Highlights January - March 2025

ity ityX



Unforgotten Series 6



The hugely successful and critically acclaimed drama - created and written by multi-award-winning screenwriter Chris Lang returns and invites viewers once again into the emotional depth and complexity of cold case investigations.

The sixth series sees the return of Sinéad Keenan and Sanjeev Bhaskar as DCI Jess James and DI Sunil 'Sunny' Khan, bringing back their compelling on-screen partnership as they delve into unresolved crimes and promising another powerful exploration of hidden truths and long-buried secrets.

Joining Sinéad and Sanjeev are Victoria Hamilton (Cobra, His Dark Materials), MyAnna Buring (The Responder, The Witcher, The Salisbury Poisonings), new faces Max Fairley and Elham Elas, and celebrated British actors Jan Francis and Damien Maloney.

Returning cast members include Andrew Lancel (Bolan's Shoes, The Thief, His Wife and The Canoe) as Jess's husband Steve, and Kate Robbins (The Couple Next Door, Death in Paradise) as her mother Kate.

Jess and Sunny's loyal police team also reassemble featuring Jordan Long as DS Murray Boulting, Carolina Main as DC Fran Lingley, and Pippa Nixon as DC Kaz Willets -Georgia Mackenzie also returns as Pathologist Dr Leanne Balcombe.

The series begins when suspected human remains are uncovered on Whitney Marsh -Jess and Sunny are immediately called to the scene, abandoning their evening plans to Jess's husband's chagrin. Dr Balcombe's analysis reveals that the remains are relatively recent and suggest a grim conclusion: the body was placed there already dismembered. With this insight, Jess and Sunny intensify their search certain that other body parts may not be far away.

As the investigation unfolds, viewers are introduced to a diverse new cast of characters: Melinda Ricci (MyAnna Buring), an outspoken television commentator based in Ireland; Martin 'Marty' Baines (Max Fairley), an autistic man living with his mother Dot in Deal, Kent; Asif Syed (Elham Elas), an Afghan training for his UK citizenship test; and Juliet Cooper (Victoria Hamilton), a history lecturer and faculty head at a London university.

While these characters live seemingly separate lives, they are intricately connected by their pasts. It's up to Jess, Sunny, and their dedicated team to uncover these hidden links and ultimately expose the truth behind the cold case murder.

Press Contacts

Natasha Bayford natasha.bayford@itv.com

Lisa Vanoli lisavanolipublicity@googlemail. com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Each of the highly-anticipated new episodes is written by Chris Lang and directed by Andy Wilson, who has been the sole director responsible for directing each of the previous 30 episodes across five series of the globally successful drama.

Laura Mackie and Sally Haynes, on behalf of Mainstreet Pictures, return as executive producers alongside Chris Lang, Guy de Glanville and Andy Wilson.

Carmel Maloney produces the series, and Drama Commissioner Huw Kennair Jones oversees the production on behalf of ITV.

Mainstreet Pictures.



Protection



As much of a conspiracy thriller as it is a police drama, this is the story of a compromised but ultimately honest police officer who is out of her depth yet acutely driven to understand the truth of her lover and how far a case of corruption goes.

Police officer DI Liz Nyles (Siobhan Finneran, Happy Valley, Downton Abbey, Time) works in the secretive and high-stakes world of Witness Protection - when we meet her, she's juggling a challenging front-line job (with life-and-death consequences for her witnesses) alongside a demanding family life attending to the needs of a teenage daughter, a difficult ex, and a dad recovering from a stroke. Liz is principled, in control, and scrupulous about the security of her witnesses, particularly the high-risk criminal-turned-informant Jimmy McLennan (Kris Hitchen, The Long Shadow, Four Lives, Trigger Point) and his family. Jimmy is about to testify against his old boss Eddie Crowther (Alec Newman, Karen Pirie, The Last Kingdom), the head of a major organised crime group which has so far evaded prosecution. As with all those under her protection, Liz goes above and beyond to keep Jimmy's family safe, working with colleague DS Raj Kohli (Chaneil Kular, Sex Education, Bodies) to keep their whereabouts strictly hidden. Both at work and at home, Liz has always put others first driven by a great sense of duty as a police officer, mother, and as a daughter - however, recently she has decided to take something for herself and has launched thrillingly – and unwisely – into a secret affair with a married and more junior colleague in DS Paul Brandice (Barry Ward, Bad Sisters, The Capture).

One morning, a devastating incident at work raises grave questions about the integrity of Liz's unit, which is rocked with accusations of corruption: it is believed that someone has been leaking information to organised crime. Liz begins to wonder with horror if she has unwittingly compromised herself, if indeed her secret lover Brandice has sinister motives and has been using her. While a police team led by the formidable DCI Hannah Wheatley (Katherine Kelly, Mr Bates vs The Post Office, Criminal, The Long Shadow) investigates the incident, Liz secretly launches her own unofficial investigation. In this she must avoid the watchful eye both of Wheatley and of the inscrutable DCI Amanda Kelma (Nadine Marshall, Champion, Sherwood, Trigger Point) from Professional Standards, who has been tasked with weeding out corruption in Liz's unit. It's a tense and febrile atmosphere within the force as Liz pursues her off-the-books investigation and brings her into further conflict with the very police officers investigating her.

