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## Documentary

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### The King of Beers

Zeppers Film &amp; TV

VPRO

54 min Documentary

The dramatic David and Goliath story of John Christian Kavakure, the Belgian brewer who challenges the dominance of Heineken in his original homeland of Burundi.

Directors: Thomas Blom, Misha Wessel

### Free at Last: The Secrets of Apartheid

Storyscope

ARTE/SABC/VPRO/ZDF

3x54 min Documentary

The moving stories of both victims and perpetrators reveal the true story of Apartheid.

Producer: Xoliswa Sithole, Directors: Thomas Blom, Misha Wessel

### The Days That Shook The BBC - Ep 3: "Whose BBC?"

ClearStory Prods

BBC

60 min Documentary

David Dimbleby investigates the BBC's struggle to fairly represent the nation.

Dir: Daniel Bogado. Producer: James Parris

*"Incisive and absorbing scrutiny into impartiality" iNews;*

*"Best Hour of the Week" Worth Watching*

### Rock Out

Live Nation

BBC

116 min Documentary

Explores the often-veiled queer lives of some of the great masterminds of music from the 1960s and 70s, who disrupted the hyper-masculine worlds of heavy metal, punk and rock & roll.

Director: Dustin Lance Black

### Empire State of Mind

2 x 48 min Documentary

Sandpaper Films

Channel 4

Based on his best-selling book Empireland, Sathnam Sanghera takes us on a personal and political journey to uncover the myths and misunderstandings of colonial history.

**Nominated for a Grierson Award – Best Documentary Presenter**

*"Within moments I am crying onto my laptop" The Guardian*

### Maggi Hambling: Making Love with the Paint

Menace Productions

BBC

58 min Documentary

An intimate portrait revealing the passions and dreams of one of the UK's most unique and brilliant artists.

Director: Randall Wright. Exec Producer: Denys Blakeway

**Nominated for a Grierson Award - Best Arts Documentary**

*"A superb portrait..." Daily Telegraph*

*"A definitive and moving film.." Sky.com*

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## Write Around The World with Richard E Grant

60 min Documentary

Storyvault Films

BBC2

Book and travel lover Richard E Grant travels to places that have inspired writers for centuries. Using their works as a guide, he retraces their journeys, exploring the landscapes, monuments and key moments in the writers' lives.

Storyvault Films. Producer: Anne Elletson. Director: Southan Morris

*"An utter delight" Substack/Worth Watching*

## THE 27 INCH MAN

50 min Documentary

Ronachan Films

BBC

The dramatic life story of Edward Hernandez - the shortest man in the world.

Dir: Nick Read

*"A tactful and affecting documentary" Daily Telegraph*

## Art That Made Us

60 min Documentary

Storyvault Films

BBC2

Through 1500 years the series presents an alternative history of the British Isles, told through art.

*"Outstanding" Financial Times*

## Studio 17: The Lost Reggae Tapes

85 min Documentary

Widestream Film

BBC

The legendary Studio17 in Kingston, Jamaica and the discovery of a treasure trove of original recordings by Reggae's greatest artists, such as Bob Marley, Peter Tosh and Gregory Isaacs.

*"One of my favorite documentaries right now...It is an amazing film that uncovers forgotten recordings from reggae's golden age." Quincy Jones.*

## The Traffickers

50 min Documentary

Lightbox Media

Netflix

High-energy undercover documentary investigating the illegal trade in the endangered pangolin.

## Storyville: The Curse of Oil

54 min Documentary, Director/Editor

BBC

BBC, PBS, CBC

Oil companies want to drill on Alaska's pristine Arctic Wildlife Refuge, claiming they will be eco-friendly. Can they be trusted? Shot on location in Alaska and Washington DC.

WINNER: Cine Golden Eagle Award for News Analysis

New York Festivals Finalist Award

## Stephen Fry in Central America

46 min Documentary

Sprout Productions

ITV

Traveling through Guatemala and Belize in a yellow school bus, Fry discovers both a paradise on earth and a country with a tragic past.

*"Mischievous and charming" The Guardian*

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## Brazil with Michael Palin

2 x 60 min Documentary

Ex-Python and BAFTA winning presenter travels from remote Amazon villages to Iguazu Falls to witness the supercharged development of this amazing country.

Dir: JP Davidson

*"Fantastically interesting" The Guardian*

Prominent Palin Productions BBC1/BBC HD

## Last Chance To See with Stephen Fry

60 min Documentary

Britain's favourite eccentric travels to Borneo in search of the endangered species and en route has some unusual encounters with some very strange creatures.

