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<p>SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>SAT 19:00 Wild (b0078z72) 2005-06 Shorts</p> <p>The Owls and the Orchard</p> <p>Short documentary taking a look at a devoted pair of little owls who set up home in an old orchard in rural Herefordshire. From spring blossom to autumn apples, it follows a year in the life of the parent birds, their baby owls and the old fruit trees.</p> <p>SAT 19:10 Miss Marple (p03rdrlh) Nemesis</p> <p>Part 1</p> <p>Miss Marple receives a letter from a deceased friend, leading her to try to clear the name of her friend's son.</p> <p>SAT 20:05 Miss Marple (p03rdrlh) Nemesis</p> <p>Part 2</p> <p>Miss Marple resolves to clear her friend's son's name and in turn finds that love can inspire murder as much as hate.</p> <p>SAT 21:00 Dark Hearts (m002gtbt) Series 2</p> <p>Episode 1</p> <p>After Sab's capture, Group 45 takes in two new members and Pierre, a DGSE agent. Negotiations with Zaid are progressing when an attack on the French consulate by one of his lieutenants triggers an operation by the 45. Zaid cancels everything, depriving the French of their only lead to find Sab.</p> <p>In French and Arabic with English subtitles.</p> <p>SAT 21:50 Dark Hearts (m002gtc4) Series 2</p> <p>Episode 2</p> <p>Martin returns to Crete on paternity leave. The 45 must protect Zaid by eliminating a Qalb Aswad survivor who wants to denounce him to Isis. Once they have eliminated their target, Zaid agrees to exchange Sab for his grandson and daughter.</p> <p>In French and Arabic with English subtitles</p> <p>SAT 22:45 The Newsreader (p0gjl7b) Series 2</p> <p>Decision '87</p> <p>July 1987: As the country prepares for a vital general election, Dale, Helen and their colleagues at the News at Six have the pressure of an anticipated six hours of unbroken air time. Added to this pressure is their direct competition, headed up by none other than Geoff Walters, now making a well-publicised 'comeback' on a rival network.</p> <p>SAT 23:40 The Newsreader (p0gjl8x) Series 2</p> <p>People Like You and Me</p> <p>The country is rocked by an unprecedented mass shooting in Clifton Hill in Melbourne. The team rush to get footage onto air - but their judgement is called into question.</p> <p>SAT 00:35 The Good Life (b00787yb) Series 3</p> <p>The Windbreak War</p> <p>War breaks out between the Goods and the Leadbetters - there is nothing like a good fight over the fence to cement relationships.</p> <p>SAT 01:05 Yes Minister (b0074rl4) Series 3</p> <p>The Challenge</p> <p>Satirical political sitcom. Jim Hacker takes part in a television interview on local civil defence - but his interrogator is extremely tenacious.</p>	<p>SAT 01:35 Miss Marple (p03rdrlh) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:10 today]</p> <p>SAT 02:30 Miss Marple (p03rdrlh) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:05 today]</p> <p>SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>SUN 19:00 Discovering the Music of Antiquity (m001x1vb) When a music score is uncovered deep within the storerooms of the Louvre, musical historians scramble to realise the potential of this piece of papyrus. The text's grammatical features give us a clue to the composer's identity: Carcinus, an author cited by Aristotle in his Rhetoric. His name is engraved on a wall in the Parthenon, and the story of his life offers an insight into the history of Greek musicians, who were revered like gods and welcomed across the Mediterranean to take part in competitions modelled on the Olympic Games.</p> <p>The discovery of the papyrus, more specifically an ancient version of the tragedy entitled Medea, throws open a new mission by researchers to hear the music sung through modern arrangement. But to listen to the Medea as it was heard by the Greeks 2,400 years ago, it still has to be played on period instruments.</p> <p>From the Greek cities of Anatolia to the Ptolemies' Egypt, from the mythical site of Delphi to the discoveries made in Pompeii, relive this voyage along the Mediterranean coast, where archaeological excavations have unearthed instrument remains.</p> <p>SUN 20:00 BBC Proms (b08ympvh) 2017</p> <p>John Williams Film Prom</p> <p>The BBC Proms celebrates the 85th birthday of the world's favourite film composer, John Williams. The BBC Concert Orchestra and conductor Keith Lockhart perform some of the best-loved music in cinema history, including movie magic from Star Wars, Harry Potter, ET and Indiana Jones as well as lesser-known gems from John Williams's extraordinary back catalogue. Presented by Katie Derham.</p> <p>SUN 22:00 Battlefield Britain (b0078rp6) Hastings</p> <p>Peter and Dan Snow tell the story of the turbulent events of 1066. Peter gives a blow-by-blow account of how the Saxons led by King Harold were pitted against the Norman army, led by their duke, William. Dan tells the soldiers' stories, faces a cavalry charge head-on and joins the Metropolitan Police Public Order Unit to experience the crush of a shield wall, the Saxons' favoured tactic.