As Liz starts to uncover the truth, she is confronted with disturbing and dark possibilities, raising questions not only about Brandice but also her team and her colleagues in the wider police force. Chasing clues to which she shouldn't strictly have access, Liz finds herself transgressing in ways she wouldn't previously have dreamt of and bringing danger ever closer to her door. As the series progresses, single mum Liz becomes increasingly torn between her dedication to her family, her loyalty to her lover, and her duty towards her witnesses. In struggling to unravel the mystery, she is drawn into a complex and clandestine world, coming up against various opaque, secret organisations operating at cross-purposes, and in rivalry to one another. As the threat gets closer to home, she becomes more and more uncertain about whom she can trust.

Press Contact

Rich Cain rich.cain@ddaglobal.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Willow Grylls (Des, The Missing, The Long Shadow) and Charlie Hampton (The Spanish Princess, The Deceived) will executive produce Protection alongside Elaine Pyke and Kris Mrksa.

The series will be produced by Rebecca Davies (Cobra) and line produced by Tracy Chapman (Cobra). ITV's Head of Drama Polly Hill will oversee production on behalf of the broadcaster.

Protection will be directed by Simen Alsvik (Fenris, The Nest, Neste sommer) and Sasha Ransome (Cobra, McDonald & Dodds).

Writers are Kris Mrksa (Episodes 1, 3 and 6), Polly Buckle (Episodes 2 and 4) and Giula Sandler (Episode 5).

The series is produced by multiaward-winning production company New Pictures (Des, The Missing, The Long Shadow, Dalgliesh), part of All3Media.



A Cruel Love: The Ruth Ellis Story



A Cruel Love: The Ruth Ellis Story - starring Lucy Boynton in the leading role - depicts the untold story of Ruth Ellis, the nightclub manageress and convicted murderer who was the last woman to hang in the UK.

Produced by Silverprint Pictures, the four-part drama also stars Toby Jones (Mr Bates vs The Post Office, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, Empire of Light) as Ruth Ellis's solicitor John Bickford, who gradually realises the extent of Ruth's abuse at the hands of David Blakely and who takes on the fight to make the case for provocation.

Laurie Davidson (Mary and George, Guilty Party) takes on the role of Ruth's abusive lover and victim David Blakely, and Mark Stanley (Happy Valley, Dark River) plays Desmond Cussen, Ruth's devoted admirer and sometime lover who is a regular at the Little Club and becomes caught up in Ruth's toxic love triangle alongside Blakely.

Other key roles include:

Joe Armstrong (Happy Valley, Gentleman Jack) as DCI Davies, the detective in charge of Ruth's case.

Arthur Darvill (Broadchurch, Sandman) as Victor Mishcon, Ruth's charismatic divorce lawyer who took up the fight for her reprieve.

Juliet Stevenson (Truly, Madly, Deeply, Wolf) will play Dr Charity Taylor, Governess of Holloway Prison.

Toby Stephens (Die Another Day, Black Sails) plays Ruth's defence barrister Melford Stevenson QC.

Nigel Havers (Chariots of Fire, Coronation Street) takes on the role of Judge Havers.

Set in 1955, Ruth is based on Carol Ann Lee's acclaimed biography A Fine Day for Hanging: The Real Ruth Ellis Story, has been adapted by Kelly Jones (The Long Call, Des, Baptiste), and will be produced by critically acclaimed producers Silverprint Pictures, part of ITV Studios, whose portfolio includes Shetland, Vera, and Flesh and Blood.

Press Contact

lan Johnson ian@ijpr.co.uk

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Ruth was commissioned by ITV's Head of Drama Polly Hill and Drama Commissioner Huw Kennair Jones.

Kelly Jones has written all four scripts, Angie Daniell (World on Fire, Vigil, The Long Call) has produced the series, and Lee Haven Jones (Passenger, Feast, The Long Call) directs all four episodes.

Silverprint's Creative Director Kate Bartlett (Shetland, Vera, Flesh and Blood, The Long Call) is the executive producer alongside Antonia Gordon, Development Director for Silverprint Pictures.

Silverprint Pictures, part of ITV Studios.

itv1

Drama Karen Pirie Series 2



The drama is written by Emer Kenny (Save Me Too) and adapted from Val McDermid's novel A Darker Domain will see the return of Lauren Lyle (Outlander, Vigil) to her BAFTA-winning role as fearless young investigator Karen Pirie.

In the societal turmoil of 1984, Catriona Grant is the heiress to an oil fortune when she is kidnapped at gunpoint with her young son Adam - it's assumed that the motivation is political as the huge investigation creates an uncontrollable press storm... but when the culprits unexpectedly fall silent, the case runs cold and Catriona and Adam are never seen again.

When a man's body is discovered 40 years later, Karen Pirie is assigned to reopen the case in complete secrecy - with the first key piece of evidence in decades, Karen and the team must try to unlock one of Scotland's most infamous mysteries while avoiding media attention. What happened to Catriona Grant, and why do sinister forces want the secrets of her disappearance to remain hidden?

Karen's team comprises of DC Jason 'Mint' Murray played by Chris Jenks (Sex Education, Vigil), DS Phil Parhatka played by Zach Wyatt (Timestalker, The Witcher: Blood Origin), DCS Lees played by Steve John Shepherd (Harry Potter), Professor River Wilde played by Emer Kenny (The Curse), and journalist Bel Richmond played by Rakhee Thakrar (Wonka). They will be joined by newcomer DC Isla Stark, who will be played by Saskia Ashdown (Six Four).

