral reserves as the Arctic ice melts.

SUN 21:15 World War II: Behind Closed Doors (b00ft5bd)

Episode 3

Joseph Stalin was a tyrant responsible for the death of millions - yet he was also a vital ally of Britain and America during the Second World War.

How was it possible for Churchill and Roosevelt to deal with one tyrant - Stalin - in order to help beat another - Adolf Hitler? That's one of the key questions at the heart of this series.

Using dramatic reconstructions, based on extensive fresh research in Russian and Western archives, and testimony from witnesses of the time, including former Soviet secret policemen who have not spoken before on camera, in order to tell a 'behind closed doors' history. It's a new way of looking at this most vital period, and may change the way people think about the war.

This episode focuses on the secret history of Churchill's first meeting with Stalin in Moscow and the behind-the-scenes actions of Roosevelt's emissary to the Soviet Union.

SUN 22:15 Britain's Most Fragile Treasure (b016ldgq)

Historian Dr Janina Ramirez unlocks the secrets of a centuries-old masterpiece in glass. At 78 feet in height, the famous Great East Window at York Minster is the largest medieval stained-glass window in the country and the creative vision of a single artist, a mysterious master craftsman called John Thornton, one of the earliest named English artists.

The Great East Window has been called England's Sistine Chapel. Within its 311 stained-glass panels is the entire history of the world, from the first day to the Last Judgment, and yet it was made 100 years before Michelangelo's own masterpiece. The scale of Thornton's achievement is revealed as Dr Ramirez follows the work of a highly skilled conservation team at York Glaziers Trust. They dismantled the entire window as part of a five-year project to repair centuries of damage and restore it to its original glory.

It is a unique opportunity for Dr Ramirez to examine Thornton's greatest work at close quarters, to discover details that would normally be impossible to see and to reveal exactly how medieval artists made images of such delicacy and complexity using the simplest of tools.

The Great East Window of York Minster is far more than a work of artistic genius, it is a window into the medieval world and mind, telling us who we once were and who we still are, all preserved in the most fragile medium of all.

SUN 23:15 Storyville (m000xh73)

Petite Fille

Petite Fille (Little Girl) is a moving and sensitive portrait of a young French girl called Sasha, who was assigned male at birth. This poignant and emotional documentary follows the shy seven-year-old and her parents over the course of a year, documenting her progress with delicate intimacy. As her family come to terms with her gender dysmorphia, we witness how Sasha is affected by the societal norms that make it far from easy for her to experience childhood in the same way as most of her peers.

All Sasha wants is to be herself. To be able to wear what she wants to school, to bring friends home and to play with her

dolls. But to her family's distress, there are battles they must face for Sasha to find acceptance.

Award-winning film-maker Sébastien Lifshitz captures Sasha's story with a non-judgmental, insightful and subtle eye, including truly moving moments of joy as well as the many challenges she and family must face together.

SUN 00:40 Discovering... (m00041td)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:15 today]

SUN 01:40 World War II: Behind Closed Doors (b00ftb5d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:15 today]

SUN 02:35 Hemingway (m000xh55)

Series 1

Episode 1

Ernest Hemingway is considered to be one of the great American writers, with his work remaining influential around the world. This documentary series paints an intimate picture of Hemingway the writer, whilst also penetrating the myths surrounding him to reveal a deeply troubled, controversial and ultimately tragic figure.

The series combines a close study of the biographical events of the author's life, with excerpts from his writings and the controversies in both his personal life and work. It features readings by actors including Jeff Daniels, Meryl Streep, Keri Russell and Patricia Clarkson alongside interviews with acclaimed writers and biographers including Edna O'Brien, Tobias Wolff, Abraham Verghese and Mary Dearborn.

In the first episode, Ernest Hemingway enjoys an idyllic childhood in Oak Park, Illinois. Yearning for adventure, he volunteers for the Red Cross during World War I. After the war, Hemingway marries Hadley Richardson, moves to Paris and begins his life as a writer.

MONDAY 05 JULY 2021

MON 19:00 The Joy of Painting (m000m2fv)

Series 3

The Old Mill

Journey into the country with Bob Ross and watch how he creates this painting of a large, old mill in the heart of a forest.