*"Worth the license fee alone." The Times*

*"Very funny...absolutely charming" The Guardian*

Westpark Pictures

BBC 2

## Planet Word

2 x 60 min Documentary

Actor and presenter Stephen Fry takes us on a journey to explore language and reveals the literature that has made him laugh, cry or shiver with excitement.

Sprout Pictures

BBC 2

## Crime And Punishment

2 x 50 min Documentary, Producer and Director

An entertaining journey of discovery to reveal the origins of our legal system. Presented by Tony Robinson.

*"Spirited, witty...with verve and humour" The Guardian*

*"Never a dull moment" The Times*

Firefly Productions

Channel 4

## Child of The Revolution

75 min Documentary,

BAFTA award winning filmmaker Xoliswa Sithole tells the story of Zimbabwe's dramatic struggle for independence and explores what went wrong after Mugabe took power.

Nayanaya Pictures

SABC

## Finest Hour

3 x 50 min Drama Documentary

How 5 months of British heroism, sacrifice and endurance prevented a Nazi invasion.

**Nominated: Best Documentary Series at the 2000 Broadcast Awards**

*"This exceptional series...beautifully made, achingly vivid. " The Guardian*

*"A pace that could put a lot of thrillers to shame. Television at its very best." Time Out*

Brook Lapping

BBC 1 & 2

## Dispatches: Chosen - Part 2

30 min Current Affairs

Follow up to Brian Wood's powerful BAFTA winning film on a shocking child abuse case. Editor.

True Vision

Channel 4  
(TX suspended)

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## Churchill's Darkest Decision

Furnace TV

Channel 4 & PBS

50 min Documentary

The shocking story of Churchill's attack on the French navy, killing 1300 men in 10 minutes.

*"This intelligent, thought provoking documentary..." Daily Express*

*"A fine and meticulously researched documentary" Independent*

## Ultimate Warfare: The Battle for Hue

Arrow Media

Discovery

45 min Documentary, Edit Director

The bloodiest battle of the Vietnam War brought to life by the powerful testimonies of US Marines and illustrated through drama recon, archive and extensive CGI.

## Mandela: The Living Legend

SABC

BBC1

2 x 60 min Factual

With unprecedented access to the daily life of Nelson Mandela, this unique series explores both past and present to tell the epic story of one of the greatest icons of our time.

**Nominated for an International Emmy - Best Documentary**

## Versailles Trilogy

Brook Lapping

BBC2 & BBC HD

3 x 60 min Drama Documentary, Editor and Director

Using the palace itself as a backdrop, three drama-documentaries tell extraordinary stories of the last three kings of the ancient regime.

E1: The Dream of a King. The dazzling Sun King, Louis XIV and his obsession with building the world's greatest palace.

E2: The Palace of Pleasure. The debauched Louis XV unwittingly sews the seeds of the French Revolution.

E3: Countdown To Revolution. The dithering Louis XVI presides over the demise of the Bourbon Empire.

*"This picturesque...entertaining and educational series" The Guardian Pick of the Day - The Telegraph*

## Vatican: The Hidden World

Nutopia

BBC2

60 min Documentary, Director/Editor

A rare look at this tiny secretive sovereign state, full of hidden treasures and secret archives.

## Altered Statesmen: J.F.K.

Outline Productions

Discovery

50 min Factual

Europe

The unknown story of John F. Kennedy - an amphetamine addict who spent his life fighting chronic disease and acute pain.

## The Stanford Prison Experiment

BBC

BBC2

30 min Factual

The gripping story of this groundbreaking, psychological experiment.

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## Equinox: 'Do Parents Matter?'

Lion TV

Channel 4

50 min Factual

Exploring the theory that peers, not parents, shape a child's personality.

*"An extraordinary story... A thought-provoking film. " The Scotsman*

*"A charming film" The Daily Telegraph*

## Timewatch: Grey Owl - The Hoax of the Century

Lion TV

BBC2

50 min Factual

An eco-warrior and literary hero, Grey Owl was the great 'Red Indian' celebrity of the 1930's, until he was finally exposed as an imposter from Hastings.

## Films of Fire: The Face of Debt

October Films

Channel 4

50 min Factual

Maggie O'Kane sees the horrific consequences of debt in Africa's poorest country.

