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Highlights March 2013



Naked and Marooned with Ed Stafford

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 14TH MARCH, 9.00PM

Ed Stafford is undertaking an extreme survival challenge. He'll be washed up naked and alone on a desert island, south east of Fiji, with only his brain, bare hands, and a camera to keep him alive. He'll take no food, water, clothes, knife or tools, so from the moment he arrives he is on an extraordinary race to stay alive. As man can only last three days without water and three weeks without food, Ed will attempt to survive on the island physically and mentally, for 60 days. Ed will have to use what the uninhabited island has to offer, and his common sense, to find food, water, clothes, shelter and anything else which will keep him alive while he is marooned.

Surrounded by beautiful tropical reefs Ed will also have to find a way to fish for food, while making sure he doesn't meet any of the deadly sharks which inhabit the seas around the island. Will he also be able cope with the sweltering 30 °C temperatures, with no shelter or sun cream and then the freezing temperatures at night with no cover?

[Ed is available for interview](#)

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Breaking Magic

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 20TH MARCH, 8.00PM AND 8.30PM

Breaking Magic is a brand new series featuring jaw-dropping illusions, from street magic, hidden camera trickery, and a big magical stunt, performed by an ensemble of fresh magical talent, including James Galea, Wayne Houchin, Billy Kidd and new British talent Ben Hanlin. The twist: each feat is backed by real science, with an explanation and breakdown to prove it. It feels like magic but it's actually all science – whether it's physics, chemistry, or pure Einstein! Tricks include, turning silver into gold, bending water, and real life voodoo. In the first episode Ben is on the streets of Warsaw to try out a new scientific lie detector test, while back in London, James attempts to stop a cannonball with his own magic...or is it science?

Ben Hanlin is available for interview.

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Driven to Extremes

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 17TH MARCH, 9.00PM

Prepare for the ultimate Hollywood road movie, as A-list actors, Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill and Adrien Brody, join forces with Formula 1 star Mika Salo and World Superbike champion Neil Hodgson, to take on the most extreme roads in the world in exciting new series *Driven to Extremes*. Each episode follows a celebrity pair as they take on some of the toughest terrain on the planet, at the harshest time of the year. From keeping the car running in temperatures of -50 C on Russia's notorious Road of Bones to navigating through the depths of the Malaysian jungle in the middle of the monsoon season, accompany these high-profile petrol heads as they push themselves and their car, to the limit.

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Moonshiners

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 4TH MARCH, 9.00PM

Moonshiners returns to Discovery Channel, with more bootleggers, backwoods stills and American family traditions. The new series follows those who take serious precautions to remain safe as they practice the art of making moonshine, and the law enforcement tasked with capturing them. With moonshiners making more than \$100,000 a year, tax free, they have a reputation for being unethical and corrupt. Tim Smith, the most wanted moonshiner in the U.S., is back with the agility and ease needed to be the best at what he does while remaining safe from the law. His desire to go legal remains strong, and causes serious conflict, as his partner and sidekick, Tickle, helps keep the outlaw distillers running and moonshine adventures rolling. The new series also tells the tale of the passing of Marvin "Popcorn" Sutton and new characters are introduced as moonshine sites are compromised and new moonshine methods and dangers come into play.

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Sons of Guns

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 4TH MARCH, 10.00PM

Sons of Guns returns to Discovery Channel with father and daughter duo Will Hayden and Stephanie Ford, owners of Red Jacket, America's most unique weapons business. Along with their Red Jacket crew they buy, sell and restore everything from guns, to knives, to cannons. Coming up this series: after crew member Joe witnesses a murder while in New Orleans, Will and the rest of the gang transform a Ferret Scout into a riot control vehicle for the New Orleans police department. Also, the all-star gunsmith crew is invited to help re-enact an attack on the USS Kidd, a decommissioned Fletcher Class Destroyer that saw action in the pacific theatre during WWII. Also the crew's personal lives become mixed with business when the tension between Will, Kris and Stephanie comes to a head.