</p> <p>SUN 22:55 Mysteries of the Bayeux Tapestry (m0015nnc) The Bayeux Tapestry is a remarkable and unique work of art that has survived for almost 1,000 years. Made in the 11th century, it tells the story of William of Normandy's claim to the English throne, culminating in the Norman invasion of England and the Battle of Hastings.</p> <p>Surprisingly for an object of its size, the Bayeux Tapestry is not mentioned in any contemporary records. So where does it come from? Who made it and why? Archaeologists, historians, biologists, anthropologists and even astrophysicists are unlocking some of the tapestry's mysteries to understand better the story it tells us about England and France at that time.</p> <p>At nearly 70 metres in length, the Bayeux Tapestry includes 623 characters, hundreds of animals and a wide diversity of scenes depicting everyday life and epic events. It is a treasure trove of information, offering an extraordinary insight into a pivotal moment in history.</p> <p>SUN 23:55 The Mystery of the Desert Kites (m002hf7x) Documentary following an international team of archaeologists and researchers as they explore the extraordinary groups of megastructures that stretch across the Arabian desert. Who built them, when and for what purpose?</p> <p>Using cutting-edge technologies, the multidisciplinary team uncovers the groundbreaking history of the desert kites. These remarkable and ingenious structures predate the Egyptian pyramids and Stonehenge, and the team's discoveries shed new light on a little-known period.</p> <p>SUN 00:55 The Ones (b08xdb50) Series 1 (40-Minute Versions)</p> <p>The One Jasper Carrott</p>	<p>In 2012, comedian Jasper Carrott returned to the BBC after 13 years for this comedy special, featuring brand new stand-up material; a reprise of The Detectives with Robert Powell; a sketch with his daughter, The Office star Lucy Davis; and a song from his house band, with Rick Wakeman and ELO drummer Bev Bevan.</p> <p>SUN 01:35 Discovering the Music of Antiquity (m001x1vb) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]</p> <p>SUN 02:35 Battlefield Britain (b0078rp6) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]</p> <p>SUN 03:30 Remembers... (m002g80x) Patrick Marber Remembers... After Miss Julie</p> <p>After years of success in comedy, writing for programmes like The Day Today and various Alan Partridge projects, Patrick Marber took many by surprise when he revealed in 1995 that his next project was After Miss Julie, an adaptation of an 1888 play, Miss Julie, by Swedish writer August Strinberg.</p> <p>Patrick's version saw events transported to capture the Labour Party's postwar triumph at the 1945 general election. Here, he looks back on the BBC's production of his piece and recalls the experience of working with a cast that featured Kathy Burke, Phil Daniels and Geraldine Somerville.</p> <p>MONDAY 25 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>MON 19:00 Planet Earth (b0074sf9) From Pole to Pole</p> <p>This episode journeys across the planet, from pole to pole, following the influence of the sun and discovering how its seasonal journey affects the lives of all who live on earth.</p> <p>As spring arrives in the Arctic, a mother polar bear emerges from her den with two tiny cubs. At the other end of the planet, winter arrives and emperor penguins are plunged into darkness for four months, enduring the coldest temperatures on the planet.</p> <p>From the Amur leopard in Russia to the birds of paradise in Papua New Guinea, no stone is left unturned to bring you the rarest and the weirdest creatures on earth.</p> <p>MON 20:00 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream (b08651j3) Episode 3</p> <p>In the final episode, Simon Sebag Montefiore follows the Habsburgs to their dramatic demise. From his struggles with Napoleon III and Bismarck, and the suicide of his son Rudolf, to the assassination of his beautiful wife Sisi, Emperor Franz Josef found his empire and family impossible to control.</p> <p>But while the Habsburgs headed for extinction, Vienna blossomed. As the theories of Freud and the sensuality of the secession artists like Klimt and Schiele ushered in the modern age, Hitler and Stalin stalked her streets. It was here that World War I was sparked and World War II was dreamed.</p> <p>MON 21:00 Rise of the Nazis (p0gc9djn) The Manhunt</p> <p>The Reckoning</p> <p>In the late 1960s, West Germany is a prosperous democracy. Kurt Kiesinger is the chancellor. But a young German woman, Beate Klarsfeld, knows that Kiesinger is a former Nazi, and she decides to tell the world by publicly slapping him in the face as he is about to make a speech at his party's annual conference.