James Cosmo (Braveheart) and Frances Tomelty (Unforgotten) take on the roles of Catriona's parents - oil magnate Sir Broderick Grant and his ex-wife Mary - and John Michie (Holby City) will play Fergus Sinclair, the father of Cat's son Adam.

At the centre of the police case in 1984, Julia Brown (World On Fire) will play Catriona Grant - she will be joined by Mark Rowley (One Day) as Mick, Kat Ronney (Dinosaur) as Bonnie, Conor Berry (Schemers) as Andy, and Stuart Campbell (The Winter King) as Kevin. Jamie Michie (Back To Life) plays young Brodie Grant, Madeleine Worrall (The Legend of Tarzan) plays young Mary Grant, and Jack Stewart (Outlander) is young Fergus. The original investigation is helmed by Thoren Ferguson (Rebus) as DI Anderson and Helen Katamba (The Nest) as DC Laurel Blair.

Press Contact

Karen.Pirie@premiercomms. com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details.

Karen Pirie is executive produced by Simon Heath and Emma Luffingham at World Productions, Emer Kenny and Val McDermid.

The series is directed by Gareth Bryn, with Amanda Blue directing Episode 3, and is produced by Marcus Wilson.

It is produced in association with ITV Studios, which handles global distribution. Filming took place in Scotland and Malta.

The series has been commissioned by ITV's Head of Drama Polly Hill and Drama Commissioner Huw Kennair-Jones - Huw has overseen production on behalf of the broadcaster.

World Productions, part of ITV Studios.



Out There



County lines drug-dealing and an escalating and insidious crime wave sweeping the British countryside are the subject of this drama starring Martin Clunes as a farmer confronted with dark forces seeping into his rural community.

The drama will depict the stealthy and surreptitious invasion of the land our farmer cherishes with devastating consequences as his livelihood, homestead and family life are threatened by local county lines drugs dealers who are essentially urban gangs using the British countryside as a field of operations and moving drugs and money between their inner-city hubs and provincial areas.

Written by screenwriter Ed Whitmore (Steeltown Murders, Grace, Manhunt, Silent Witness, Safe House) and director Marc Evans (Steeltown Murders, Manhunt, The Pembrokeshire Murders, Grav), and produced by Buffalo Pictures (Manhunt, Doc Martin, Arthur & George), the series is set in the beautiful Welsh countryside.

Press Contacts

Naomi Phillipson naomi.phillipson1@btinternet. com

Janice Troup janice.troup@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Director: Marc Evans

Writer: Ed Whitmore

Buffalo Pictures.



Playing Nice



A psychological thriller adapted by Malpractice writer Grace Ofori-Attah from the best-selling novel by British thriller author JP Delaney, with Kate Hewitt (One Day) directing all episodes.

BAFTA-nominated James Norton (Happy Valley, A Little Life, Nowhere Special), BAFTA-nominated Niamh Algar (Mary and George, The Virtues, Raised By Wolves, The Wonder, Calm With Horses), Olivier-nominated James McArdle (Sexy Beast, The Mare of Easttown, Life After Life) and BIFA-nominated Jessica Brown Findlay (The Flatshare, Life After Life, Black Mirror, Downton Abbey) all take leading roles in the limited series.

Set against a sweeping Cornish landscape, two couples discover that their toddlers were switched at birth in a hospital mix-up and face a horrifying dilemma: do they keep the sons they have raised and loved or reclaim their biological child?

Living a waking nightmare, Pete (James Norton) and Maddie (Niamh Algar) are jettisoned into the world of the other couple Miles (James McArdle) and Lucy (Jessica Brown Findlay). At first it seems all four are agreed on a solution, but it soon becomes clear that hidden motives are at play - how far can each couple trust the real parents of their child or even each other? As Pete and Maddie are stretched to breaking point, they realise that they will stop at nothing to keep their family together.

Press Contact

playingnice@organic-publicity. com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

The executive producers are Kitty Kaletsky, James Norton, Kate Crowe and STUDIOCANAL'S Joe Naftalin, with Isobel Carter overseeing for STUDIOCANAL. Grace Ofori-Attah and author JP Delaney also executive produce and Nick Pitt is series producer.

Playing Nice will be distributed globally by STUDIOCANAL.

STUDIOCANAL and Rabbit Track Pictures.



The Bay Series 5



ITV's hit crime drama returns for its fifth series.

Set in Morecambe, Marsha Thomason remains as Morecambe's MIU Family Liaison Officer DS Jenn Townsend alongside cast regulars Daniel Ryan, Erin Shanagher and Andrew Dowbiggin. Olwen May (Happy Valley, Trying) joins the team, Barry Sloane returns as Chris Fischer, Georgia Scholes plays Chris's daughter Erin, and David Carpenter and Emme Hayes return as Conor and Maddie, Jenn's children - Suzanne Packer (Casualty, Keeping Faith) joins as Jenn's mum Anne Townsend.

When 23-year-old university student Hannah is found dead on the edge of the docks, Morecambe's MIU team has another case to solve - Jenn, who is returning to work following the death of her father, pushes aside her own grief to support Hannah's bitterly divided family.

With the stakes of the investigation high, Jenn and the team dig deeper into the case, uncovering hidden friendships and secret liaisons as anger rises in the student community. As the intensity increases and the team peel back the complicated layers of Hannah's life and the secrets within it, Jenn must reconcile her personal and professional struggles as she grapples to solve the case, come to terms with her own loss, and build bridges with her family.