## The Long Goodbye

Lion TV

BBC2

2 x 40 min Factual

A powerful series confronting the painful issues surrounding bereavement.

## Timewatch: Las Vegas and the Mormons

Lion TV

BBC2

50 min Factual

How America's most pious religious group helped develop 'Sin City'.

## Pleasure Beach

Double Exposure

BBC1

6 x 30 min Reality

A pulse-racing fly-on-the-wall series about Britain's largest amusement park in Blackpool.

*"The brilliantly edited Pleasure Beach is a likely blockbuster" The Sunday Times*

*"inspired cutting" Victor Lewis Smith, Evening Standard*

## Horizon: Shipwreck

BBC

BBC2

50 min Factual

History, marine archaeology and science help identify the first Elizabethan shipwreck.

*"A beautifully crafted film" Daily Mail*

## Naked Classics

Oxford Television

Channel 4

2 x 50 min Documentary

The classical music industry's hidden battle between art and commerce.

Ep.1: The Star. The dramatic rise to fame of the Fourth Tenor, Roberto Alagna

Ep.2: The Boss. A profile of the charismatic manager of the Met Opera, Joe Volpe

Ep.1, 'The Star' **Nominated in the BANFF awards as Best Arts Documentary**

Ep.2, 'The Boss' *"A highly entertaining documentary" The Daily Telegraph*

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## The A-Z of Wagner

50 min Documentary

The staging of 'Tannhauser,' interwoven with details of the composer's life.

Winner - Best Documentary at Lyons Music Film Festival

Finalist - RTS Best Arts Programme

Oxford Television

Channel 4

## The Gay Rock 'n' Roll Years

50 min Documentary

A musical review of four decades of gay culture.

Nominated for a B.F.I. Archival Achievement Award

Fulcrum Productions

BBC 2

## Slice of Life

2 x 30 min Factual Documentary

A taste of British social history - through the food we eat.

Wall To Wall

BBC2

## White Heat

3 x 50 min Factual

A landmark series, exploring the relationship between technology and culture.

*"A stimulating excursion into history of technology" The Times*

*"One of the most thoughtful series for a long time" The Financial Times*

*Listed as a top ten television programme of year - The Observer*

Uden Associates

BBC2 / TLC

## The Lowdown: "Sam"

30 min Factual

A ten-year-old boy with cerebral palsy tells his own story.

Nominated for the RTS award for Best Children's Factual programme

BBC

BBC1

## Critical Eye: How Low Can You Go?

50 min Factual

A truck driver meets some of the 12 million people living in poverty in the U.K.

Vanson Wardle Productions

Channel 4

## Dispatches: Red Star

40 min Current Affairs

An investigation into corruption at British Rail's parcel service.

M.G.M. Productions

Channel 4

## The Fraud of the Century

50 min Documentary

A special report on the B.C.C.I. banking scandal.

Bandung Productions

Channel 4

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## Critical Eye: The Battle for Orgreave, The Sequel

30 min Documentary

A critique of police methods employed since the miners' strike.

Vanson Wardle

Channel 4

## Public Eye

2 x 30 min Factual

1: Exposing the dangers of a new drug – Human Growth Hormone.

2: Questioning why there are an excessive number of Dyslexics in prison.

Pillarbox Productions

BBC2

## Everyman: The Birmingham Wives

50 min Factual

The wives and daughters of the Birmingham Six tell their harrowing story.

Vanson Wardle Productions

BBC1

## Directing Credits

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### Summer of Heat

60 min Documentary, Producer and Director

Drought, water rationing, forest fires, riots and Punk made the tropical summer of 1976 one of the most dramatic in the UK's history.

*"Superior popular history" The Sunday Times*

*"Gritty, subtly integrated..." The Independent*

Blakeway Productions

BBC2

### King's Cross: Beneath The Flames

30 min Documentary, Producer and Director

Dramatic reconstructions and powerful personal testimonies reveal the real cause of this tragic fire - London Underground's dreadful safety record.

*"Touchingly moving" The Guardian*

*"Don't Miss" The Evening Standard*

BBC

BBC 2

### Rome: The Model Empire

50 min, Documentary, Producer and Director

Guardian columnist Jonathan Freedland argues that American imperialism echoes the Romans' strategy for world domination. Shot in the U.K. and Italy.