MON 19:30 The Cruise (m000xnz5)

Lights, Camera, Action

Classic docusoap with singer Jane McDonald. Panic sets in as the singers and dancers are given just three days to stage a musical extravaganza.

MON 20:00 Art of Persia (m000kbnz)

Series 1

Episode 2

Broadcaster and journalist Samira Ahmed takes viewers on a remarkable journey to places rarely seen, as she travels through Iran, telling the story of a complex and fascinating people, their culture and their history.

Samira gives a remarkable account of the clash between two powerful civilisations and explains how Iran preserved its distinctive language and culture despite the Arab conquest of Persia in AD651. From Zoroastrian fire temples to the fabled bazaars of Aladdin and an ancient magical storybook that became Iran's national myth, this second episode in the series reveals how the country has proudly held onto its Persian identity, art and literature to this day.

MON 21:00 Turner: The Man Who Painted Britain (m000xnyh)

While Joseph Mallord William Turner is considered by many to be Britain's greatest landscape painter, his private life reveals a man of extremes and contradictions. This docudrama explores the extraordinary story of a brilliant self-made man.

MON 22:00 Simon Schama's Power of Art (b00793xk)

Turner

Simon Schama recounts moments of drama in the making of great works of art. How Britain's greatest painter, JMW Turner, created one his most powerful paintings, The Slave Ship.

MON 23:00 What Do Artists Do All Day? (m0005ws0)

Frank Bowling's Abstract World

Internationally renowned abstract artist Frank Bowling became the first black Royal Academician in 2005. Now 85 years old and the subject of a major retrospective at Tate Britain, Bowling talks to Brenda Emmanus about his long career. Featuring interviews with critics and fellow artists who discuss the significance of his work in the history of British art.

MON 23:30 Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting (b03ny8wk)

A richly detailed journey through the epic history of still-life painting, featuring a range of delights from the earliest existing Xenia mural paintings discovered at Pompeii to the cubist masterpieces of Picasso.

Awash with rich imagery of fruit, flowers and humble domestic objects, this lively take on the story of still life encompasses the work of some of the genre's greatest artists from Caravaggio to Chardin and Cezanne. But it also captures the surprising contributions of the less well-known, including asparagus enthusiast Adriaen Coorte and female flower painter in the court of Louis XVI, Anne Vallayer-Coster.

With contributions from historians Bettany Hughes and Janina Ramirez, art historians Andrew Graham Dixon and Norman Bryson, and philosopher Alain de Botton amongst others, it opens up the huge social histories that lie behind the paintings and the fascinating lives of the people who made them.

MON 01:00 The Joy of Painting (m000m2fv)

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MON 01:30 The Cruise (m000xnz5)

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MON 02:00 Turner: The Man Who Painted Britain (m000xnyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

MON 03:00 Art of Persia (m000kbnz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

TUESDAY 06 JULY 2021

TUE 19:00 The Joy of Painting (m000m7j6)

Series 3

Campfire

Bob Ross paints a cowboy resting awhile by the crackling flames of a campfire.

TUE 19:30 The Cruise (m000xnz5)

First Night Nerves

After three days rehearsal, the ship's new show goes on tonight. But not before an emergency dress rehearsal at which Michelle, the lead singer, tests out her ravaged voice. Meanwhile, Jane has a makeover in the ship's hairdressers, and Dale and Mary go for a romantic rafting trip in Jamaica.

TUE 20:00 Yes, Minister (b0074r14)

Series 3

The Challenge

Satirical political sitcom. Jim Hacker takes part in a television interview on local civil defence - but his interrogator is extremely tenacious.

TUE 20:30 The Good Life (p00bz972)

Series 1

Say Little Hen...?

Margo and Jerry are slightly perturbed when the Goods start to introduce livestock to Surbiton, but worse is to follow when Tom decides to paint the greenhouse pink to cater for some chickens.

TUE 21:00 Hemingway (p09lp18q)

Series 1

Episode 2

In Paris, Hemingway publishes In Our Time and The Sun Also

Rises. He finds critical and commercial success with his second novel, A Farewell to Arms.

TUE 21:50 Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure

(p00xb6z3)

Episode 2

Michael Palin moves from the busy streets of Chicago to a suburb of Oak Park, Illinois. Here, in a town that Hemingway apparently called a place of 'wide lawns and narrow minds', his ambitious and creative mother dressed him as a girl and wrote some melancholy music.

