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Editor Avid, Premiere

Documentary

First Contact

2 x 60 min Documentary

A breakthrough Netflix series exploring the natural history of alien worlds. How would life evolve and what would it look like in other star systems? Dramatic CGI from award-winning VFX house DNeg sketches how life could take shape on exoplanets, while state-of-the-art cinematography tells the story of scientists making unlocking clues to alien life here on earth.

Wall to Wall

Netflix

Natural World: Meerkats - Secrets of an Animal Superstar with David Attenborough

60 min Documentary

Perennial charmers the Meerkats are re-explored in an anniversary tribute, 20 years after they first appeared on the BBC. Their brutal social structure, complex vocalisation and bizarre snake and scorpion diet is showcased with state-of-the-art camera work.

Oxford Scientific Films

BBC2

From Cubs to Kings

58 min Documentary

Two lion cubs are rescued from a resort in Spain and flown back to Africa. Desperately malnourished and suffering numerous health problems we follow their brave struggle back to health in their native habitat.

Kingdom Films

Terra Mater
Factual

The Lion Ranger

48 min Documentary

The story of Kevin Richardson, a conservationist who runs a lion reserve in South Africa. Filmed over a year on location, we follow Kevin as he introduces two new young males to the pride, and searches for crucial funds.

Renegade

National
Geographic

Baboon Woman

48 min Documentary

Karin Saks doesn't live with a human family. She shares her life on a remote farm in South Africa with a group of orphaned baboons who know her as their mother. A study of animal intimacy, violence and family as Karin prepares them for release.

Firecracker Films

Channel 5

Stranger Among Bears

2 x 24 min Documentary

For the last 20 summers Charlie Vandergaw has hosted dozens of wild grizzly bears in his remote Alaskan cabin. Armed only with his walking stick he hand feeds bears he's known since they were cubs. But his role is unwelcome by the authorities and as autumn draws in Charlie is faced with the sad truth that this season may be the last he can share with them.

Firecracker Films

Animal Planet

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Extraordinary Animals: Ravens & Crows, Dolphins, Dogs Blink TV Channel 5
3 x 26 min Documentary
Following the work of top international scientists investigating animal intelligence. Tool making corvids, dolphins on the verge of communicating complex sentences and dogs who process scent signals to help solve problems.

How the Universe Works: Venus Pioneer Productions Discovery
48 min Documentary
Billions of years ago Venus occupied the Goldilocks Position - the place now held by Earth, just the right distance from the Sun to support life. But now Venus is burning hot and it's atmosphere toxic. What happened to this once blue planet?

How the Earth Was Made: NYC Pioneer Productions History Channel
45 min Documentary
The story of the mighty geology beneath New York City, an area forged by prehistoric volcanoes, mile-high glaciers and cataclysmic floods. Told by leading US geologists and illuminated by breath-taking CGI reconstructions.

Megastructures: Queen Mary II Darlow Smithson Discovery
48 min Documentary
Cameras follow the awesome 18 month construction of the ocean liner 'Queen Mary II'. It's monstrous hull build, it's mind-bending fit-out and epic launch.

Naked Science: Volcanoes Pioneer Productions National Geographic
48 min Documentary
For millennia volcanoes have been impossible to predict. But now scientists are getting close. On location on Mt Etna, Mt St Helens and Kilauea in Hawaii, the world's top volcanologist explain how they are finally uncovering the mysteries of the sleeping giant.

Adventure & Expedition / World

The Equator from the Air: Africa Dragonfly TV BBC 2
60 min Documentary
Prime time documentary following natural history cameraman Gordon Buchanan as he takes his camera on an airborne journey across the worlds equator looking at the people, animals and places along the planet's 24,000 mile centerline. He follows elephant migration in Kenya, refugees in Uganda and a drone study of whales in Gabon.

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Editor Avid, Premiere**From Russia to Iran**

October Films

Channel 4

47 min Documentary

Levison Wood hitchhikes 2500 miles through the badlands of the Caucasus Mountains. Trailed by police, and passing through forgotten war zones, he meets an array of extraordinary characters, from gold-toothed wolf hunters and reclusive monks to mothers of ISIS fighters and an Iranian biker gang.

States of Undress: Congo

Vice

Viceland / HBO

43 min Documentary

Each year, despite political turmoil and local skirmishes Congolese designers produce their own fashion week. Hailey Gates goes on a journey through the DRC looking at African body image, dance crazes and evangelical exorcisms. Presented by Hailey Gates.

Walking the Amazon

Ginger Productions

Channel 5

120 min Documentary

Discovery US

In the summer of 2010 Ed Stafford emerged from the banks of the Amazon after a 859 day odyssey walking its entire length. Cut from 170 hours of self-shot footage Stafford recounts his extraordinary adventure.

Egypt From Above

Windfall Films

Nat Geo

44 min Documentary

From the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza and the ancient ruins of Karnak, to the terra-formed coastline of the El Gouna resort and the vast construction site of the nation's new capital, Egypt is explored and reframed using the latest 4K aerial photography.

