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SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026 SAT 19:00 Women's Test Cricket (m002z0xh) England v India 2026 Day 2 Highlights of day two of the Lord's Test match between England Women and India Women. SAT 19:45 Horizon (b076qqxh) 2016 Oceans of the Solar System The oceans define the earth. They are crucial to life and we used to think that they were unique to our blue planet. But we were wrong. It has recently been discovered that there are oceans all over our solar system, and they are very similar to our own. And now scientists are going on an epic journey in search of new life in places that never seemed possible. Nasa is even planning to dive to the depths of a strange, distant ocean in a remarkable submarine. Horizon discovers that the hunt for oceans in space is marking the dawn of a new era in the search for alien life. SAT 20:00 Life on Earth (b01qgr61) The Swarming Hordes David Attenborough looks at the role of a few of the millions of insect species, some of which have developed extremely close relationships with plants. Insects pollinate flowers and in some cases neither flower nor insect can survive without the other. SAT 21:00 The Sentinels (m002x747) Series 1 Episode 1 In 1915, soldier Gabriel Ferraud is badly injured on the front lines. He is then selected to join a top-secret army research project: the Sentinels program. With this research comes Dyxenal, a serum that creates a whole new breed of soldier. In French and German with English subtitles. SAT 21:45 The Sentinels (m002xtlz) Series 1 Episode 2 Gabriel must join the Sentinels brigade if he ever wants to be reunited with his family, who believe him dead. An attack on the secret military laboratory prompts an investigation, much to the displeasure of Colonel Mirreau, who heads the Sentinels program. In French and German with English subtitles. SAT 22:30 The Black Forest Murders (m002cfql) Series 1 A Village on the Hunt When DCI Barbara Kramer and her colleague Thomas Riedle get the message that a young woman from Buchingen has not returned home from a run, the local force and concerned villagers have already been searching for her for 17 hours. They face an uphill struggle to prevent evidence from being destroyed, a contingency which becomes more salient when a body is discovered 72 hours later. In German with English subtitles. SAT 23:15 The Black Forest Murders (m002cfrd) Series 1 Task Force Sunday Despite the team working many hours of overtime on the Berghoff case, there are still few leads to follow. The forensic team is able to isolate the DNA of an unknown male, but the databases do not provide a match. The discovery of a second body less than 20 miles away leads the team to believe a serial killer is at work. In German with English subtitles SAT 00:00 Keeping Up Appearances (b007b6my)	Series 3 How to Go on Holiday without Really Trying Sitcom about Hyacinth Bucket, an obsessive snob, and her embarrassing family. Hyacinth makes some very expensive holiday plans before dashing off to fulfil her voluntary church cleaning duties with the Ladies' Guild. SAT 00:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007b9jg) Series 2 Who Will Buy? Unexpected visitors drop in and mistakenly suspect Victor of killing an elderly blind man. A concert gives Victor the chance to use his ventriloquist's dummy. SAT 01:00 The Last Battle of the Vikings (b01p9fwg) Nowhere in the British Isles was the Viking connection longer-lasting or deeper than in Scotland. Hundreds of years after their first hit-and-run raids, the Norsemen still dominated huge swathes of the country. But storm clouds were gathering. In 1263 the Norwegian king Haakon IV assembled a fleet of 120 longships to counter Scottish raids on the Norse Hebrides. It was a force comparable in size to the Spanish Armada over three centuries later. But like the Armada, the Norse fleet was eventually defeated by a powerful storm. Driven ashore near present-day Largs, the beleaguered Norsemen were attacked by a Scottish army. The outcome of this vicious encounter would mark the beginning of the end of Norse power in Scotland. Marine archaeologist Dr Jon Henderson tells the incredible story of the Norsemen in Scotland. Visiting fascinating archaeological sites across Scotland and Norway, he reveals that, although the battle at Largs marked the end of an era for the Norsemen, their presence continued to shape the identity and culture of the Scottish nation to the present day. SAT 02:00 Life on Earth (b01qgr61) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] SAT 02:55 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj4g) Series 15 Denham to Swindon Beginning at London Marylebone, the last great Victorian railway terminus to be built in the capital, Michael Portillo embarks on a postwar exploration