Later, in Michigan, Michael visits the family summer cottage. He tries fishing and shooting, which according to Hemingway's young diaries were his favourite sports. Michael then travels to Europe and arrives at Milan station. After a quick course in first aid, he finds himself behind the wheel of an ambulance. He goes to the Italian front where Hemingway was shot and wounded and ends up at Italy's largest war memorial in Redipuglia.

Michael drives a tank in Paris and visits Hemingway's shoe-box apartment. He ends up in American hospital in Neuilly, after an encounter with a broken lavatory chain and a skylight.

TUE 22:40 Philly DA: Breaking the Law (p09ljcmv)

Series 1

Breaking the Cycle

Formerly incarcerated activist LaTonya Myers begins a new job at the public defender's office while dealing with a stressful new probation sentence of nearly a decade.

Going into his second year, Krasner makes reforming probation a major goal, but he must win over the judges to make this happen.

TUE 23:35 Art of America (b017sryq)

What Lies Beneath

In the final part of his United States odyssey, Andrew Graham-Dixon feels the pulse of contemporary America. Beginning in Levittown - the first mass-produced suburb - Andrew uncovers the dark side of post-war consumerism and the role artists have played in challenging the status quo.

He visits New York's Metropolitan Museum to see the most subversive artwork of 1950s America, Jasper Johns's White Flag. Pop art defined the 1960s and Andy Warhol was its greatest artist. Andrew examines Warhol's soup can paintings, meets his former lover Billy Name and interviews one of the last great surviving pop artists, James Rosenquist.

He travels west down the open road, exploring its art, arriving in Los Angeles, an artificial dream world that has inspired the graphic style of Ed Ruscha and the city's own unique contribution to 20th century design - Google architecture.

Back east, Andrew visits the home of one of his favourite 20th century artists, the late Philip Guston, and gets a private view of his work. He drops into the studio of Jeff Koons to learn how the enfant terrible of contemporary art continues to challenge the boundaries of American taste. Finally, he explores the impact 9/11 has had on America and how a new generation of artists, such as Matthew Day Jackson, have made sense of this tragic event.

TUE 00:35 The Joy of Painting (m000m7j6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

TUE 01:00 The Cruise (m000xnz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

TUE 01:30 Motherland (p09gv8k)

Series 3

Episode 5

Amanda's PTA charity FUNraiser is doubling up as her birthday celebration, meaning everyone is dragged into a big event.

Mixing sponsored cycling with Anne's lethal cocktails results in a night of high drama and big revelations. Julia is ready to call time on her marriage to Paul and run off with builder Garry; Liz is thrown by the arrival of an unexpected visitor; and Meg rides high on her cancer all clear.

Meanwhile, Kevin's attempts to clear the air with Amanda just make everything worse, and a put-upon Anne finally loses her rag.

TUE 02:00 Motherland (m000w173)

Series 3

Episode 1

As a nit pandemic sweeps the school, Julia finds herself accused of triggering a second wave. Ostracised by the other mums, Julia needs to find a way back into their good books, so she throws a nit treatment party that brings everyone's drama (and headache) into her home.

The party reveals that Anne has some big news, Meg is facing a crisis and Kevin has committed a terrible crime of passion. As Amanda super-spreads the gossip, Liz waits for news about a career move – will she beat that 17-year-old to a job in the local shoe shop?

TUE 02:30 Hemingway (p09lp18q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WEDNESDAY 07 JULY 2021**WED 19:00 The Joy of Painting (m000m7j0)**

Series 3

Rustic Barn

A beautiful fall scene. Bob Ross uses the colours of nature to settle an old worn-down farm building into soft golden grassy bushes and trees.

WED 19:30 The Cruise (m000xp05)

Le Grand Buffet

Classic docusoap with Jane McDonald. Sean the juggler confronts 300 born-again Christians, Jane has a crisis on stage when half the audience walk out, and the galley serves up a sumptuous buffet.

WED 20:00 Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands (p02n9v33)

Honshu

The central island of Honshu is home to over 100 million people, and its biggest city, Tokyo, is one of the largest urban metropolises on earth. But it has a wild heart - most of Honshu is mountainous.

This wilderness is home to an astonishing range of wildlife - black bears, monkeys, exquisite fireflies and even cow demons. But all across this island, from the mountains to the edge of the sea, people and nature are drawn together in the most unexpected ways.

