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ARTS/EDUCATIONAL



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Art & Design 1 x 60' HD

In this documentary a selection of artists discuss their relationship to creativity. To begin they explain how they are inspired by many varied things; the environment, the human figure, popular culture, memory, the energy and history of place. We discover how different artists record images and ideas for use in their work. The focus moves to how these ideas develop to create pieces of art. People working in a range of media describe what it is about their chosen material that so excites them. Finally the artists describe how they made a living at differing stages of their careers and we hear from those whose work is destined for public spaces in our cities and from the people who commissioned them.

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Waterbabies 1 x 47'

An inspirational step-by-step guide that will show you how to introduce your baby to water. The programme features a series of carefully designed exercises, aimed at developing safety skills, increasing fitness and encouraging your baby to have fun in the water. Starting in the bath at home, you and baby will soon feel confident and safe in the public pool. Made by an award-winning film production team, *Waterbabies* is inspirational and stimulating – giving endless opportunities for fun and bonding as parents start on the journey that will turn their baby into a confident swimmer later in life.

ENVIRONMENTAL



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Waterlife 26 x 30' HD

A stunning HD series presenting a portrait of water and all the manifestations of life within, each episode deals with a different ecosystem. Through 2D and 3D animation viewers will learn about the characteristics of water, which is the starting point for all life, and the different ways animals and planets have adapted to their wet environment. Each programme uncovers the things that make it so fundamental to life and show the viewer a fascinating and vibrant world. From the fountains near our houses to the vast depths of the oceans or fast flowing rivers, in the water we find the most wild and diverse nature.

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Windfarm Wars 4 x 60'

A dramatic series examining what happens when a windfarm of nine 120-metre high turbines is planned to be built on a tranquil, ancient landscape in the English countryside. It's the story of a deeply divided community with a conclusion that will impact on the future of land-based renewable energy in the UK. Filmed over four turbulent years, each episode explores in candid and intimate detail a story that goes to the very heart of the question of renewable energy, our attitudes towards it and the future for on-shore wind energy around the world.

FEATURE DOCS



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Act of God 1 x 74'/1 x 60'

Accidents, chance, fate and the elusive quest to make sense out of tragedy underpin director Jennifer Baichwal's captivating new work, an elegant cinematic meditation on the metaphysical effects of being struck by lightning. To explore these profound questions the film finds riveting personal stories from around the world— from a former CIA assassin and a French storm chaser, to writer Paul Auster and improvisational musician Fred Frith. Visually dazzling and aurally seductive, *Act of God* singularly captures the harsh beauty of the skies and the lives of those who have been forever touched by their fury.

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Charlotte: A Royal at War 1 x 98'/1 x 55'/2 x 49'

The remarkable untold story of the Royal propagandist in pearls who inspired a nation through the power of radio, reaching her people in their darkest hour. This is the true account of Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg and her government's pursuit of freedom for their country, against brutal occupation. As Hitler's army invades in 1940, Charlotte and key government ministers escape across the French border, to set up a government-in-exile. Against criticism that she's abandoned her people, the Grand Duchess used the airwaves to broadcast propaganda messages, as the only real weapon at her disposal. Combines eyewitness testimony with dramatic reconstructions and unique colour archive.

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HISTORY

13 Hours 1 x 47' HD (In Production, due June 2010)

A programme to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, told through the technology and heroes of the time, and showcasing the spirit and determination of the British people. The film will explore the events of a single day, 15 September 1940 - the day Churchill described as the 'crux of the battle'. Using dramatic colour footage of aerial combat combined with contemporary interviews this will be a gripping account of the pilots of Fighter Command who defended Britain in the summer of 1940.



Long March to Freedom 3 x 47' HD

(In Production, due September 2010) Trailer Available

In January 1945, as the Red Army resumed its relentless advance towards Germany, the inmates of prisoner-of-war camps in Poland were marched west towards Germany. Amongst them were thousands of British and Commonwealth soldiers, many of whom had spent over four years working in mines and factories with barely adequate sustenance. They were ordered at gunpoint to march many hours a day through the snow and ice of a Polish winter. The programme will tell, for the first time, the story of one of the forgotten atrocities of WWII, relying upon the testimony of survivors, and focusing on their experiences between leaving their camps and the moment of liberation.



War Above the Trenches 2 x 47' HD

(In Production, due December 2010) Trailer Available

This documentary tells the story of the Royal Flying Corps bitter struggle for air supremacy over the Western Front. This is a reality far removed from the popular image of a battle detached from the squalid, brutal frightfulness of trench warfare. As well as carefully researched film and photographic archive material and dramatic graphic and digital effects, the programme will use the actual words of those who took part in the fighting by accessing the vast collection of personal documents held by the Imperial War Museum and the RAF Museum. A stunning documentary showing the human price paid to gain mastery of the skies from early, innocent days to a time of near breaking point.



LIFESTYLE

Berkeley: An English Country Estate 24 x 30'

The Berkeley Estate in Gloucestershire is the oldest family owned estate in England. At its heart lies a magnificent medieval castle in which the Berkeley Family have lived for more than 850 years. This series follows a year in the life of this historic family and the people who make Berkeley the special place it is today. Both the estate and family have played key roles in English history - King Edward II was reputedly murdered in the castle dungeon by a red-hot poker, Queen Elizabeth I once hunted deer and played bowls here and Oliver Cromwell laid siege to the castle during the English Civil War. With unprecedented access to the Berkeley family and staff, this is an honest and inspiring portrait of a remarkable estate, and a unique glimpse of country life.



Lauren Luke: Make Me Up! 13 x 30' (In Production) Promo Available

A new lifestyle series starring global phenomenon Lauren Luke. In the past 12 months Lauren has skyrocketed into the public consciousness, becoming the UK's most watched channel on YouTube with over 74 million views and over 350,000 subscribers across 70 countries. This new series features Lauren visiting various cities shopping districts and approaching women to use the make-up in their bags, showing them how best to apply it. The show will demonstrate Lauren's passion for make-up, including celebrity inspired looks like Leona Lewis, Rihanna, Angelina Jolie and Kylie Minogue, as well as everyday looks and event specific styles. Showcasing Lauren's contagious sense of humour and down-to-earth quality, this is a series which works across many countries connecting with a large following of women who feel at ease with her approachable, home-grown tutorials.



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