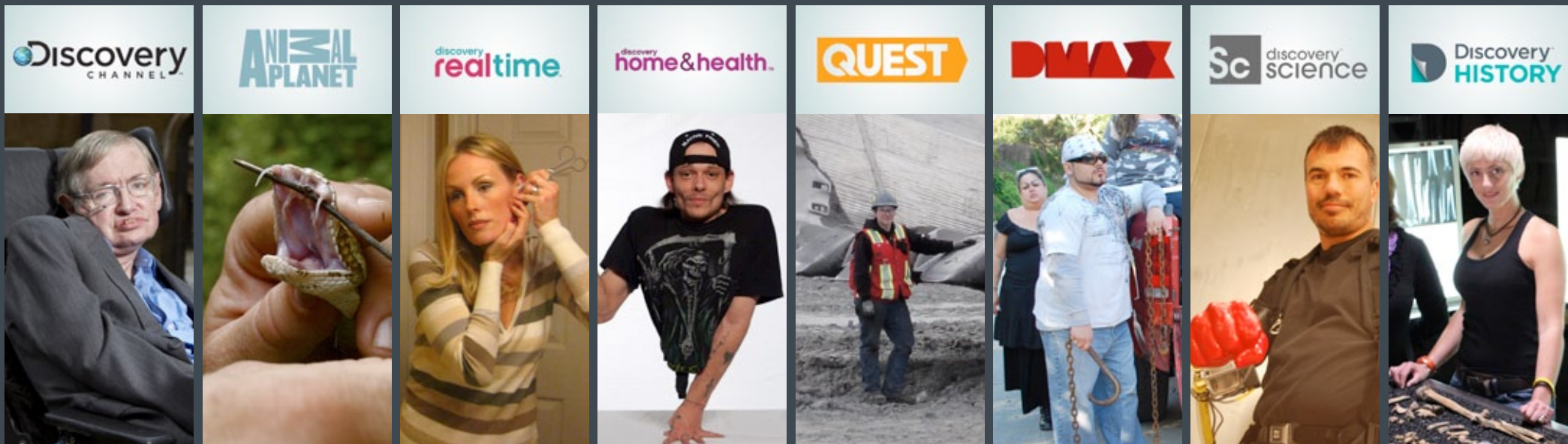


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# Highlights September 2012



# Stephen Hawking's Grand Design

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In this new series *Stephen Hawking's Grand Design* the world's most famous physicist Stephen Hawking addresses three of the most contentious issues surrounding scientific understanding. Did God create the universe? What is the meaning of life? And is science incompatible with religion? Blending philosophy with hard science Professor Hawking tries to answer perhaps the ultimate question that has followed mankind since the dawn of time. Will the recent discovery of the Higgs-Boson, the so-called, 'God Particle' the latest step in a remarkable scientific voyage, provide the key to unlocking the secrets still contained in the midnight dark of the far reaches of the cosmos? These are the questions occupying scientists all over the world right now and in this series Hawking attempts to answer the seemingly unanswerable.

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# Fifth Gear

UK SERIES PREMIERE

MONDAYS FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER, 8.00PM

Brand new and back exclusively showing on the Discovery Channel is popular motoring show, *Fifth Gear*, featuring fast cars, expert drivers and the much loved *Fifth Gear* presenting team, Tiff Needell, Vicki Butler-Henderson, Jason Plato and Jonny Smith. During the series the team will be trying out the latest super cars, taking part in nail biting bumper to bumper racing, investigating what cars work best in crash tests and attempting to break some of the world's toughest motoring records. There will be special guests from the world of motoring each week offering a first-hand insight into their world. In the first episode Tiff tries out the new Jaguar and Jonny conducts the world's fastest ever crash test.