Joining the new series as guest cast are Leanne Best (The Walk-In, Cold Feet), Neil Maskell (Hijack, Kill List), David Troughton (A Very Peculiar Practice, New Tricks), Stephen Wight (Screw, I May Destroy You) and Ceallach Spellman (Better, White Lines). Tara Lynne O'Neill (The Full Monty, Derry Girls) joins as Sinead, DI Tony Manning's new partner.

The Bay has been praised for its gritty storytelling, strong character development, and for portraying the toll that such intense work takes on the detectives' own lives and families. The picturesque yet moody setting of Morecambe Bay perfectly captures both the beauty and bleakness of the coastal town, reflecting the darker undercurrents of the cases themselves.

Press Contact

Jessica Morris jessica@milkpublicity.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

The Bay is co-created and written by award-winning writer and playwright Daragh Carville.

Caroline Carver returns to the writing team and is joined by Evan Placey.

The series sees Shaun Evans directing Episodes 1-3 with Waris Islam directing Episode 4-6 - Martin Campbell will produce.

Tall Story Pictures, part of ITV Studios.



Grantchester Series 9



Grantchester bids farewell to Reverend Will Davenport (Tom Brittney) this series - as one door closes, another one opens and the village welcomes Rishi Nair (Hollyoaks, Count Abdulla) as charismatic vicar Alphy Kotteram.

1961 - life is good for Will and Geordie (Robson Green). The families are always together, from Sunday lunches to planning summer holidays - with honorary grandparents Mrs C and Jack and adopted uncles Daniel and Leonard, it's one big happy family! However, when Will is approached with a life-changing offer, can he leave Grantchester and Geordie behind?

As Geordie struggles with personal loss and ever-growing family conflict between Cathy and teenage daughter Esme, he has no-one to turn to, but when he arrests an intruder breaking into the Vicarage, he may find that his days of working with a vicar are not over.

The Reverend Alphy Kotteram has an instinctive distrust for authority and absolutely no desire to get involved in murder investigations, but Alphy and Geordie will discover they have a lot more in common than they first think - and Alphy will find that murder is never far away in Grantchester. From deadly circuses, abandoned babies and hostile historians to vanishing valets and murderous satirists, Geordie and Alphy together witness first-hand how religion can be corrupted, but also how faith, love and friendship can offer hope and renewal.

Press Contact

Sarah Hitching sarah.hitching1@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

The series will be executive produced for Kudos (part of Banijay UK) by Emma Kingsman-Lloyd (SAS Rogue Heroes, Deadwater Fell), writer and series creator Daisy Coulam (Deadwater Fell, Humans), Robson Green and Tom Brittney.

The executive producers for MASTERPIECE are Susanne Simpson and Rebecca Eaton at GBH Boston. ITV Drama commissioner Helen Perry is responsible for the production of Grantchester on behalf of ITV1 and ITVX. Adapted from the Grantchester Mysteries novels by James Runcie, the series was developed for television by Daisy Coulam. Writers this series include Daisv Coulam. Richard Cookson, Nessah Muthy and Ayeesha Menon. The series is directed by Katherine Churcher, Rob Evans and Al Weaver (who will direct two episodes). The producer is Jyoti Fernandes.

Grantchester is commissioned by PBS MASTERPIECE and PBSd for US audiences and is one of ITV's most popular returning series. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by GBH Boston. Banijay Rights will be responsible for international distribution. It airs on MASTERPIECE on PBS in the US and on ITV1 and ITVX in the UK

A co-production of Kudos and MASTERPIECE for ITV.



The Dry Series 2



Award-winning playwright and BAFTA-nominated screenwriter Nancy Harris (Dates) - and acclaimed director Paddy Breathnach (Viva, Rosie) - return to helm the second series of this acclaimed comedy-drama starring Roisin Gallagher.

Roisin returns as recovering alcoholic Shiv Sheridan, alongside regular cast members from the first series, as the storyline picks up seven months on and we now meet the Sheridans in their new normal - to all outward appearances it seems like the family is relatively content as Shiv's been sober, celibate and solvent for six months, Ant has hung onto his job at the estate agent and his relationship with Max, and Caroline's making up for a lost time by having sex with everyone she meets on Tinder.

So far, so normal... or is it? After all, how normal is it for three grown adults to still be living at home with their parents, and are the Sheridans really happy with this new status quo, or have they just rearranged their dysfunction and found another groove of denial to fit into?

Press Contact

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Element Pictures, part of ITV Studios, and RTE.



Drama Party of Five



Headlined by a young and sexy cast, this highly-rated, long-running series firmly found its place as a pop culture phenomenon for all ages.

After the sudden loss of their parents, the Salinger children must band together to keep their own lives on track, discovering first loves, last calls, and themselves along the rocky road to growing up - the series stars Scott Wolf, Matthew Fox, Neve Campbell, Lacey Chabert, Paula Devicq, Jennifer Love Hewitt and many more!

Press Contact

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Sony Pictures Television.



Drama / Sci-Fi Buffy the Vampire Slayer



Press Contact

ITVX Publicity itvxpublicity@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Mutant Enemy Productions, 20th Century Fox Television.

All seven series of Buffy The Vampire Slayer and over 100 hours of vampire bashing fun.

Perfect for long-standing fans and those wanting to find out what all the fuss is about, this is the most popular TV fantasy show of the last decade.

