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March 2012 Highlights





Wheeler Dealers

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UK PREMIERE SERIES TUESDAYS FROM 20TH MARCH, 9.00PM Rolling back onto Discovery Channel this month are veteran car dealer Mike Brewer and ace mechanic Edd China. Motor mad Mike will be searching far and wide, travelling around the UK, USA and Europe in his quest to find iconic vehicles that expert mechanic Edd can transform from rust bucket to dream machine, before Mike sets about selling them on for a tidy profit. This season of **Wheeler Dealers** sees Mike does his own 'Italian Job' as he travels to Trieste to buy a stunning early sports car, the Fiat Dino. Back on UK turf, he searches for the most British of sports cars, the Morgan, as well as scoring one of the cheapest BMW M5's in the country. He also heads to France to hunt down one of the rarest cars he's ever bought, the classic Renault Alpine 310. With each bargain Mike finds, Edd has to deal with the consequences... Many of these buys are cheap for a reason and leave Edd often having to fix cars with little to no budget or the car won't make a profit. Tensions and comic atmosphere run high as these two big characters take on new challenges as they bring some spectacular old classics back to life.

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Dealers

UK PREMIERE SERIES SUNDAYS FROM 25TH MARCH, 9.00PM From the makers of Dragons Den comes **Dealers** – a brand new series for Discovery Channel premiering this March. The seven-part series joins five of the world's most revered buyers in a secret Aladdin's cave. Here they meet with members of the public who arrive, one by one, with an item they think might have value or be of special interest to the **Dealers**. With a huge breadth of knowledge and global connections, however rare, bizarre or expensive the items, the **Dealers** will offer top prices if they think they can find a way of turning it into profit.

They may have different backgrounds in the world of high-stakes buying and selling but the **Dealers** all have deep pockets and are ready to bid against each other to get their hands on the collectibles. Antiques show CEO and pawn

business owner, Scott Diament has been in the business for 18 years. There is no limit to what he can spend. Antiques and vintage collectibles boutique owner and dealer, Gillian Anderson Price has a client base including Kate Moss, Jude Law and the Gallagher brothers. She is particularly interested in fashion, jewellery and movie posters. Richard Gauntlett is a 20th century collectibles and antique car dealer who is a smooth operator, but despite his impeccable manners, he has an acid wit that will cut down unrealistic sellers. Jenny Patt is a high-end Chinese art and antiquities dealer and consultant who spent just under five years as the Chinese Painting Specialist at Christie's in Hong Kong. And pawnbroker, Nikolas Robinson, deals with diamonds, jewels, art and antiques. He doesn't suffer fools gladly and can spot a fake from a mile off.

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Moonshiners

UK PREMIERE SERIES THURSDAYS FROM 8TH MARCH, 9.00PM It may be illegal, but in America, Moonshining is a multi-million dollar industry. This tradition dates back hundreds of years and to many, is considered to be a way of life.

Discovery Channel's all - new series **Moonshiners** tells the story of those who brew their shine - often in the woods near their homes using camouflaged equipment - and the local authorities who try to keep them honest. Viewers will witness practices rarely, if ever, seen on television including the sacred rite of passage for a moonshiner, firing up the still for the first time. Deep in Appalachia, where many shiners live, there are some areas where more sugar is sold than local residents could consume on their own. The main ingredients in moonshine "mash" are water, sugar, corn and yeast. It's also no accident moonshine season is from June to October - the height of the corn harvest and the peak of foliage to hide the illegal operations. This is a centuries old war and for the best in the industry, these three months can mean over \$100,000, tax free. The victors become stuff of legends, but one mistake and the losers face a prison sentence.

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Bravo November

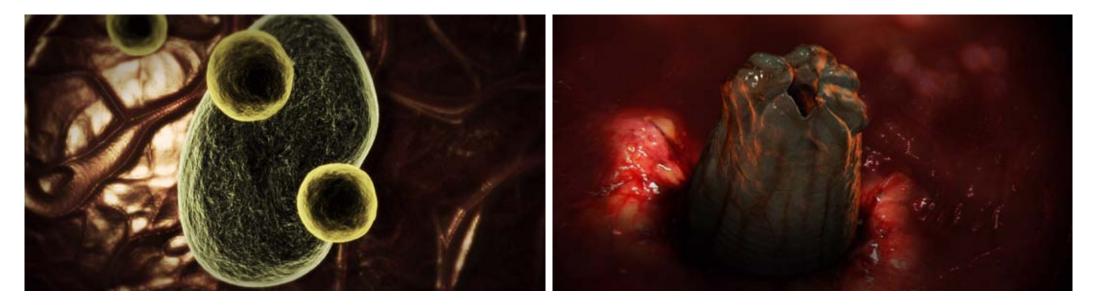
UK PREMIERE ONE-OFF FROM MONDAY, 26TH MARCH, 9.00PM Mike Brewer returns to Discovery Channel in this one-off special, **Bravo November**. He is on a mission to trace the history of the Chinook from its pivotal role in the Falklands War through to his own battle experience in Afghanistan. Along his journey, Mike discovers how this much admired fighting craft is as vital today as ever and how upgrades will keep it ahead of the game for many years to come.