Executive Producer: John Bridcut

*"Clever and thought provoking...timely, topical television." Daily Telegraph*

*"Informed and persuasive...impressively nifty study." The Guardian*

Mentorn Productions

Channel 4

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## We Built This City: London

Darlow Smithson

Channel 5

50 min Documentary, Producer and Director

Shot on HD, the film explores the major engineering feats over the last 2000 years that made London the great city it is today. Contains reconstructions and CGI.

*"Sleek and snazzy" The Sunday Times*

*"Don't Miss" Evening Standard*

## Live 8 - A Bittersweet Symphony

Brook Lapping

BBC1

80 min Documentary, Producer and Director

Musical highlights and behind-the-scenes intrigue tell the story of the largest politically charged pop concert in history. Interviews with Bob Geldof, Tony Blair, Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox and many more.

Exec Producers: Phil Craig and Richard Klein.

## Seconds from Disaster

Darlow Smithson

National Geographic

2 x 47 min Factual Documentary, Producer and Director

Powerful survivor testimony and intriguing investigation unravels the chain of events behind these disasters - a train derailment in Alabama and a runway collision of 2 jumbos in Tenerife.

## The Years that Rocked the Planet

Fulcrum Productions

BBC2

45 min Documentary, Producer and Director

A musical history of the green movement, told through news, rock and comedy archive.

**NOMINATED for a British Environment & Media Award**

*"Turn on, tune in and enjoy." Evening Standard*

*"A magnificent programme." Daily Express*

## Live Aid - Tenth Anniversary

BBC

BBC2

390 min Factual, Creative Director

A six-hour special to commemorate the world's greatest fundraising event, with spine-tingling reminiscences from stars such as Bob Geldof, Paul McCartney and Elvis Costello.

## Drama Documentary

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### Catherine The Great

Brook Lapping

BBC, PBS, ARTE  
NDR

50 min Drama Documentary, Producer and Director

Filmed in the UK, Russia and Romania this lavish drama-doc tells how a young German princess used her intelligence and daring to become one of the most influential rulers of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

*"Where this film really excels is in conjuring an atmosphere of paranoia, intrigue and treachery..." The Sunday Times*

*"An excellent documentary...intelligently and vividly told" The Times*



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## Queen Victoria's Empire

Brook Lapping

Channel 5 & PBS

2 x 50 min Drama Documentary, Producer and Director

Using fully costumed dramatic reconstructions, the series explores some of the great moral dilemmas of empire – whether to spread democracy or to plunder and colonise. Shot in South Africa, Zimbabwe and the UK.

**New York Festivals Finalist Award 2001 – International Competition**

*"This excellent series..." The Observer*

*"Intelligent, romantic reconstructions, moving commentary, great stories" Time Out*

## Promotional Films & Documentary Shorts

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### Monbiot Meets...

Guardian Films

6 x 5 min shorts

Journalist George Monbiot takes on big business, green campaigners and even the UN, to expose the "greenwash" that's spoiling the fight against global warming.

### Rocket Man Under Fire

BBC World News & Features

25 min Factual

A Palestinian fighter is imprisoned by Hamas and accused of being a spy, because he made friends with an Israeli.

Producer: Paul Martin, Executive Producer: Mary Wilkinson

### The Lost Whale

Guardian Films

10 min documentary

A poignant short film about the Thames Whale and the doomed attempt to rescue it.

### Scotland: A Question of Independence

VRT (Belgian TV)

24 min documentary

The real issues in the fight for Scottish Independence.

### TCL Technology - 8K Promo

Mandarin Films

Stunning footage of China to demonstrate a new 8k TV

### Sunshine Building Bridges

A fundraiser for the Rafiki children's home in Kenya

PBTV LTD

### A Story of Survival

Immediate Films

Showing how World Jewish Relief relieves poverty in Ukraine

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## Norwood

Various shorts to promote the work of Norwood, a charity for people with learning disabilities.

Immediate Films

## Sting: "Songs from the Labyrinth"

EPK promoting Sting's new album "Songs from the Labyrinth"

JPD Films

## iPartner India

4 films to promote the work of four charities:

Pardada Pardadi School, Barefoot College, The People of Kolleru Lake and The ASAD Foundation.

Amirani Films

## Salvation Army

Charity fundraiser

RedZed Films

## Archer Academy

A film to celebrate the opening day of this new school

PBTv LTD

## The History of the Unity Theater

Short film telling the story of this famous theater

PBTv LTD

## MTV Europe

Various band profiles, location reports, interviews and studio performances

## Beautybase

A promo for a London make-up school

PBTv LTD