of Britain's southern counties. He travels to Denham in Buckinghamshire, where engineers are constructing a striking new viaduct, High Wycombe, a historic centre of furniture-making thanks to its abundant of beechwood forest, and Oxford, where he discovers the postwar origins of the charity shop. In the Wiltshire countryside, Michael meets the head of the Soil Association and some of her saddleback piglets to hear how the organic movement was founded after the Second World War in reaction to the intensification of farming. SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026 SUN 19:00 Women's Test Cricket (m002z0y1) England v India 2026 Day 3 Highlights of day three of the Lord's Test match between England Women and India Women. SUN 19:45 BBC Proms (b07rkvp4) 2016 BBC Proms Encores: Schubert's Rondo From the 2016 BBC Proms, Martha Argerich performs Schubert's Rondo in A. SUN 20:00 Summer Night Concert from Vienna (m002z0y3) 2026 The Vienna Philharmonic once again take up residency at the Schönbrunn Palace to bring us their annual Summer Night Concert. Set in the picturesque gardens, this concert is a staple of the classical music calendar. For the first time, the orchestra welcomes rising star Lorenzo Viotti as guest conductor – one of the most exciting young	conductors on the scene. Joining them for this special evening is Welsh bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel, whose relationship with the orchestra spans many decades. He brings us arias from Verdi's Falstaff, Wagner's Das Rheingold along with Tevye's song from the musical Fiddler on the Roof. Projected onto the façade of the Schönbrunn Palace, dancers from the Vienna State Ballet join the orchestra to bring the story of Daphnis and Chloë to life through the power of Ravel's music. With music from the worlds of opera, musicals and ballet, together with symphonic works, this concert is a joyous musical summer treat. SUN 21:30 The Lark Ascending (b019c9t9) Dame Diana Rigg explores the enduring popularity of The Lark Ascending by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, which was recently voted Britain's favourite piece of classical music by listeners to Desert Island Discs on BBC Radio 4. Composed at a key turning point in world history, The Lark Ascending represents music for all occasions. It is used in rites of passage such as births, deaths and marriages, and is a favourite for film-makers looking to create that quintessential English pastoral feel. Fans of the work include actor Peter Sallis, who wants a copy of The Lark Ascending to be buried with him, top violinist Tasmin Little, who has played the piece as part of the BBC Proms, and music critic Michael Kennedy, who was a personal friend of Vaughan Williams. The programme includes a beautiful new performance of the work in the same village hall where it was heard for the first time in December 1920. The Lark Ascending is performed by 15-year-old violin prodigy Julia Hwang and pianist Charles Matthews, using the original arrangement for violin and piano. SUN 22:00 Letters from Baghdad (b095vnm7) The extraordinary and dramatic story of Gertrude Bell, the most powerful woman in the British Empire in her day. She shaped the modern Middle East after World War I in ways that still reverberate today. More influential than her friend and colleague Lawrence of Arabia, Bell helped draw the borders of Iraq and established the Iraq Museum. Using never-seen-before footage of the region, the film chronicles Bell's extraordinary journey into both the uncharted Arabian desert and the inner sanctum of British male colonial power. With unique access to documents from the Iraq National Library and Archive and Gertrude Bell's own 1,600 letters, the story is told entirely in the words of the players of the day, excerpted verbatim from intimate letters, private diaries and secret communiques. It is a unique look at both a remarkable woman and the tangled history of Iraq. SUN 23:25 The Man Who Discovered Egypt (b01f13f4) Documentary about English Egyptologist Flinders Petrie, the pioneer of systematic methodology in archaeology. Ancient Egypt was vandalised by tomb raiders and treasure hunters until this Victorian adventurer took them on. Most people have never heard of him, but this maverick undertook a scientific survey of the pyramids, discovered the oldest portraits in the world, unearthed Egypt's prehistoric roots - and in the process invented modern field archaeology, giving meaning to a whole civilisation. SUN 00:25 Summer Night Concert from Vienna (m002z0y3) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] SUN 01:55 The Lark Ascending (b019c9t9) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:30 today] SUN 02:25 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj3q) Series 15 Chippenham to Yeovil Michael Portillo joins Navy Wings pilots for a spectacular close formation flight in the skies over Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton. He also visits the magnificent Elizabethan mansion of Longleat, seat of the Marquesses of Bath, to find out about the estate's remarkable survival after the Second World War. At Chippenham in Wiltshire, Michael pays a call on a signalling manufacturer that has been at the heart of British railway projects for decades and has a go on the centre's simulator, driving the Elizabeth Line train to Paddington. SUN 02:55 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj4j) Series 15