World's Toughest Drive

Raw TV

Discovery

44 min Documentary

A maverick English explorer and his best friend, an ex-Formula 1 racing engineer, chase down the Antarctic overland speed record in a customised 4x4. A feat of endurance, courage and mechanical ingenuity.

Sex in the Strangest Places: Russia

True Vision

BBC3

60 min Documentary

Growing numbers of Russian women are turning to the sex industry to make a living. For many it is a dangerous trap, but for a younger generation of elite escorts work provides excitement, security and even financial independence. Presented by Stacey Dooley.

Unreported World: Kabul's Kidnap Gangs

Quicksilver Media

Channel 4

24 min Documentary

Despite international security presence in the Afghanistan capital gangs still kidnap children of local families for ransom. A senior police detective heads up a squad tasked with finding them amid corruption and a public often too scared to cooperate. Reporter Rania Abouzeid.

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Editor Avid, Premiere**Unreported World: Carnival Wars**

Quicksilver Media

Channel 4

24 min Documentary

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's is openly homophobic and since he took power anti-LGBTQ violence has spiked. Despite the pressure the country's gay community is fighting back. As carnival season heats up in Sao Paulo, a lesbian rapper and mother of two is taking her message to the streets. Reporter – Seyi Rhodes.

Unreported World: Cuba, Basketball and Betrayal

Quicksilver

Channel 4

24 min Documentary

In July 2012 half the Cuban basketball team defected while on tour in Puerto Rico. The players that stayed get by on just \$20 a month. As Cuba comes to terms with a post-Castro future how long will the country hold on to it's sporting icons? Reporter – Ade Adepitan.

Africa Investigates: Kenya's Death Squads

Insight TWI

Al Jazeera

48 min Documentary

Kenya's black-ops police squads hunt and execute suspects often without charge or trial. Secret cameras pry into the toughest neighbourhoods of Nairobi and Mombasa, following stories behind police abductions, and a family desperate for justice after their son dies in custody.

Africa Investigates: Stealing Lives

Insight TWI

Al Jazeera

Zimbabwe's HIV drugs – provided almost for free by the international community – are being sold into the black market. The film follows the supply chain from the hospitals and pharmacies all the way onto the street, exposing a corrupt system that is hobbling a nation's chances of beating AIDS.

Feature Documentary

Arctic Drift: A Year On the Ice

Wild Blue Media

In post-production

120 min Feature Documentary

Following a team of brave scientists on the most ambitious climate research expedition to date, 'Arctic Drift' is a breathtaking two hour documentary filmed over an entire year of exploration in the North Pole.

Cape Flat Smile

Independent

In post-production

90 min Documentary

In the poor suburbs of Cape Town many coloured people proudly sport a dental modification they call the 'passion gap'. Six of the top front teeth are removed surgically. The teeth are most often healthy and the practice is entirely voluntary. The story follows coloured people, men and women, young and old who've been on this journey and live with the consequences. It's the story of a community and a city and in particular one young woman, Kelly, a young mother of two, who faces the expectations of her peers then commits to receiving the Cape Flat Smile.

Co-directed by novelist Jason Donald and photographer Matt Portman

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Independent

Theatrical release

Open Bethlehem

92 min Documentary, Co Editor

'Palestinian director Leila Sansour has made a fierce, poignant film about her family and her hometown of Bethlehem, now in Palestinian territory but progressively stifled by the Israeli government's anti-terrorist barrier. Sansour comes to with a bold plan in mind: her Open Bethlehem campaign - an attempt to marshal a rainbow coalition of prominent international Christians, Muslims and Jews to persuade Israel's government to open up Jesus' birthplace...' - Peter Bradshaw, Guardian

Director: Leila Sansour

Wanderlust Empire

Wanderlust Films

In post-production

120 min Documentary

In 1973 two maverick entrepreneurs left Australia and came to London. They bought a vintage double decker bus for £300 and drove a handful of backpackers 12,000 miles overland to Kathmandu. By the late 70s the pair had a fleet of 80 old vehicles and their legendary trips bore witness to some of the world's most devastating geopolitical events - all documented in genuine super 8. 40 years later a crew of young Aussies takes on the epic trip again.

Drama / History / Archive Documentary

Killers of the Cosmos

Wall to Wall

Science Channel

60 min Drama Documentary

Aidan Gillen hunts down existential threats to humanity in a specialist factual series with a graphic novel-like twist.

How to Rob a Bank

Antenna Pictures

Vice

44 min Drama Documentary

A disgraced lawyer turned heroin addict begins a string of bank robberies, armed only with hand-written notes and a baseball cap.

Dispatches Special: Siege in the Sahara

Nutopia

Channel 4

45 min Drama Documentary

In January 2013 Islamic jihadists attacked the In Amenas gas plant in eastern Algeria and took over 40 international hostages. The Algerian army responded with a botched rescue that killed 25 hostages. The British government had access to real time drone surveillance, but did nothing. Five of the hostages rebuild a personal account of their abandonment.