Mike's mission begins after he rides with a British Forces medical emergency team into the heart of battle to rescue the wounded from an ambush. After an emotional return to base Mike discovers that the Chinook he's been flying on is the very same craft that escaped the burning decks of the Atlantic Conveyor, Bravo November, some thirty years earlier in the Falklands War. This realisation is the spark that ignites Mike to embark on a voyage of discovery tracking down the full story behind this incredible craft. Along his journey Mike unites viewers with Bravo November's pilot, John Kennedy and engineer Tom Kinsella, who helped maintain the Chinook, in the middle of the Falklands war with virtually no tools or spare parts. This is an emotional journey for both Mike and the contributors, revealing much about the relationship between men and machines in warfare.

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Monsters Inside Me

UK PREMIERE SERIES SUNDAYS FROM 4TH MARCH, 10.00PM

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A young newlywed suffers horrific seizures, and inexplicable delusions that doctors can't explain; a pregnant teacher is blindsided by excruciating bouts of diarrhoea, and to her horror she finds blood in the toilet; and a young mother is expecting her second child when she suddenly is hit with a devastating infection that leaves her in a coma. Will she and her baby survive? Family and friends are shocked and worried while doctors race to unlock the mysteries before it is too late. All are very different cases with one thing in common: the causes of these mysterious illnesses are not viruses or bacteria, but parasites - stealthy, cunning creatures who have taken up residence in their unsuspecting hosts. It is a life or death battle between modern medicine and evolution as these patients fight off the Monsters Inside Me.

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Whale Wars

UK PREMIERE SERIES FRIDAYS FROM 30TH MARCH, 9.00PM This March Captain Paul Watson and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society return for a fourth adrenaline-fueled season of **Whale Wars**, waging a life-and-death battle and masterful chess match to find and stop Japanese ships from hunting whales in the name of research.

With the whaling quota higher than ever, the pressure is on to declare victory and end whaling once and for all, so the Sea Shepherds return to Antarctica with new surprise tactics, new crew members and a new vessel, Gojira in "Operation No Compromise." Their crusade begins well as the fleet quickly track down two harpoon ships before they are able to kill a single whale. But as the mission continues and the fleet goes in search of their ultimate target, the whaling factory vessel, the Nisshin Maru, the operation takes a turn for the worse. Several gruelling months at sea bring a host of dangerous missions, and sees two boats and their crew treacherously lost at sea, and severe mental and physical exhaustion setting in amongst the team. But will this be the year that Paul see his life's work paid off with the ultimate victory?

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Rebuilding Japan

WEEKNIGHTS FROM MONDAY 12TH MARCH, 8.00PM

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This month Discovery Channel returns to Japan to remember the tragedy that tore apart this spectacular country, just one year ago. **Rebuilding Japan** is a seven-part series which follows Japan's efforts to recover from the aftermath of the 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami that rocked the country on March 11, 2011. Each episode will focus on separate aspects of the country's infrastructure and the incredible people who are rebuilding it. The series premieres by taking viewers to Rikuzen Takata, the city which bore the largest brunt of the disaster, half of it has disappeared and the rest lies in ruins. Futoshi Toba lost his wife, but he cannot mourn. He was elected mayor a mere month before the disaster, and is now facing an urgent challenge, to rebuild his town from scratch, but retain its original soul. Driven by his loss Toba scours Japan searching for experts and technology to help him design and build a new safe utopian city for the survivors.

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Meet the Sloths

UK PREMIERE SERIES SUNDAY 4TH MARCH, 8.00PM In a sleepy corner of Costa Rica there is a very peculiar but extraordinary sanctuary. Run by Judy Avey-Arroyo for 20 years, this is the only sanctuary in the world devoted to saving orphaned and injured sloths, and is home to over 160 of them, some of whom have become an internet sensation.

