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### ITV

Linear TX dates to be confirmed in due course

#### **Doc Martin**

Martin Clunes returns to Cornwall to play the nation's favourite grumpy medic for the last time in the final series of the hugely successful ITV drama Doc Martin.

He stars as Dr. Martin Ellingham, the GP with a brusque bedside manner and a phobia of blood, in eight new episodes of the popular drama produced by Buffalo Pictures, and set in the idyllic hamlet of Portwenn in Cornwall.

Picturesque Port Isaac provides the beautiful backdrop for the series, with all the regular members of the cast reprising their roles. Caroline Catz plays Doc Martin's

wife, Louisa Ellingham, who resigned from her job as headmistress at the local school to pursue a new career in child counselling.

### **Karen Pirie**

Lauren Lyle (*Outlander*, *Vigil*) stars as Karen Pirie in this brand new cold case murder drama, based on acclaimed author Val McDermid's *The Distant Echo*, adapted by Emer Kenny.

True to Val McDermid's iconic character, DS Karen Pirie is a young and fearless Scottish investigator with a quick mouth and tenacious desire for the truth. Adapted by Emer Kenny (*Harlots*, *Save Me Too*) who will also take the role of Karen's friend River Wilde, Karen Pirie also stars Chris Jenks (*Sex Education*) as Jason 'Mint' Murray and Zach Wyatt (*Blithe Spirit*) as DS Phil Parhatka.

The series is based on Val McDermid's first Karen Pirie novel *The Distant Echo*, and in the first episode Karen is tasked with reopening an historic murder investigation that has been the subject of a provocative true crime podcast.

### **Professor T**

Smart crime drama *Professor T*, starring Ben Miller (*Bridgerton*, *Death in Paradise*) and Frances de la Tour (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *The History Boys*) returns to ITV for a second series. Set against the stunning backdrop of one of the world's most prestigious educational institutions, Cambridge University, the second series of *Professor T* will see Jasper Tempest (Ben Miller) and his mother Adelaide (Frances de la Tour), seek help from a therapist, which in turn will uncover more secrets from Professor T's troubled childhood. The Professor will continue to help the police solve unusual crimes, rekindling his former relationship with Chief Inspector Christina Brand played by Juliet Aubrey.

### **BritBox UK**

September sees BritBox's film collection expanding even further, with upcoming launches including award-winning *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* starring Idris Elba, *A United Kingdom* starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike, and *The Tourist* starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie alongside many others.

For comedy fans, sketch shows *The Comic Strip Presents* and *The Real McCoy* will be added to the service this month, along with both seasons of avant-garde hidden camera comedy *3 Non-Blondes*.

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