WED 21:00 The Joy of Winning (b0b9zsfb)

How to have a happier life and a better world all thanks to maths, in this witty, mind-expanding guide to the science of success with Hannah Fry.

Following in the footsteps of BBC Four's award-winning maths films *The Joy of Stats* and *The Joy of Data*, this latest gleefully nerdy adventure sees mathematician Dr Hannah Fry unlock the essential strategies you'll need to get what you want - to win - more of the time. From how to bag a bargain dinner to how best to stop the kids arguing on a long car journey, maths can give you a winning strategy. And the same rules apply to the world's biggest problems - whether it's avoiding nuclear annihilation or tackling climate change.

Deploying 'The Joys of...' films' trademark mix of playful animation alongside both oddball demos and contributions from the world's biggest brains, Fry shows how this field of maths - known as game theory - is the essential key to help you get your way. She reveals ways to analyse any situation, and methods of calculating the consequences of getting what you want. Expect tips on taking advantage of what your opponents do, but also pleasing proof that cooperation might get you further than conflict. Fry also hails the 20th-century scientists like John von Neumann and John Nash who worked out the science of success. They may not be household names, but they transformed economics, politics, psychology and evolutionary biology in the process - and their work, Hannah demonstrates, could even be shown to prove the existence and advantage of goodness.

Along the way the film reveals, amongst other things, what links the rapper Ludacris, a Kentucky sheriff, a Nobel Prize winner and doping in professional cycling. And there's an irresistible chance to revisit the most excruciatingly painful and the most genius scenes ever seen on a TV game show, as Hannah unpacks the maths behind the legendary show *Golden Balls* and hails Nick Corrigan, the contestant whose cunning gameplay managed to break the supposedly intractable 'Prisoner's Dilemma'.

Other contributors to *The Joy of Winning* include European number one professional female poker player Liv Boeree, Scottish ex-pro cyclist and anti-doping campaigner (banned for two years in 2004 for doping) David Millar, Israeli game theory expert Dr Haim Shapira - who shows why it is sometimes rational to be irrational - and top evolutionary game theorist Professor Karl Sigmund from the University of Vienna.

WED 22:00 Storyville (m000xnzx)

Raising a School Shooter

As the disaster of yet another school shooting hits, some parents are faced with a brutal fact: their child was the one pulling the trigger. In this powerful and sensitively told *Storyville* documentary, set in America, three parents share their personal stories. Jeff Williams is the father of Andy, who in 2001, at the age of 15, shot and killed two classmates and wounded 13 other students. Andy, 25 at the time of filming, is now serving life in prison. Clarence Elliot's son Nicholas shot and killed his teacher and wounded another in 1988. He too is serving life in prison. Sue Klebold's son Dylan was one of the two teenagers behind the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, one of the deadliest school shootings in history. Dylan ended the shooting by committing suicide.

Through the three parents' deeply personal stories and raw, honest testimony, the film explores multiple themes that emerge from terrible tragedies - guilt, failure, responsibility, sorrow, friendship and love.

WED 23:10 Handmade in Japan (p054mcvv)

Series 1

Mingei Pottery

The final episode features one of Japan's most famous family of potters - the Hamadas. Shoji Hamada was a major figure in the Mingei folk art movement of the 1920s and '30s and helped turn the town of Mashiko into a major centre of ceramics, famous for its thick and rustic pottery. He also spent time in Britain where he taught renowned St Ives potter Bernard Leach the art of Japanese pottery.

Today, his grandson Tomoo Hamada continues the family tradition and this film follows him at work, painstakingly shaping his pots and firing them in an old-style wood-fuelled kiln. We also hear how Tomoo played a vital role in saving Mashiko as a pottery centre after many of its kilns were destroyed in the 2011 earthquake.

WED 23:40 Beek (p09l2c7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Saturday]

WED 01:10 The Joy of Painting (m000m7j0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

WED 01:40 The Cruise (m000xp05)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

WED 02:10 The Joy of Winning (b0b9zsfb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THURSDAY 08 JULY 2021**THU 19:00 The Joy of Painting (m000m7h6)**

Series 3

Hidden Lake

Beneath a soft purple mountain range, lots of trees and bushes surround a secret little lake, as only Bob Ross can create on canvas.