</p> <p>Beate is one of a handful of people who more than two decades after the war are determined to bring Nazis to justice for the murder of millions. Many Nazi criminals remain at large, including the notorious Auschwitz camp physician, Josef Mengele.</p> <p>MON 22:00 The Girl Who Talked to Dolphins (b046w2n8) Documentary telling the story of the most extraordinary experiment in the history of animal science. In the 1960s, a powerful and charismatic scientist flooded a house. He then invited a young woman to live there full-time with a dolphin. Their intention was the ultimate in animal research - they wanted to teach the dolphin to speak English. What happened next would change all their lives. For the first time those involved in the experiment reveal the secrets of the Dolphin House.</p>
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<p>MON 23:00 imagine... (b04pzt6g) Winter 2014</p> <p>Anselm Kiefer: Remembering the Future</p> <p>There is no-one quite like Anselm Kiefer. Having achieved fame and notoriety in equal measure in the 1980s, he has become one of the world's most singular and successful artists. Working with themes of history, memory and mythology, Kiefer produces work that is consistently controversial, and monumental in its scale and ambition.</p> <p>In this imagine... Alan Yentob joins the artist at his studios in France and Germany as he prepares for a retrospective at the Royal Academy. In a series of frank interviews set against the backdrop of his awe-inspiring studios, Kiefer discusses the impact of his most significant pieces, installs a selection of new work, and explains why he is as excited and driven by his practice now, at the age of 69, as he was when he began.</p> <p>MON 00:05 Planet Earth (b0074sf9) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]</p> <p>MON 01:05 The Girl Who Talked to Dolphins (b046w2n8) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]</p> <p>MON 02:05 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream (b08651j3) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]</p> <p>MON 03:05 Rise of the Nazis (p0gc9djn) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]</p> <p>TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>TUE 19:00 Planet Earth (b0074sg0) Mountains</p> <p>Humans like to think that once they have climbed a mountain, they have somehow conquered it. But they can only ever be visitors to this alien, frozen world. Planet Earth takes you on a tour of its mightiest ranges, beginning with the birth of a mountain at one of the lowest places on earth, and ending at the summit of Everest. Unprecedented access brings you closer than ever before to the most awe-inspiring mountain landscapes on our planet and the secretive, almost mythical creatures that inhabit them - the 'real' mountaineers.</p> <p>In Ethiopia, Planet Earth ventures into the heart of a volcano to discover one of earth's rarest phenomena - a lava lake that has been erupting for over 100 years. The same forces created Ethiopia's Simien Mountains, home to troops of gelada baboons nearly a thousand strong. In the Andes, a family of five puma struggle to survive the most unstable mountain weather on the planet.</p> <p>Experience the full force of an avalanche in the Rockies, where grizzlies survive the harsh winters deep inside the dangerous slopes. In summer, the bears climb the peaks in search of moths, which they devour by the thousand.</p> <p>Descend into the icy core of a glacier in the Alps and emerge in Pakistan, at the snout of the largest glacier on earth. This realm of giant peaks is home to the highest land predator on the planet - the snow leopard. Astounding images of a female snow leopard hunting to feed her cub are a world first.</p> <p>Enter a mountain cave in China for the first ever glimpse of a wild giant panda mother nursing her week-old baby and fly alongside demoiselle cranes as they attempt to cross the largest range on our planet, the Himalayas. The cranes, like all visitors to the hostile world of the high mountains, dare not linger.</p> <p>TUE 20:00 The Good Life (p02r4sfk) Series 3</p> <p>Whose Fleas Are These?</p> <p>It's embarrassing enough when Tom and Barbara find themselves with fleas. But how can they stop these unwanted guests from catching on with Jerry and Margo?</p> <p>TUE 20:30 Yes Minister (b036dcns) Series 3</p> <p>Skeleton in the Cupboard</p> <p>A normally efficient local council is late with some paperwork, and Sir Humphrey wants to make an example of them.</p>	<p>TUE 21:00 Billy Connolly: Big Banana Feet (m002hqvk) The long-lost film featuring Billy Connolly's 1975 Ireland tour captures 'The Big Yin' both on and off stage, providing a captivating record of the comedy legend on the cusp of international stardom.