Running from 1997 to 2003, the show made stars of Sarah Michelle Gellar, Alyson Hannigan, James Marsters, David Boreanaz and Gold Blend / Little Britain regular Anthony Stewart Head.



Belgravia The Next Chapter



Drama

This series picks up in 1871, 30 years after the events depicted in the series Belgravia which was written by Julian Fellowes (Downton Abbey).

Developed and written by Helen Edmundson (Dalgliesh, Mary Magdalene), it will tell the love story of Frederick Trenchard - who has grown up as the third Lord Glanville - and his new love interest Clara Dunn who is a newcomer to London society.

Unaware that his birth was the product of an affair between his mother Susan and the scoundrel John Bellasis, a troubled childhood has left Frederick deeply insecure and challenged his courtship of - and marriage to - Clara.

Press Contact

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Carnival Films.



Comedy My Name Is Earl



This sitcom centres on a small-town redneck and petty crook Earl Hickey, who wins 100,000 dollars in a local lottery - as he prepares to celebrate his good fortune, Earl is hit by a car and loses the lottery ticket in the process..

Reviving from this double catastrophe, Earl awakens to see TV personality Carson Daly waxing poetic about karma on a talk show - Earl instantly experiences an epiphany, convincing himself that he can replicate his good luck of a few hours previously by helping out a deserving soul each week and, in so doing, will make up for the many sins (258 by his own count!) that he has committed in his lifetime.

Assisting Earl on his do-gooding mission is his brother Randy, while throwing the occasional roadblock in his path is Earl's trailer-trash former wife Joy (Jaime Pressly).

Press Contact

Gary Smith gary.smith@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Amigos de Garcia Productions, 20th Century Fox Television.



Comedy Extraordinary Series 2



Written by series creator Emma Moran and directed by Toby MacDonald and Jennifer Sheridan, this is a fresh and innovative comedy about being young and finding your feet in a confusing world when all you'll ever be is 'ordinary'.

The second series picks up where the first spectacularly left off, following Jen (Máiréad Tyers) on her 'powers' journey as she enrols as a client at the power clinic - Jen soon discovers that the process of finding her power isn't as easy as she hoped, and things in the rest of her life aren't smooth sailing either.

Ex-cat-now-boyfriend Jizzlord (Luke Rollason) has had an unexpected revelation about his past, and Kash (Bilal Hasna) and Carrie (Sofia Oxenham) are attempting to be totally mature and dignified about their break-up which is not easy when they're still living under the same roof. It seems that Jen and the gang are dealing with new levels of adulting and chaos that none of them are prepared for.

Siobhán McSweeney and Robbie Gee will be returning in the second series as Mary and Ian, Jen's mum and stepdad - new cast this series include Julian Barrett as George, Jen's power coach at the Discovery Clinic; Rosa Robson as Nora, an unexpected person from Jizzlord's past; Kwaku Mills as Clark, Carrie's new work colleague; and Derek Jacobi, who will voice a special cameo role.

Press Contacts

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Gary Smith gary.smith@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Sid Gentle Films Ltd.





The second series of the programme will continue to tackle life's big themes with a funny lens whilst keeping Liverpool's distinctive voice and spirit at its heart.

Expect more sharp wit as our Scouse gang navigate new challenges, from age gap relationships and consent to acceptable ways to make money while still in school.

Press Contact

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Picture Contact

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Production Details

Golden Path Productions.



Reality
The Family Stallone



After playing some of the most legendary characters in cinematic history, three-time Academy Award nominee Sylvester Stallone is ready to give cameras access to what he would consider the greatest role of his lifetime: dad.

This new series starring Stallone's three daughters, wife and himself offers a seat at the table of one of Hollywood's most famous families.

Press Contact

Tom Westcott tom.westcott@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

MTV Entertainment Studios.



The Only Way Is Essex

THE ONLY WAY IS

Press Contact

Justin Jeffreys justin.jeffreys@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Lime Pictures.

The Only Way Is Essex returns to ITVX and ITVBe celebrating 15 years of high drama, rocky relationships, and outlandish fashion.

Hot on the heels of its most recent series, which saw 8.5 million viewers stream the fall out of Harry and Joe's break-up and the subsequent repercussions of Joe and Junaid's blossoming relationship, where will Essex's most colourful characters be as they prepare for an action-packed 2025?



The Real Housewives of Cheshire



The Real Housewives of Cheshire celebrates a decade on screens as the most glamorous set in the Golden Triangle return.

The new series will pay tribute to a fabulous ten years with surprise appearances from a number of familiar faces as the Housewives embark on another round of friendships, fashions, and inevitable fall-outs...

Press Contact

Naomi Bharwani naomi.bharwani@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Monkey Kingdom.



The Oscars®



The Academy Awards returns to ITV as the exclusive partner for the 97th Oscars®, taking place on Sunday the 2nd of March, 2025.

As part of ITV's multi-year deal with Disney Entertainment, the ceremony will broadcast and stream live from the Dolby® Theatre at Ovation Hollywood across ITV1 and ITVX.

Press Contacts

Emma Daly emma.daly@itv.com

Holly Osmond-Smith holly.osmond.smith@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.



The BRIT Awards



The BRIT Awards 2025 with Mastercard will return to The O2 arena in London on Saturday the 1st of March.