It's an upside-down world where the secrets of one of nature's most enigmatic creatures are revealed. And it's not all about snoozing! This one-off special, filmed over the course of a year, captures the kookiness of sanctuary life through the stories of five main sloth characters including Toby, a newcomer to the sanctuary who was rejected by his mum. Toby quickly settles in to sloth school and starts learning how to behave like a sloth, including how to use the 'poo pole'! It reveals a surprising soap opera of love, loss and lust, with more than a twist of humour, and shows that a sloth's life is more than just slothful. Super cute and inseparable twins, Violet and Sebastian, are just three-months old and struggling for survival. Having developed a skin disorder they need to be shaved and put into special sloth pyjamas made from sports socks. Randy is the former King Lothario of the sanctuary area, guaranteed to rock-up whenever the females are in heat and screaming for attention, but he's broken his arm after getting in a brawl with another male and falling from a tree, and is struggling to abide by the 'No Sex' house rule. And then there is Buttercup who was the first to arrive on Judy's doorstep and is her 'true daughter'. At 20 years-old she is the oldest living captive sloth and the matriarch rules over her slumbering empire from her very own wicker hanging chair.



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It's Me Or The Dog US

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TUESDAYS FROM 6TH MARCH, 8.00PM

From unruly retrievers to pampered pugs, renowned British dog trainer, Victoria Stilwell, has seen them all. But what about the owners who live with them? It's not just the dogs that need help! It's Me or the Dog US follows Victoria as she tries to restore harmony in homes where pets are running riot and the family is in the dog house. Over the course of the series, Victoria finds herself tackling a hoard of pampered poodles in a Long Island castle, trying to save a young couple's fractured relationship in Central Park, and squaring up to a wannabe tough guy who's in way out of his depth with a fearsome bully breed. It's a season full of surprises, dogs of all sizes, and even a mirco pig in dire need of some training. Victoria must pull out all the stops in order to transform these animals and their owners.



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Untamed China With Nigel Marvin

UK PREMIERE SERIES SUNDAYS FROM 11TH MARCH, 8.00PM In new six part series **Untamed China**, wildlife adventurer Nigel Marven explores the country's mountains and grasslands, crosses its greatest deserts and treks through its deepest jungles in search of the rare, little-known and extraordinary creatures that live there.

Over half of China's plant and animal species live in Yunnan Province in the far southwest of the country. In episode one, Nigel goes there to explore the ancient city of Dali and the surrounding mountains and forests. He meets some bizarre and deadly reptiles and amphibians, goes on a very unusual fishing trip, enjoys the fairy-tale lifecycle of butterflies and gets up close to highly endangered Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys.

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Kitchen Boss

UK PREMIERE SERIES WEEKDAYS FROM 5TH MARCH, 6.00PM This March, *Kitchen Boss* returns to Real Time as Buddy Valastro takes viewers into his kitchen to share his favorite family and Italian/Old World dishes. Buddy cooks up everything from pastas and meats, to sides and everyday desserts that the whole family can enjoy. All of these dishes are culled from his personal favorites and old family recipes, they're easy to prepare, and are presented with loads of tips to make a delicious dish. To spice it up, various guests, including members of the Valastro family, join Buddy in his kitchen.

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Fight Quest

CHANNEL PREMIERE SERIES SUNDAYS FROM 4TH MARCH, 9.00PM Quest's new documentary *Fight Quest* is a blend of cultural immersion and a good oldfashioned smack down. The series follows seasoned mixed martial arts fighter Jimmy Smith and 25-year-old rookie Doug Anderson as they travel the globe, adding fight styles from Kali to kickboxing to their repertoire. In each episode, Jimmy and Doug will explore a new location identified with a style of fighting, such as kung fu in Dengfeng, China, and boxing in Mexico City, Mexico. There, after first immersing themselves in the sounds, smells and tastes of the local scene, the two guys will separate to train with local masters of that method -sometimes an ancient art of combat, and other times a modern form of butt-kicking. After several days of intense instruction, Jimmy and Doug will each face off against a local in a noholds-barred test of skill. The fighting is real. The injuries are real. In the end, only the best will win.

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When Weather Changed History

UK PREMIERE SERIES THURSDAYS FROM 22ND MARCH, 8.00PM

When Weather Changed History is an

innovative new series coming to Discovery Science this March, spotlighting the weather that has quite literally changed our world. Each episode tells its story by highlighting the ways in which the power of nature has steered so much of history. Take, for example, the I48 tornadoes that in 24 hours tore across 13 US States and Canada, they destroyed neighbourhoods; taking hundreds of lives and injuring thousands more. This shocking weather catastrophe known as the 'Super Outbreak' gave rise to ground breaking discoveries and new technologies to better foresee and track killer storms and in 1993, two epic and costly floods hit the US heartland and so forced a dramatic change of course in the battle to control the Mississippi river.

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