Directed by Bruce Goodison.

The Killer Beside Me

October Films

Discovery ID

43 min Drama Documentary

A young graduate befriends a new workmate, a shy loner. She reaches out to help him, but he becomes besotted by her. Management ignored her requests for help, and the dark tale escalates into obsession and violence.

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No Man Left Behind: DEA

Raw TV

Nat Geo

48 min Drama Documentary

A pair of DEA agents on assignment in Colombia suspect their hotel is harbouring fugitive drug runners. They abandon their mission, but before they escape the gang raid their room and drag them, helpless into the jungle to be executed. 30 years later the veterans reunite and relive their tale of survival. Dir Neil Rawles.

Locked Up Abroad: Las Vegas

Raw TV

Nat Geo

48 min Drama Documentary

Channel 5

In 1980 a low-ranking crew of Chicago outfit gangsters shot to notoriety after a string of daring and flamboyant robberies. Dubbed the 'Hole in the Wall' gang they were surveilled by the FBI in a cat-and-mouse game that was at once sublime and ridiculous. Brutal, intimate, and darkly funny, this film reveals the oddball bond between cops and robbers.

Dangerous Persuasions: Susan Hamlin

Raw TV

Discovery ID

48 min Drama Documentary

A Sacramento woman is drugged and brainwashed by her husband into believing she is a member of a satanic cult. Trapped in an ever-expanding dream-world she eventually confesses to a series of heinous crimes she never committed.

True Stories: The Hunt for Red October

Blink Films

Channel 5

48 min Drama Documentary

The real story behind the events in the Hollywood movie. The Soviet Navy chases down the frigate Storozhevoy, after a mutiny by a political officer bent on sparking a second communist revolution. Retold by the soviet naval captain who managed to stop him.

Locked Up Abroad: Ecuador

Raw TV

Nat Geo

48 min Drama Documentary, Co-editor

Channel 5

The survival story of an Irish woman who spends six years in an Ecuadorian prison after being wrongly convicted of trafficking cocaine.

Locked Up Abroad: Panama

Raw TV

Nat Geo

48 min Drama Documentary

Channel 5

Two young backpackers venture into the Darien Gap, the notorious drug trafficking corridor between Panama and Colombia. Captured by FARC guerrillas they endure a nine-month jungle ordeal before making a daring escape.

Locked Up Abroad: Japan

Raw TV

Nat Geo

48 min Drama Documentary

Channel 5

An American traveller takes a gamble mulling hash from Nepal into Japan. Within a year his operation has earned him half a million dollars. During the trip he vows will be his last his luck runs out and he winds up in Japan's strictest prison.

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Stranger Than Fiction: Back from the Dead

Wall to Wall

Nat Geo

47 min Documentary

A man trapped under ice for 30 minutes; a girl hit in her SUV by a truck; a woman under anesthetic during brain surgery – all brought back to life from clinical death states. Painstakingly reconstructed and relived by the victims and the doctors who saved them.

Phil Spector's Demons

Darlow Smithson

Channel 4

48 min Documentary

First-hand testimony stripping away the myths surrounding this troubled musical genius. Fellow superstars track his meteoric rise to fame and bizarre turn of fortune that ended gruesomely in his blood-soaked LA mansion.

Hollywood Rebels

Raw TV

CNN

46 min Documentary

A social history charting sexuality in Hollywood. Featuring the brave and fabulous lives of Mae West, Billy Haines, Marilyn Monroe and Rock Hudson.

Drugs, Inc: Meth

Wall to Wall

Nat Geo

47 min Documentary

Riding shotgun with police and DEA officers this film follows the supply chain of the drug that is tearing the white, Christian communities apart. From the 'smurfers' gathering codeine tablets from local drug stores, home meth labs and the religious support groups trying to piece broken lives back together. Real users, real busts, real time.

Current Affairs

Children of Grenfell

Newsnight

BBC2

12 min Current Affairs

In the chaos of the Grenfell tower disaster local community groups threw open their doors and shouldered the relief effort the local council and central government failed to provide. One year after the tragedy Newsnight follows the stories of children being helped by the Rugby Portobello Trust, a youth center 300 yards from the tower.

Dispatches: Crash - How the Banks Went Bust

Wall to Wall

Channel 4

45 min Documentary

Economist and author Will Hutton gives the definitive insider's account of what went wrong. Talking to the key players in government, Wall Street and the City, Hutton unveils the true extent of greed, ambition and reckless risk-taking that is now carrying the economy into the worst recession for a century.



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Factual Entertainment

Time Crashers

45 min Factual Entertainment

Tony Robinson hosts ten celebrities journeying through British history, grappling with the daily toil and danger of ordinary life in six iconic ages.

Wall to Wall

Channel 4

Spy

44 min Factual Entertainment

10 ordinary young people are trained in the art of covert intelligence by ex MI6 operatives. They are given real life assignments and tracked by secret cameras in real time.

Wall to Wall

Channel 4