</p> <p>Featuring iconic stand-up material alongside fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpses, Big Banana Feet presents Connolly at his beguiling best, using humour and charm to successfully navigate the political tensions of 1970s Dublin and Belfast.</p> <p>TUE 22:15 Face to Face (m000rxpf) Revival</p> <p>Billy Connolly</p> <p>Jeremy Isaacs talks to Scottish comedian Billy Connolly about stand-up comedy, bodily functions and the night someone set fire to his hair.</p> <p>TUE 22:55 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland (b0bwzhy6) Series 1</p> <p>Episode 1</p> <p>In British comedy there is a line in the sand and that line is Billy Connolly. Before he found fame on an international level, British comedy was an end-of-the-pier kind of affair - but through sheer talent and force of personality, Connolly ploughed a different and deeply personal yet universal approach to comedy and in doing so he changed the face of British comedy forever.</p> <p>He has been called the Beatles and Jesus of comedy by his peers and an immature 'manure mouth' by the leader of the Scottish Zion Baptist Church. So say what you like about him but you can't deny everyone wants to know him. And that is what Made In Scotland is about - it is Billy as you have never seen him before - intimate, deeply personal and very funny.</p> <p>Weaved around personal accounts and interviews from famous faces, Billy's life is revealed in all its glory - a shaggy dog story approach to his work - and one that has turned him from Billy Connolly the welder into Billy Connolly - The Big Yin.</p> <p>Part one of two one-hour specials features Eddie Izzard, Ross Noble, Micky Flanagan, Lord Grade, Tracey Ullman, AL Kennedy, Val McDermid, Sharleen Spiteri and Eddi Reader. The film shows a true reflection of his far influence and still maintaining his unique but personal approach to comedy.</p> <p>TUE 23:55 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland (b0bwz0f) Series 1</p> <p>Episode 2</p> <p>In British comedy there is a line in the sand and that line is Billy Connolly. 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The judge, Thokozile Masipa, is a highly respected scholar who grew up in the Soweto Township as a child of Apartheid. Despite the dignity with which she attempts to conduct the trial, no-one can stop it from becoming a televised tabloid circus.</p>	<p>Early news focuses on the holes in the testimonies of witnesses who claim to have heard the gun shots and screams. But as new evidence emerges, those close to Pistorius question his maturity and temper. His singular and at times lonely existence emerges, along with details of his romantic relationships. The trial lays bare his relationship with Reeve Steenkamp, with stormy texts revealing dramatic ups and downs, dictated by Pistorius's temper.</p> <p>TUE 02:05 Face to Face (m000rxpf) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:15 today]</p> <p>TUE 02:45 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland (b0bwzhy6) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:55 today]</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>WED 19:00 Planet Earth (b0074sgj) Fresh Water</p> <p>This edition takes an epic river journey following the descent of the planet's mightiest rivers from their mountain sources to the sea. Breathtaking river scenery is revealed by a revolutionary helicopter camera mount - from the world's highest and broadest waterfalls to the awe-inspiring spectacle of the 10,000-strong flocks of greater snow geese in flight.</p> <p>We witness underwater swimming monkeys, giant salamanders - at two metres the world's largest amphibian - on the hunt in a remote mountain river of Japan, and river dolphins in the Amazon, showing off lumps of rocks to win over a mate.</p> <p>New underwater worlds are discovered - we break the ice of the world's deepest lake, Baikal in Siberia, home to the only freshwater seal and bizarre giant amphipods. We dive into the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland patrolled by caiman and piranhas.</p> <p>We also encounter dramatic showdowns between gangs of Indian otters and mugger crocodiles. In Africa, the lightning ambushes of Nile crocodiles on wildebeest are filmed for the first time at ultra-high speed.</p> <p>WED 20:00 What Are UFOs? (m002hqy7) For decades, UFOs have intrigued the world, but many scientists avoided studying them. In the United States, after highly publicised sightings of unidentified objects by US Navy pilots, UFOs are moving out of the shadows and into the light as NASA pledges to study them scientifically.</p> <p>So what does science have to say? Though some are identified as balloons, drones, weather phenomena or optical illusions, others remain mysterious. Could they be the result of secret new technology? And what would it take for alien engineers to traverse vast distances to send probes or visit Earth from other solar systems? Explore the evidence as astrophysicists and engineers use new technologies to investigate the strangest objects in our skies.