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Swanage to Portchester Michael Portillo reaches England's south coast to continue his exploration of postwar Britain. He begins in Dorset on the Swanage Railway, riding a glorious 1940s steam locomotive on the trail of one of Britain's most popular children's authors, Enid Blyton. In Poole, Michael discovers an icon of the Swinging Sixties – the lava lamp, invented in the town by an eccentric accountant. At Romsey, Michael heads to the magnificent Broadlands Estate, once home of Louis Mountbatten, first Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Michael's last stop on this leg of the journey is Portchester, on the northern edge of Portsmouth Harbour, where he visits a factory manufacturing a marine craft pioneered in the 1950s – the hovercraft. MONDAY 13 JULY 2026 MON 19:00 Women's Test Cricket (m002z0xs) England v India 2026 Day 4 Highlights of day four of the Lord's Test match between England Women and India Women. MON 19:45 Wild (b00jd9yx) Scotland Otters, Puffins and Seals Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan explores his native Mull and some of the nearby islands, filming otters, deer, puffins, seals and a minke whale. MON 20:00 Treasures of Ancient Greece (b05q11sf) The Age of Heroes Alastair Sooke explores the surprising roots of Greek art, beginning his journey in Crete at the palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur. He travels to Santorini to the 'Greek Pompeii' and finds gold in the fabled stronghold of Mycenae and dazzling remains from Greece's Dark Ages. Alastair discovers the beginnings of a defining spirit in Greek art, embracing mythology, a passion for symmetry and an obsession with the human body. MON 21:00 Andy Warhol's America (p0b5mswc) Series 1 Life after Death The final episode sees a much more cautious Warhol: a man obsessed with money and security as he reflects on the upper echelons of American society, drag queens and racism. MON 22:00 The Sky at Night (m002z0xw) The Aliens Next Door? Could alien life exist closer than we think - perhaps right next door? A paper published in 2025 suggested that strange markings discovered on Mars could provide some of the strongest evidence yet that life once existed on the Red Planet. The Sky at Night team travels across Great Britain to investigate this and other evidence that suggests the search for life beyond Earth may lie within our own solar system. Off the east coast of Scotland, Chris Lintott meets Dr Claire Cousins, who explains the fundamental conditions needed for life. She then turns to the ground beneath their feet, where the red rocks along the North Berwick coastline are marked with patterns similar to those seen on Mars. To find out more about how these markings could have formed here - and possibly on Mars - Chris heads to Edinburgh, where Dr Sean McMahon is investigating whether similar patterns can be recreated in the lab. Meanwhile, in Cardiff, George Dransfield speaks with Professor Jane Greaves, whose paper on the detection of phosphine in the clouds of Venus six years ago caused a stir. Did the phosphine truly exist, and could it point to life? Ongoing research is continuing to build the case for unusual chemistry - and possibly life - on our closest planetary neighbour. Further out in the solar system, the icy moons of Jupiter and Saturn offer another compelling possibility. Maggie Aderin-Pocock is in Milton Keynes to meet Dr Mark Fox-Powell, whose team are recreating these freezing conditions in the lab to understand how chemistry behaves there. Their work is helping	identify what future missions to these icy worlds should look for as potential signs of life, and has even led to the discovery of a new mineral that can only form in such extreme environments. Across Mars, Venus and the icy moons, one theme emerges: life may not require Earth-like conditions in the way we once assumed. Instead, it could thrive in unexpected environments. Finally, Pete Lawrence rounds off the programme with a tour of the summer night sky, and we are reminded of how vast our galaxy is and how small our place within it really is. So, are we alone? The search continues - right here on our cosmic doorstep. MON 22:30 American