Broadcast live on ITV1 and ITVX, the show will feature spectacular performances from British and international artists and celebrate the last year in music with awards such as Mastercard Album of the Year, Artist of the Year, and Song of the Year.

Since its inception, the BRITs has raised nearly £27million for The BRIT Trust, the charitable arm of the awards and of the UK music industry whose main beneficiaries are The BRIT School for Performing Arts & Technology and Nordoff and Robbins.

Last year's winners and performers included RAYE, Dua Lipa and Kylie Minogue.

Press Contacts

Kate Etteridge kate.etteridge@dawbell.com

Katie Baptie katie.baptie@dawbell.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

BRITS TV.

itvX itv1

Britain's Got Talent



The nation's most beloved talent show returns for its 18th series this winter on ITV1, STV and ITVX.

2025 will see the entertainment juggernaut extend its run to become an ITV Saturday night staple running throughout spring.

Ant & Dec will once again lead the nation through a series of auditions featuring a wonderful array of talent, who'll be performing to secure a spot in the live semi-finals by impressing the four inimitable judges - Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and Bruno Tonioli. Brand new to Series 18 is social media sensation KSI, whose wide-ranging talents make him the perfect choice to spot emerging talent as he temporarily steps in as guest judge.

The last series saw singer Sydnie Christmas crowned the winner, earning herself a life-changing £250,000 and a spot on the bill of the prestigious Royal Variety Performance, but who will take the crown for Series 18? It'll be up to the public to decide!

Britain's Got Talent is one of ITV's biggest entertainment programmes of the year - along with over 46 million social media followers and more than 25 billion lifetime video views, BGT has firmly established itself as one of the biggest entertainment formats worldwide.

Press Contacts

Nicola Moon nicola.moon@fremantle.com

Ant Fragnito ant.fragnito@fremantle.com

Picture Contact

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Production Details

TalkbackThames (a Fremantle label).



Love Island All Stars



Love Island All Stars makes its much anticipated return to ITV2 and ITVX this January as a new group of returning favourites head back to the legendary Villa for a second chance at love.

Hosted by Maya Jama and back in scorching South Africa, group chats will go wild as iconic Islanders from across the last 10 years make an epic return to find love - comedian Iain Stirling voices as Islanders get their graft on in the UK's biggest dating show.

New bombshells will unexpectedly enter the frame, unlucky singletons will be dramatically dumped and, ultimately, one loved-up couple will be voted by fans to win the 50,000-pound prize. You won't want to miss it.

Press Contacts

Emma Daly emma.daly@itv.com

Jazz Chappell jazz.chappell@itv.com

Picture Contacts

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Liberty Warner liberty.warner@itv.com

Production Details

Lifted Entertainment, part of ITV Studios, and GroupM Motion Entertainment.



The Masked Singer



The BAFTA-winning show is back, but this time with a new panel as broadcaster and entrepreneur Maya Jama will be joining the highly-anticipated series which returns to ITV1 and ITVX in 2025.

Following another successful stint hosting the ultimate love game - the award-winning Love Island - Maya is now set to play the ultimate guessing game alongside Jonathan Ross, Davina McCall and Mo Gilligan who all resume their celebrity detective roles.

The affable Joel Dommett returns as host as the hit BAFTA-winning show that continues to grip the nation returns for its sixth series. Since bursting onto TV screens in 2020, The Masked Singer UK has reached a staggering 37 million viewers who have tuned in to guess who is hiding behind the mask.

A fresh batch of famous faces will don a line-up of extraordinary and elaborate costumes in a bid to disguise their identities as they sing in front of a studio audience and our celebrity judging panel. This year's cast follow in the footsteps of an array of superstars including Dionne Warwick, NeYo, Richie Sambora, Michael Owen, Daisy May Cooper, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Sue Perkins, Glenn Hoddle, Pat Cash, Lorraine Kelly, Jason Manford, Jake Shears, Sir Lenny Henry, Joss Stone and more.

Press Contacts

Sarah Banbury sarah.banbury@itv.com

Jake Way jake.way@itv.com

Picture Contact

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Production Details

Bandicoot Scotland (part of Argonon).



Dancing on Ice



The celebrity ice-skating competition created and produced by Lifted Entertainment returns to ITV1 and ITVX in 2025 with a new cast.

Twelve celebrities prepare to embark on the ultimate challenge, as they take to the ice each week and skate live in a bid to impress both the ice panel and viewers at home.

Confirmed cast this year include TV personality Ferne McCann, The Traitors star Mollie Pearce, Olympic rowing legend Sir Steve Redgrave, Coronation Street star Sam Aston, actress Charlie Brooks, reality star and presenter Chris Taylor, comedian Josh Jones, footballer and pundit Anton Ferdinand, actress Chelsee Healey, TOWIE star Dan Edgar, television presenter Michaela Strachan, and Paralympic grand champion Dame Sarah Storey.

Back for a sparkling new series, Dancing On Ice promises more glitz, glamour and show-stopping performances as the celebrities brave it all to learn this challenging new discipline - but who has what it takes to master the skill and steps to lift the trophy at the end of the series?

Press Contact

Sarah Stevens sarah.stevens@itv.com

Picture Contacts

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Liberty Warner liberty.warner@itv.com

Production Details

Lifted Entertainment.



99 To Beat



ITV's new game show 99 To Beat, produced by Initial (part of Banijay UK) - the production company behind Celebrity Big Brother, Big Brother, Soccer Aid and Tenable - is coming to screens in 2025.

