

THE THIRD EYE COLLECTION

ART & CULTURE



Third Eye Productions was founded in 1981 by a group of producers and directors from BBC Television. Between 1982 and 1998 the company produced 18 series and 28 single films - nearly 120 programmes in all - on cultural, social and anthropological subjects from the UK and around the world. Several of these programmes were accompanied by books published by the BBC and Channel 4. The programmes themselves were funded and broadcast by the BBC, C4, ITV and International broadcasters.

BIOGRAPHY



Espresso TV is proud to present a selection of the finest Third Eye films, some shot and edited on 16mm, available for screening worldwide.

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The Fake van Goghs 1 x 60'

Was the most expensive painting ever sold at auction a fake? This award-winning documentary explores the authenticity of the 'Sunflowers' painting by Vincent van Gogh, bought in the late 1980s for a then record sum by a Japanese insurance company.

COOKERY/LIFESTYLE



Movie Masterclass 6 x 75'

A series that delves into a selection of critically-acclaimed films throughout World Cinema. Each individual episode devotes itself to a specific film, which undergoes an informative analysis featuring an interactive debate between presenter and students from the National Film & Television School, Beaconsfield. Featured titles include John Ford's classic 'My Darling Clementine' and Ingmar Bergman's 'Cries and Whispers'.

HISTORY



Yani's Monkeys 1 x 26'

Chinese child-prodigy Wang Yani started to paint when she was two and a half. Her delightful and vivid menagerie of watercolour animals, especially monkeys, are famous throughout China. Yani visited London with her father when she was ten and took the opportunity to visit museums and the zoo, where she had her first encounter with a Giant Panda. The film is narrated by the famous TV naturalist, Sir David Attenborough.

BIOGRAPHY

Bert Hardy's World 1 x 75'

A fascinating and personal look into the life of distinguished Picture Post photojournalist Bert Hardy. The film contains vivid and striking imagery of British life, as captured through the lens of Bert's camera. Powerful images of firemen during the Blitz are shown, as is Bert's work capturing the lifestyles of many different ethnic communities.

TRAVEL



Bert Lloyd: A Personal Memoir 1 x 52'

Barry Gavin's tribute to the late folklorist and musician, Bert Lloyd. Bert was responsible for the revival of the folk scene in the UK and Europe in the 1940s, and was also a writer who worked alongside acclaimed Picture Post photographer, Bert Hardy, throughout this era.

Sir Terry Frost: A Portrait 1 x 26'

Sir Terry Frost was one of the world's leading abstract artists whose influence nationally and internationally was enormous. Based in Newlyn, Cornwall, a great deal of his influence was taken from the sea, the light and reflections in the water. This film captures his love of life and follows him working on a huge canvas in his studio, observing his technique, as he talks about the things in life that were most important to him.



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All in a Day's Life 5 x 30'

This series follows a day in the life of workers from a range of different professions. A factory worker, high-powered businessman, train driver, and security guard all discuss their views and opinions on their working lives and their roles within society. The various people featured in the series are unique and diverse, whilst the messages portrayed have an emphasis on sociological and political issues.

Love On The Line 1 x 26'

Diana Dahlia is the fashion editor of an Afro Caribbean newspaper. While selling saucy underwear to her friends one night she is challenged to go on a series of blind dates. This documentary follows Diana on each successive date; to an art gallery, to a romantic dinner in an exclusive London club, and tickets for two at the Royal Albert Hall.

Perfect Pickle 6 x 26'

Pickles have a slightly naughty reputation, with over-tones of the music-hall and the chippy. Yet pickles were once the pride of the British kitchen and a variety of homemade pickles were accompaniments to all manner of dishes. First shown on BBC TV Perfect Pickle introduces the audience to an extraordinary range of pickles and chutneys from around the world.

Scrimpers 6 x 26'

Six encounters with resourceful Britain. Actor Ray Brooks and writer/presenter Rick Ball join forces to discover exactly how and why there's such satisfaction in being a scripmer and saving money in Britain. The programmes are full of humour and real admiration for individual's ingenuity. The stars are the scrimpers themselves; practical, economising men and women who have rejected a throwaway society.

Talking Shop 6 x 26'

Filmed over a year this series follows the fortunes of a row of small neighbourhood shops in West London. The local shops in Mortlake Terrace, next to the world-famous Kew Gardens, began to serve the community in 1870, but now they must battle to survive, in the face of apathy, rising rents and the seemingly irresistible power of the giant supermarkets.

HISTORY

Lest We Forget 1 x 75'

A poignant, heartfelt film documenting the courage and determination of West Indian ex-servicemen and women who served in the British forces in World War I and II.

A Most Secret Service 2 x 26'

We tell the story of Hugh Verity, who became involved in one of the most extraordinary and effective secret operations of World War II - flying from England's Sussex coast to German occupied France, delivering and collecting agents of the French Resistance - by the light of the moon. We also uncover the secret life of Diana Viscomtesse de Rosso who moved in the shadowy world of secret agents as a private courier for two of the most powerful spymasters of World War II.

MEDICAL

Suffering and Silence 1 x 30'

Ear disease is one of the great scourges of humankind, affecting millions across the Developing World. Filmmakers David Collison and Michael Macintyre followed the BRINOS team to Nepalgunj, where suffering and silence go hand in hand. This film introduces viewers to the scale of medical problems in Nepal and follows the progress of several ear operations involving micro-surgery in difficult conditions. It places the surgery in the context of village life and shows what can be done to prevent simple ear infections destroying innocent lives.

TRAVEL

The Encircled Sea 10 x 26'

The Mediterranean Sea is bordered by the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. The civilisations and ideas that grew up on its shores shaped the history of mankind. This series relies on the language of film, selecting and weaving together images and sounds to create a sense of place and a background of history. A specially composed score reflects the musical traditions of the Mediterranean locations.



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