Visions (p00g6wh8) The Age of Anxiety Robert Hughes focuses on work that responded to the Vietnam War and civil strife. He traces the development of minimalism and ends up on top of an extinct volcano. MON 23:30 Stolen: Catching the Art Thieves (m001cbqm) Series 1 Stockholm This episode looks at the theft of a self-portrait of Rembrandt in a brutal robbery in Stockholm and hears from the investigators leading a complex hunt from Russian organised crime to America. The investigation takes a surprising twist involving charismatic FBI agents operating in Hollywood. MON 00:30 Treasures of Ancient Greece (b05q11sf) [Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today] MON 01:30 The Man Who Discovered Egypt (b01f13f4) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:25 on Sunday] MON 02:30 Andy Warhol's America (p0b5mswc) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today] TUESDAY 14 JULY 2026 TUE 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj3j) Series 15 Havant to Guildford Michael Portillo reaches Havant, a town that rapidly expanded after the Second World War and attracted new manufacturing, including a factory making a new and exciting toy – Scalextric. Further north, at Rowlands Castle, Michael visits Britain's oldest commercial vineyard, Hambledon, established in 1952. Crossing the county border into Surrey, Michael heads to Haslemere, the surprise birthplace of a musical phenomenon – the plastic recorder. And the last stop on this leg of Michael's journey is Guildford, where he discovers a cutting-edge facility at the forefront of the British space industry. TUE 19:30 Canal Boat Diaries (m0015f96) Series 3 Dowley Gap to Ferrybridge Jump on board with narrowboater Robbie Cumming as he explores the Victorian village of Saltaire in West Yorkshire on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, moors up in Leeds Dock, and goes in search of an abandoned waterway on the Aire and Calder Navigation. TUE 20:00 Remembers... (m001tvd) Penelope Keith Remembers... To the Manor Born Penelope Keith casts an affectionate eye back on the much-loved sitcom To the Manor Born and her role as upper-class Audrey forbes-Hamilton, who finds herself down on her luck and forced to change her circumstances and home after the death of her husband. Penelope tells the story behind how the comedy came into being, what it was like working with fellow cast members Angela Thorne and Peter Bowles, and the challenges she faced taking on a new role after the huge success she'd enjoyed playing Margo in The Good Life. TUE 20:15 To the Manor Born (b00786vg)	Series 1 A Touch of Class Stately sitcom. When DeVere decides to film a commercial at the manor, Audrey thinks the world should know the truth about him - and about her. TUE 20:45 The Good Life (b00781x8) Series 2 Just My Bill Tom finds marketing his garden produce more difficult than he thought, especially when the rates are due. TUE 21:15 Hay Fever (p00zy291) The members of the bohemian Bliss family each, independently, invite a guest up for a very chaotic weekend. Play by Noel Coward. TUE 22:45 Corridors of Power: Should America Police the World? (m0020xwy) Series 1 Iraq – For Every Insect There Is an Insecticide After the Islamic revolution and the capture of 50 American hostages, Iran became a bitter enemy of the United States. To counterbalance Iranian influence in the region, the White House turned to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. US support for Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war ignored massacres, such as widespread use of chemical weapons against both the Iranians and the Kurdish ethnic minority in Iraq, as Washington maintained its close relationship with Baghdad. But with the end of the Cold War, Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait turned his American ally into an enemy. Would the US now intervene to help the Kurds? TUE 23:45 Corridors of Power: Should America Police the World? (m0020xwz) Series 1 Bosnia – Our Soldiers Are Not Toy Soldiers After the fall of the Berlin Wall, President George HW Bush declared the age of a new world order, where the 'rule of law supplants the rule of the jungle'. For a new generation of leaders, the west's victory came with a responsibility – to use force to make the world a better place. Bosnia was their first test. Communism had held the disparate ethnic communities in the Balkans together as Yugoslavia, but following the seismic political changes in eastern Europe, the country deteriorated into a series of bloody wars. Should the incoming young President Bill Clinton and the then US ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright use force to save innocent civilians from a genocide whose brutality and horror was being captured on the home movie cameras of its perpetrators? TUE 00:40 American Visions (p00g6wh8) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 on Monday] TUE 01:40 Letters from Baghdad (b095vnm7) [Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Sunday] TUE 03:10 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj3j) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026 WED 19:00 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xj6f) Series 15 Wokingham to Heathrow Michael begins the final leg of his journey at the Transport Research Laboratory in Wokingham, where they have been keeping Britain's roads safe for 90 years. From Reading, Michael boards a new Elizabeth Line train to Southall, where he visits the largest gurdwara outside India. Continuing on the Elizabeth Line to Heathrow Airport, Michael hears how it began as a private aerodrome. He is given special access to an enormous concrete box beneath Terminal 5, takes an eerie walk around the mothballed Terminal 1 building and ends his tour atop the iconic 87.5 metre control tower. WED 19:30 Canal Boat Diaries (m0015fbq) Series 3
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Knottingley to Ripon The real side of boating with Robbie Cumming. On the last leg of his epic journey across the north of England, Robbie tackles the fast-flowing River Ouse and is forced to make an emergency stop. His destination is Ripon Basin at the outer reaches of our inland waterways. WED 20:00 Mysterious Origins of Insects (m001zhxz) Insects are vital to life on our planet, yet almost 40 per cent of known species are in danger of extinction. This film explores the eye-opening realm of these creatures to better understand how they evolved. Travelling from the rain forests of French Guiana to the Arctic Ocean, scientists are using traditional and cutting-edge techniques to examine both modern insects and the fossil record in their search for a single, common insect ancestor. WED 21:00 The Nazis: A Warning from History (b0074kr5) Fighting to the End After the Battle of Stalingrad in the autumn of 1942 and the winter of 1943, the German people experienced nothing but disaster. So why, when the war seemed lost, did the Nazis fight on? This programme examines why Germany had to suffer so much, and in her suffering inflict destruction on countless others. Between July 1944 and May 1945, more Germans would perish than in the previous four years of the war put together. The film shows how fear and hatred of Bolshevism drove many Germans to fight to the bitter end. The extent to which Germany had also become a dramatically racist country also played a part. A former member of the Hitler Youth reveals why he approved of the brutal treatment of Polish forced workers in Germany, and a former slave worker at the IG Farben concentration camp at Auschwitz tells his dramatic story. Germans who lived in the former eastern bloc also talk openly about the whirlwind of death and destruction unleashed by the collapse of the Nazi regime. Their stories include a dramatic eyewitness account of when more than 900 inhabitants of a German village committed suicide by drowning rather than risk facing the occupying Soviet army. WED 21:50 Afoot Again in the Past (m002z0z2) Castle Leslie Lucinda Lambton investigates the history of Castle Leslie in Ireland. WED 22:00 Our Friends in the North (p00yh54y) Series 1 1987 On the night of the 1987 hurricane, Nicky leaves Mary. Tosker and Elaine, broken by the stock market crash, find comfort in each other. WED 23:15 Our Friends in the North (p00yh6r5) Series 1 1995 1995: Nicky goes back to his roots and to Mary. Geordie has become an alcoholic, and Tosker realises his dream of a floating nightclub. 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In Glasgow, Michael rides the 'Clockwork Orange', the third oldest underground rail system in the world, to Govan and the shipyards of the River Clyde. And at Kelvinbridge, Michael hears how the chicken tikka masala was created for the Glaswegian palate by an immigrant chef from Lahore. THU 19:30 Pubs, Ponds and Power: The Story of the Village (b0bsrqbz) Series 1 South West Archaeologist Ben Robinson explores the Cornish fishing village of Port Isaac. Behind the quaint facade lies something far more gritty - a place where people exploited a range of natural resources, on land and at sea, to make a living and find profits far beyond Britain's shores. THU 20:00 Eiffel Tower: Building the Impossible (m002114j) A majestic presence, towering over Paris for more than 130 years, the Eiffel Tower is an iconic symbol of 19th-century progress and grandeur. When it was built for the 1889 Paris world's fair, its creator, Gustave Eiffel, was at the height of his fame and ready to take on the dream of every engineer and architect - to build the world's tallest man-made structure. He had just two years, two months and five days to erect his 300-metre iron colossus. Drawing on