</p> <p>WED 20:50 Wildlife on One (m002b26x) Gangland Lemurs</p> <p>A look at the life of ring-tailed lemurs on the African island of Madagascar, who live in female-dominated gangs and continually fight for territory with their neighbours.</p> <p>WED 21:00 Tribe (2005) (p009qzjp) Series 1</p> <p>Babongo</p> <p>The Babongo people of Gabon take powerful hallucinogens which send them on a life-threatening, three day trip. Bruce Parry undergoes the initiation and finds it has some terrifying side effects. The Babongo of Gabon used to be known, derogatively, as pygmies. They're still treated as second-class citizens by their neighbours. But their expertise and knowledge of the forests is unique and their use of Iboga, a powerful hallucinogenic which lies at the heart of Babongo culture, makes them famous throughout Gabon.</p> <p>WED 22:00 Eileen Atkins Remembers... Mrs Dalloway (m0020crz) In 1997, the film version of Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway was released in cinemas, based on a screenplay by Dame Eileen Atkins and with her friend Vanessa Redgrave playing the title role, a party-throwing socialite remembering the freedoms of her younger life.</p> <p>Here, we join Eileen Atkins looking back just as her heroine does – telling the story of her lifelong fascination with Woolf</p>
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<p>and recalling how she took on the challenge of adapting of one of the 20th century's great novels for the big screen, and ended up winning the praise of the critics of the day, who called the resulting film 'sensitive', 'delicate' and 'compelling'.</p> <p>WED 22:15 Mrs Dalloway (b0078ryg) An adaptation of the classic Virginia Woolf novel. As society hostess Clarissa Dalloway prepares for another of her legendary parties, she finds herself haunted by figures and scenes from her passionate youth.</p> <p>WED 23:50 Omnibus (m002hqy9) Virginia Woolf: A Night's Darkness, A Day's Sail</p> <p>Long-running arts documentary strand.</p> <p>WED 00:35 Planet Earth (b0074sgj) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]</p> <p>WED 01:35 What Are UFOs? (m002hqy7) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]</p> <p>WED 02:30 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland (b0bwzwof) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:55 on Tuesday]</p> <p>THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>THU 19:00 Wildlife on One (b007bz1v) Space-Age Reptile</p> <p>David Attenborough looks at how research has finally revealed the secret behind the remarkable sticking power of the gecko's foot. This discovery could offer truly futuristic ways of sticking objects together and may even help NASA to explore distant planets. Including a look at the urban-dwelling tokay gecko that happily resides alongside the citizens of Bangkok as one of the few reptiles tolerated in homes.</p> <p>THU 19:15 Planet Earth (b0074sh2) Caves</p> <p>The Cave of Swallows in Mexico is a 400-metre vertical shaft. It's deep enough to engulf the Empire State Building, yet few people even know of its existence. Caves are earth's final frontier and this programme goes where few have been before.</p> <p>Deer Cave in Borneo is a daytime retreat for five million bats; their droppings support an entire community of creatures. Shine a light on one massive pile of droppings and the whole place shimmers with millions of dung-eating insects.</p> <p>Caves also harbour some of the most remarkable and bizarre animals on earth - from cave swiftlets who build nests out of just saliva, to the troglodytic animals that never see daylight or ever set foot on the surface. Troglodytes like the Texas cave salamander and Thailand's cave angel have neither eyes nor pigment, and the entire populations of both are found in just a couple of caves.</p> <p>From Lechuguilla Cave's astonishing six-metre-long crystals, to the extraordinary snottites of Villa Luz, this documentary provides unprecedented access to the hidden world of caves.</p> <p>THU 20:15 Talking Pictures (m002hqyd) The Godfather Trilogy</p> <p>Celia Imrie explores the story behind Francis Ford Coppola's acclaimed Godfather series.</p> <p>Through interviews and insights from leading cast members Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Coppola himself, we discover how this tale of family betrayal, shocking violence and a horse's head in a bed resulted in two films that are widely considered amongst cinema's greatest achievements of the 1970s – and how the third part of the trilogy, released 16 years after Godfather II, was a less happy experience, where one leading cast member was made an offer he could, and did, refuse.