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I Shouldn't Be Alive

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 3RD MARCH, 10.00PM

I Shouldn't Be Alive follows the moment by moment stories of survival, as brave fighters relive the moral dilemmas, chance events and desperate decisions that ultimately brought them home alive. At the heart of every film is an extraordinary physical ordeal; from the mountaineer who is left for dead on the world's highest peak to the young family stranded in the Arizona desert battling dehydration and prowling gangs of people smugglers. Running alongside is the emotional journey faced by each of our survivors, *I Shouldn't Be Alive* brings you the people who faced these choices and lived to tell their tale.

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Anna's Wildlife

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 5TH MARCH, 8.00PM

Having left the city far behind, Anna and her team have taken to zoo life lock, stock and barrel. Now that the zoo is on its feet, they are able to concentrate on the key roles for any modern zoo, meaning playing their part in the European breeding programmes for endangered species. It also means the zoo can focus more on education and conservation, especially of the native wildlife of West Wales. In this series the meerkat breeding programme is still in progress, and judging by the twinkle in their eyes it looks like baby meerkats are on their way. For the first time, we also get to see behind the scenes of the modern wildlife park and what it takes to keep the exotic collection healthy and happy.

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Hospital Sydney

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 27TH MARCH, 10.00PM

Head to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for this real-life ER reality series, with heart-warming stories of courage loaded with drama, emotion, excitement and determination to regain health or survive life-threatening illnesses. This series the hospital comes up against deadly spider bites, serious head injuries and a 73 year old lady with the biggest spleen any of the doctors have ever seen. In the first episode viewers meet mother of two Renee, who is told she needs major brain surgery after a skiing accident and Helen, who arrives at the hospital with a shocking heart rate of two hundred and ten beats per minute.

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Scorned: Crimes of Passion

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 7TH MARCH, 9.00PM

Scorned: Crimes of Passion explores the sordid stories of betrayal, deception, and sexual intrigue that comprise a particularly salacious subset of murders: crimes of passion. This series gives a voyeuristic peek into the lust and animalistic obsession that have fueled some of the more brutal acts of violence to grab front-page headlines across the globe. In the first episode, the life of happily married couple, Lisa and Kosta, is shattered when a femme fatale and a horrifying decision devastate their lives forever.

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Happily Never After

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 10TH MARCH, 10.00PM

It was the happiest day of the bride's life, but it was also her last. For the newlyweds featured on *Happily Never After*, the reality of "til death do you part" hits sooner than expected. Part wedding show and part police drama, each episode unveils the tragic homicide of a newlywed amidst flashbacks to the couple's happy romance and the moment marital bliss turned to tragedy. Woven into each episode is expert commentary from Dr. Wendy Walsh, a relationship and human behaviour expert. In the first episode Tina has just married the man of her dreams. But hours after saying "I do," marital bliss takes a grisly turn to murder. Police race to a reception party that's now a crime scene.

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Australia's Toughest Police

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 13TH MARCH, 10.00PM AND 10.30PM

Go behind the scenes with the men and women of Australia's national and international policing agency, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in brand new series *Australia's Toughest Police*. Filmed over two years, and in more than eight countries including Indonesia, Columbia and the Philippines, this insightful series gains unprecedented access to the work of Australia's elite crime fighters. Follow their involvement in major operations from people smuggling, to counter terrorism; bomb disposal to international drug syndicates; child sex exploitation to disaster victim identification. Capturing stories on the ground as they unfold, as well as drawing on surveillance, warrant and arrest footage and other evidence provided exclusively by the AFP, witness the untold stories of the men and women working on the frontline.

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Holmes Inspection

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 18TH MARCH, 10.00PM

Holmes Inspection returns, shining a spotlight on innocent homeowners facing massive repair bills and dangerous living conditions due to incompetence within the unregulated home inspection industry. Each show offers a unique dilemma faced by house purchasers who, misled by a vague or evasive home inspection, now face a daunting renovation or potential health threat. Disillusioned and now distrusting, they call in Mike to offer a personal *Holmes Inspection* and assessment and to "Make It Right". In the first episode Mike meets Sean and Carol, who recently bought their dream home, but now that dream has turned into an oversized nightmare. Their new born baby Liam's room is so cold they call it "the meat locker". The roof is showing signs of wear and the living room is too cold for comfort. But Mike shows them they have even bigger issues than they thought.

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