Hosted by brothers Adam and Ryan Thomas, the series starts with 100 contestants and viewers will follow as players go head-to-head in a range of visually distinctive and often hilarious games. After each round, the number of players is gradually whittled down, with only one person taking the top prize.

Already successful in seven countries with multiple series in Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland, 99 To Beat is the game show that anyone can win, but there's one rule that players must follow if they're to be in with a chance of walking away with the cash prize – don't come last!

In their first presenting role together, Adam and Ryan will preside over all of the nail-biting action, offering playful commentary while guiding the 100 contestants through the experience. Since starring in the nation's most popular soaps Emmerdale and Coronation Street, Adam and Ryan have gone on to appear in a string of the biggest entertainment formats including ITV's I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! and Dancing on Ice, winning public affection and cementing themselves as lovable television personalities.

Press Contact

Jake Way jake.way@itv.com

Picture Contact

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Production Details

An Initial (part of Banijay UK) production for ITV.





Lee Mack hosts The 1% Club where 100 contestants are hoping to win up to £100,000.

The 1% Club is not about what you learned at school or your ability to memorise facts – it's about real intelligence. Everyone is on a level playing field which means anyone can play along, making it perfect viewing for the whole family.

With Lee on sparkling form and having great fun with the contestants, find out if any of them manage to take home the Prize Pot and earn themselves a place in The 1% Club – an elite group of people who can honestly say they're smarter than 99% of the population.

Press Contact

ITV Press Centre itvpresscentre@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Magnum Media.

Limitless Win Series 4



Fronted by Britain's favourite duo Ant & Dec, the primetime entertainment quiz show returns for its fourth series.

After a life-changing one-million-pound win last series - the highest cash prize in Limitless Win history - the stakes are higher than ever before as new contestants prepare to take on the limitless ladder and climb their way to a fortune.

Airing in primetime, the groundbreaking format with a never-ending money ladder allows contestants to win the world's first unlimited jackpot.

Press Contact

Holly Osmond-Smith holly.osmond.smith@itv.com

Picture Contact

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Production Details

Created by Hello Dolly and codeveloped by Hello Dolly and Mitre Studios.

UVA Entertainment Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Specials



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire is back with a series of brandnew celebrity specials for the New Year - with some wonderful surprises for Millionaire fans, this promises to be the best celeb series yet.

Confirmed celebrities in this new series include actor and national treasure Stephen Fry, Strictly Come Dancing judge Anton Du Beke, and Olympic cyclist Dame Laura Kenny.

Each brave celeb is playing for their chosen charity, but who will crumble and who will shine when they face Jeremy and the hot seat?

Press Contact

ITV Press Centre itvpresscentre@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

Stellify Media.

UV The Martin Lewis Money Show Live



The Martin Lewis Money Show Live returns for its 14th series in January 2025.

Presented by Martin Lewis CBE, the world of personal finance continues to feel like an impossible challenge for so many in today's cost of living crisis – from news stories of bailiffs attending homes after missing just a single council tax payment to rising energy bills and changes in essential benefits (such as the pensioners' Winter Fuel Allowance), it's evident that no-one remains more in touch with the nation's most pressing issues than Martin Lewis. His innate ability to communicate tangible information makes it an appointment-to-view programme.

Alongside broadcaster and Olympian Jeanette Kwakye MBE, Martin takes on the most topical of issues and answers viewers' most pressing financial questions - this series he will tackle subjects such as debt, mortgages, pensions, difficult conversations and the very latest financial news.

Press Contact

ITV Press Centre itvpresscentre@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

MultiStory Media.





Press Contact

Naomi Bharwani naomi.bharwani@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

South Shore.

Inside M&S at New Year goes behind the scenes at Britain's favourite retailer, as they attempt to develop a new range of products designed to improve our health and wellbeing.

From brain health-supporting snacks and protein-packed ready meals to gutfriendly drinks, the team has been tasked with developing complex recipes that must hit stringent standards - but will their mushroom drinks verified with the Royal Botanical Gardens of Kew prove popular with customers?



The Jonathan Ross Show



The Jonathan Ross Show returns to ITV1 and ITVX in 2025 with a brand-new series as the biggest names from around the globe sit down with the King of chat.

The last series of The Jonathan Ross Show saw an array of the world's biggest stars appear on Jonathan's sofa including Liam Gallagher, Raye, Anthony Joshua, Millie Bobby Brown, Paul Rudd, Ray Winstone, Marisa Abela, Kirsten Dunst, Perrie and more.

The upcoming series will see Jonathan once again delve into the lives of iconic stars from TV, film, music, sport and more, bringing viewers humorous, intimate and frank interviews that really get people talking plus the hottest musical acts in the studio to perform their chart-topping tracks live.

Press Contacts

Emma Daly emma.daly@itv.com

Jake Way jake.way@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

A Hot Sauce TV production for ITV.



DNA Journey with Ancestry



The fifth series of DNA Journey with Ancestry continues on ITV1 and ITVX with three new celebrity pairings.

The celebrity duos delving into their families' histories are Jo Brand and Julian Clary, Fay Ripley and Hermione Norris and Sam Thompson and Marvin Humes.

Produced by Voltage TV, Mitre Studios and Ancestry, the series sees the new celebrity twosomes set off in pursuit of where they come from and unearth secrets from their past, in a life-changing and emotional voyage of discovery.