</p> <p>THU 21:00 The Godfather (m000qf0f) Oscar-winning adaptation of Mario Puzo's epic bestseller. Vito Corleone heads a major Mafia 'family' in 1940s New York, an enterprise his youngest son, Michael, hopes to escape. However, violent rivalries arise over time, and as Vito ages, Michael is gradually dragged back to the heart of the business.</p> <p>THU 23:45 The Godfather Part II (m002hphf) Betrayal complicates the 'family' business for Michael Corleone</p>	<p>in the late 1950s. Decades earlier, his father Vito learns to exercise a devious influence in his New York neighbourhood.</p> <p>THU 03:00 Tribe (2005) (p009qzjp) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Wednesday]</p> <p>FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2025</p> <p>FRI 19:00 Top of the Pops (m002hqxv) Jamie Theakston presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 1 May 1998 and featuring The Mavericks, Usher, Tori Amos, Catatonia and Boyzone.</p> <p>FRI 19:30 Top of the Pops (m002hqxx) The biggest stars, iconic performances and outrageous outfits in Britain's best pop show.</p> <p>FRI 20:00 BBC Proms (m002hqxz) 2025</p> <p>Mahler's Fifth at the Proms</p> <p>The electrifying combination of young superstar Finnish conductor Klaus Mäkelä and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra brings Mahler's epic and life-affirming symphony with its famous Adagietto to the Proms. It sits alongside Berio's Rendering – an ingenious work inspired by Schubert. Presented by Alison Balsom.</p> <p>FRI 22:00 Top of the Pops (b04bdvp7) Weekly pop chart programme presented by David Jensen, with performances from Secret Affair, Dollar, Nick Lowe, The Gibson Brothers, Gary Numan, Johnny Mathis, The Stranglers and Cliff Richard, and a dance sequence by Legs & Co.</p> <p>FRI 22:40 Mary J Blige at the BBC (m001rk9k) A celebration of R&B superstar Mary J Blige that spans the highlights of her groundbreaking career and features the very best of her appearances on a selection of BBC shows.</p> <p>From the early songs of the mid-1990s right up to her acclaimed 2015 performance on Glastonbury's Pyramid Stage, this collection demonstrates why Mary has been labelled as 'the queen of hip-hop soul', featuring such hits as Just Fine, Everything and No More Drama.</p> <p>The programme also includes her collaborations with U2, George Michael and the man who once said Mary possesses 'one of the best voices you're ever going to hear', Sir Elton John.</p> <p>FRI 23:40 First Ladies of Hip-Hop (p0g4td9z) Series 1</p> <p>Episode 1</p> <p>Women in hip-hop have always had to fight for their voices to be heard, but they are integral to the billion-dollar industry hip-hop is today, and they have always been critical to the genre's story - right back to its Bronx origins in the 70s.</p> <p>This episode takes a look at the first female pioneers of the genre - from entrepreneurial Bronx teenagers like Cindy Campbell and MCs like Sha Rock, Debbie D and The Mercedes Ladies to super-producer Sylvia Robinson. Also, the first woman to record a solo rap record, Millie Jackson, the first British b-girl, Bubbles, rap duo The Cookie Crew, and Roxanne Shanté, who burst onto the scene in the 80s as the fiercest rapper in the game.</p> <p>FRI 00:40 First Ladies of Hip-Hop (p0g4tdmv) Series 1</p> <p>Episode 2</p> <p>The golden era of hip-hop was dominated by male stars, and its talented women faced a new struggle to make their voices heard as the genre exploded in popularity. With first-hand accounts from leading artists, producers and industry figures, including Roxanne Shante, Salt-N-Pepa and Monie Love, this is the story of how women found their voice and place in hip-hop.</p> <p>FRI 01:40 First Ladies of Hip-Hop (p0g4tdy8) Series 1</p> <p>Episode 3</p> <p>Hip-hop's great women pioneers have always had to struggle for recognition alongside male stars, both in Britain and in the US. But starting in the mid-90s, women have climbed to the very</p>	<p>top. Icons Eve and Rah Digga reveal their struggles to reach both artistic and commercial success, alongside all-time greats Lauryn Hill and Missy Elliott.</p> <p>After this formidable group of women, it took time for a new generation of female stars to emerge, but in Britain in the 2000s, hip-hop women took off again. Lisa Maffia, Estelle and Speech Debelles all reveal their own stories, and there's a look at the younger generation of female megastars: Nicki Minaj, Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.</p> <p>Fifty years after the first pioneers, hip-hop women have well and truly made this music their own.</p> <p>FRI 02:40 Top of the Pops (m002hqxv) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]</p> <p>FRI 03:10 Top of the Pops (m002hqxx) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]</p>
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