THU 19:30 The Cruise (m000xqph)

Teach Me Tonight

Romance is in the air when Laura marries Gary in the ship's disco. It's Jane's last chance to get the standing ovation she's been dreaming of, and Jack the dancer has a plan to help her.

THU 20:00 The 39 Steps (b00gd1rq)

Drama based on John Buchan's classic novel, set in the lead-up to the First World War. When an undercover British spy is killed in his flat, a man finds himself accused of murder and caught up in a deadly conspiracy which threatens not only his life, but the safety of the nation.

Pursued by spies and the police, he reluctantly joins forces with a feisty suffragette as he attempts to uncover the truth and save

Great Britain from invasion.

THU 21:25 John Buchan: Master of Suspense (b0074t6x)

Unfairly known as a one-hit wonder for his noirish novel *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, this drama-documentary tells the story of the real John Buchan, affording him the attention he has long deserved. Drawing on both his published works and his private correspondence and papers, with unique access provided by his latest biographer, the film is the first full television profile of an extraordinary man.

THU 22:25 Clash of the Titans (m000qq2z)

In the time of legends, Perseus - mortal son of immortal Zeus - must face terrifying ordeals in his quest to win the heart and hand of fair Andromeda. While the gods of Mount Olympus feud, the youth battles such mighty menaces of myth as the snake-haired Medusa and dreaded Kraken.

A spectacular tale of monsters, magic and mayhem.

THU 00:20 Hemingway (p09lp18q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

THU 01:10 Philly DA: Breaking the Law (p09ljcmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:40 on Tuesday]

THU 02:05 The Cruise (m000xqph)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

THU 02:35 The 39 Steps (b00gd1rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

FRIDAY 09 JULY 2021**FRI 19:00 Athletics: Diamond League (m000xp0f) 2021**

Monaco

Live athletics from Monaco, where a world-class field will look to sharpen their skills in the penultimate Diamond League meet before the Olympic Games.

The Stade Louis II track is famous for producing records as athletes start to reach their peak before the Games, which get underway in Tokyo in just two weeks.

Ugandan Joshua Cheptegei smashed the world record in the men's 5,000 metres in Monaco last year, while world-leading times were set in almost every event, including the men's 200 metres and the women's 5,000 metres.

FRI 21:00 Top of the Pops (m000xp0h)

Anthea Turner presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 11 April 1991 and featuring *The Wonder Stuff*, *Mike + The Mechanics* and *Dannii Minogue*.

FRI 21:30 Top of the Pops (m000xp0k)

Jakki Brambles presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 18 April 1991 and featuring *O.M.D.*, *Black Box* and *James*.

FRI 22:00 The Beatles: Made on Merseyside (m0003lx8)

They defined music and popular culture like no other band ever will. But how did The Beatles make the journey from Merseyside teenagers to international pop stars in the 1960s? This film recounts how American rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues turned postwar Liverpool into one of the most vibrant music cities ever, the home of the Mersey Sound.

Featuring unique archive and revealing interviews with those involved in the early years of The Beatles in Liverpool and Hamburg, we discover the story of The Beatles' previous band formations and why it took so long for them to achieve success. From school bands to colleges, Hamburg to the Cavern Club, The Beatles moved from skiffle to rock 'n' roll before creating their unique sound.

FRI 23:25 Yesterday (m000xp0n)

Following a road accident, struggling singer-songwriter Jack Malik wakes up in an alternative reality where no-one seems to have ever heard of The Beatles. As he plays their songs and almost unwittingly starts to take credit for them, his career suddenly takes off.

FRI 01:15 ... Sings The Beatles (b00ml7p5)

Recorded for the fortieth anniversary of Abbey Road, The Beatles' final album, a journey through the classic and curious covers in the BBC archives.

Featuring Sandie Shaw singing a sassy Day Tripper, Shirley Bassey belting out Something, a close-harmony Carpenters cover of Help!, Joe Cocker's chart-topping With a Little Help from My Friends, Oasis reinventing the Walrus and a little Lady Madonna from Macca himself.

Plus a few 'magical' moments from Candy Flip, The Korean Kittens and Su Pollard.

FRI 02:15 Top of the Pops (m000xp0h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRI 02:45 Top of the Pops (m000xp0k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:30 today]