three decades of civil engineering innovation and works across the globe, Eiffel, a magician of iron building, was perfectly poised for this extraordinary feat. THU 21:00 Arena (m002z0zd) Kim Novak's Vertigo An intimate portrait of a fiercely independent Hollywood star who left it all behind to live life on her own terms, revealing a haunting, resilient journey of art, identity and authenticity in the shadow of one of cinema's most iconic roles. THU 22:15 Vertigo (b0077dty) Suddenly dangerously disorientated by heights, detective John Ferguson resigns from the San Francisco police and is reluctant when asked by an old college friend to trail the man's wife, Madeleine, whose behaviour is causing concern. But John gradually becomes obsessed with the troubled woman and increasingly intervenes in her life. Classic Hitchcock psychological thriller. THU 00:20 Hitchcock at the NFT (m00226pd) First broadcast in 1969. In his 70th year, Alfred Hitchcock came to the National Film Theatre in London to talk to fellow director Bryan Forbes and to answer questions from an audience of film enthusiasts. With scenes from Blackmail (1929), The Lady Vanishes (1938), Psycho (1960), The Birds (1963) and Torn Curtain (1966). THU 01:15 Arena (m002z0zd) [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today] THU 02:30 Great British Railway Journeys (m001xr4m) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today] FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026 FRI 19:00 Top of the Pops (m002z0xx) Jayne Middlemiss presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 4 January 2000 and featuring Britney Spears, Mint Royale feat Lauren Laverne, Lyte Funky Ones, Andreas Johnson, DJ Luck & MC Neat, REM, Daphne & Celeste and Gabrielle.	FRI 19:30 Top of the Pops (m002z0xz) Jayne Middlemiss presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 11 February 2000 and featuring Andreas Johnson, Fierce, Siscqó, The Tamperer feat Maya, Sash!, Britney Spears, Oasis and Gabrielle. FRI 20:00 Top of the Pops (m0003m0j) Peter Powell and Simon Bates present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 16 July 1987 and featuring Bananarama, Bruce Willis, Hue and Cry, Kenny G, Mel and Kim, Los Lobos, The Cure, Boogie Box High, Freddie McGregor, Pet Shop Boys and Madonna. FRI 20:30 Top of the Pops (m000rpmn) Mark Goodier presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 19 July 1990 and featuring Paul Young, Inspiral Carpets and Dream Warriors. FRI 21:00 The Old Grey Whistle Test (m00116fq) Linda Ronstadt Bob Harris introduces Linda Ronstadt in concert at the New Victoria Theatre, London, in 1976. FRI 21:50 Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice (m001jppc) Musical biography of Linda Ronstadt, one of the most successful and versatile female singers of the 20th century - and one of the most successful recording artists of all time. It tells Linda's story through her own words and music, and by such professional colleagues as Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Aaron Neville and many more. FRI 23:25 Sisters in Country: Dolly, Linda and Emmylou (b081sx50) Documentary which explores how Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris's careers took off in the 1970s with very distinct takes on country before they ended up uniting as close harmony singers and eventually collaborated on 1987's four-million-selling debut album, Trio. In the 60s, country music was viewed by most of America as blue collar, and Dolly was country through and through. Linda Ronstadt's take on classic country helped make her the biggest female star in mid-70s America. Folkie Emmylou learned about country from mentor Gram Parsons and, after his death in 1973, she became a bandleader in her own right. It was Emmylou and Linda - the two west coast folk rockers - who voiced their mutual appreciation of Dolly, the mountain girl singer from Tennessee, when they became early students of her work. The artists talk about uniting as harmony singers and eventually collaborating on their debut album, Trio. The album helped launch the mountain music revival that would peak with the soundtrack to O Brother, Where Art Thou? In 2012, Linda Ronstadt was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which left her unable to sing, but 2016 saw unreleased songs from their sessions compiled to create a third Trio album. This is the story of how their alliance made them pioneers in bringing different music worlds together and raising the game for women in the country tradition. Contributors: Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Rodney Crowell, George Lucas, Peter Asher, Chris Hillman, Laura Cantrell, Robert K Oermann, John Boylan, Phil Kaufman, David Lindley, Albert Lee, Herb Pedersen, George Massenberg and Applewood Road. 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