Using advanced DNA technology and genealogy, the duos will unlock hidden secrets from their family trees as they discover amazing revelations about their descendants, fascinating stories of unknown ancestors, and have meetings with newly-found living relatives that spark deep connections to the past and present.

Press Contacts

Britt Allott britt.allott@itv.com

Lyndsey Large lyndsey.large@itv.com

Picture Contact

Liberty Warner liberty.warner@itv.com

Production Details

A Voltage TV, Mitre Studios and Ancestry co-production for ITV.

itvX itv2 Factual Entertainment

Olivia Attwood: Getting Filthy Rich



Olivia Attwood returns with her award-winning series for a third run, made by All3Media's Optomen, that is coming to ITV2 and ITVX in 2025.

This time Olivia delves even deeper as she discovers just how diverse and inclusive the adult industry is, exploring even more surprising services from giantesses to MILFs and GILFs making erotic custom content.

Olivia also immerses herself in the world of financial domination, adult cosplay, the boyfriend experience, and meeting the OnlyFans top one percent earning up to \$150,000 a month.

Press Contact

Jake Way jake.way@itv.com

Picture Contacts

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Liberty Warner liberty.warner@itv.com

Production Details

Olivia Attwood: Getting Filthy Rich was commissioned by Sue Murphy, Head of Factual Entertainment, ITV, and Kate Teckman, Head of Development & Commissioning Editor, Factual Entertainment, ITV.

The executive producer is Anna Edwinson, the series producer is Holly Woods, the series editor is Osca Humphries, and the creative directors for Optomen are Tina Flintoff and Nick Hornby

Produced by All3Media's Optomen for ITV.

UVA Factual Entertainment Georgia Harrison Deep Fake Porn: Who Is Making All The Money?



Georgia Harrison dives into the secretive world of online porn in this series to find out how this industry works and how nonconsensual pornographic images are being created and used to help drive profits and power to individuals.

Five years ago, Georgia Harrison was filmed having sex without her knowledge - when the sex tape was sold online, Georgia's life changed forever.

The video went viral, Georgia lost her work and her reputation, and the humiliating tape found its way to free-to-view porn websites - but she came back fighting, working tirelessly to remove the content and raise awareness about revenge porn.

The world of online porn is not easy to escape, so how does it make money and who are the people profiting from unconsented footage with little accountability?

Press Contact

Jake Way jake.way@itv.com

Picture Contacts

Michael Taiwo michael.taiwo1@itv.com

Liberty Warner liberty.warner@itv.com

Production Details

MultiStory TV.



The Real Unforgotten



ITV's acclaimed drama series Unforgotten fictionalises a modern-day police team investigating cold case murders and gradually unravelling long-forgotten secrets.

Now this new programme from the BAFTA- and multi-award-winning Brinkworth Productions delivers the real thing - with full access to the investigation for the last six years, this series follows a police unit as they bring one of the most intractable murder cases from the past to justice. Just like the drama, the officers never forget that at the core of a murder investigation is the saddest human tragedy.

Completely embedded in the unit, the programmes witness the case as it unfolds in front of us - we are there as detectives pick their way through the dead ends and frail memories to discover the truth; we are with them as they target and arrest the suspects; we are in the room as they plan the whole interrogation process, including how they tackle the lies and inconsistencies they have found. Stage by stage and hour by hour, we see every major step of the way as justice is finally served.

In what may be potentially a first, the films have access not just to the whole police investigation, but also their meetings with the CPS and with their King's Counsel as they discuss how and when to get the suspects to charge and court.

Taking viewers inside a world where no crime is truly forgotten - and no stone is left unturned - this series is truly The Real Unforgotten.

Press Contact

Tom Westcott tom.westcott@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

Brinkworth Productions.





The new year kicks off with the Emirates FA Cup's return to ITV and ITVX for the Third Round in early January.

Current holders Manchester United enter the competition alongside other Premier League clubs for an action-packed weekend of football presented by Mark Pougatch, pundits will include Ian Wright, Karen Carney and Roy Keane.

Press Contact

Tom Westcott tom.westcott@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

ITV Sport.



2025 Six Nations Rugby



The 2025 Six Nations Rugby Championship returns on Friday the 31st of January in Paris, with France v Wales in the opening fixture on ITV1 and ITVX.

With coverage presented by Mark Pougatch and Jill Douglas, ITV1 and ITVX will also broadcast England's first match on Saturday the 1st of February against Ireland at the Aviva Stadium.

Confirmed ITV matches include:

31st January - France v Wales

1st February - Ireland v England

8th February - Italy v Wales

8th February - England v France

- 22nd February England v Scotland
- 23rd February Italy v France
- 8th March Ireland v France
- 9th March England v Italy

15th March - Italy v Ireland

15th March - France v Scotland

Press Contact

Tom Westcott tom.westcott@itv.com

Picture Contact

Patrick Smith patrick.smith@itv.com

Production Details

ITV Sport.



Super Bowl LIX



Super Bowl LIX will be broadcast live on ITV1 and ITVX on February 9th.

The NFL's flagship yearly event takes place at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans - Craig Doyle will host the show with match analysis from two-time Super Bowl winner Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell, and the current reigning champions are the Kansas City Chiefs.

Press Contact

Tom Westcott tom.westcott@itv.com

Picture Contact

ITV Picture Publicity itvpicturepublicity@itv.com

Production Details

North One.

ITV Highlights 2024