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# Wheeler Dealers

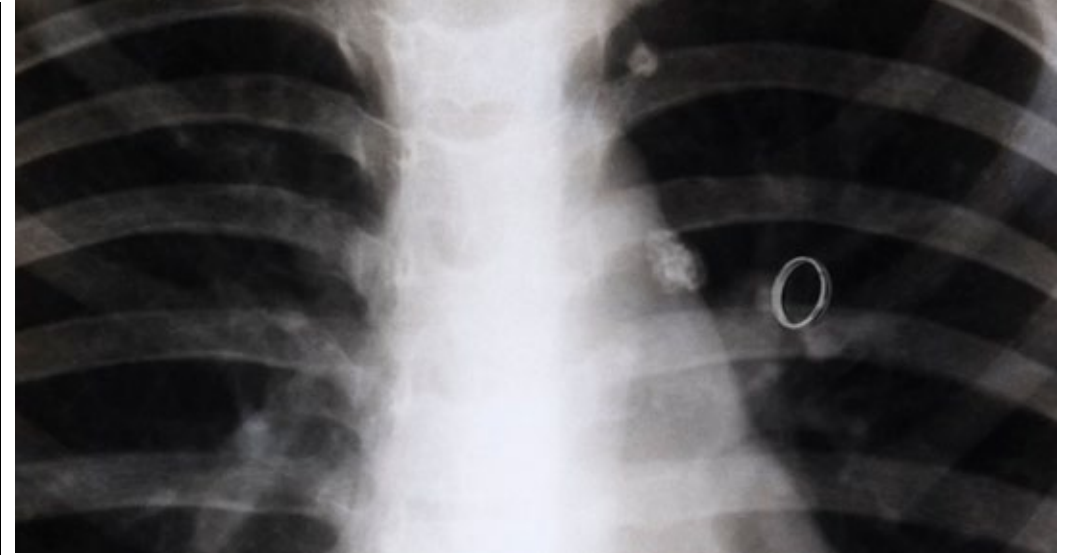
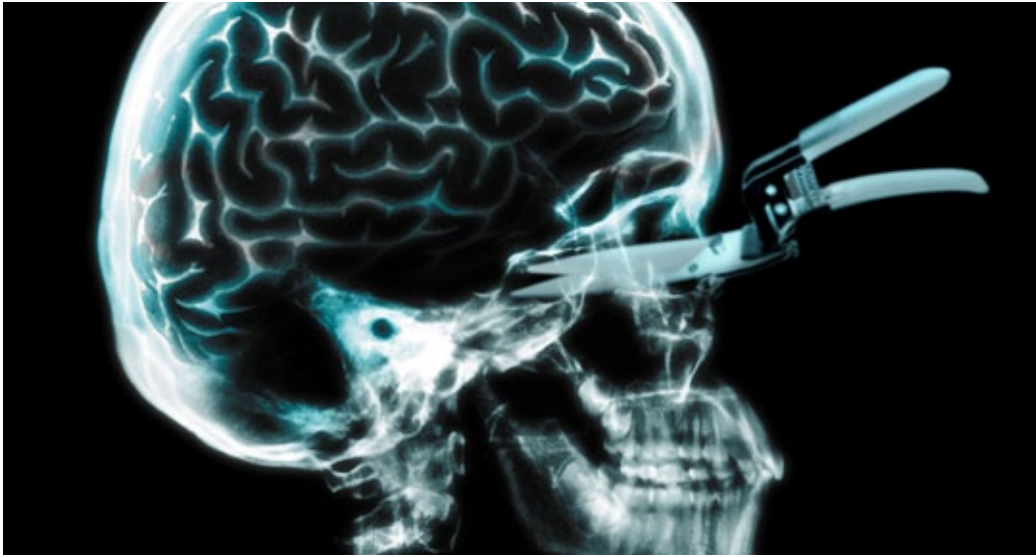
UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 18TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

Rolling back onto Discovery Channel this month are veteran car dealer Mike Brewer and top mechanic Edd China in the new series of *Wheeler Dealers*. 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, before Mike sets about selling them on for a profit. This season of *Wheeler Dealers* sees Mike doing his own 'Italian Job' as he travels to Trieste to buy a stunning early sports car, the Fiat Dino. Back in the UK, he searches for the most British of sports cars, the Morgan, as well as buying one of the cheapest BMW M5's in the country. He also heads to France to hunt down one of the rarest cars he has ever bought, the classic Renault Alpine 310. With each bargain Mike finds, Edd has to deal with the consequences. 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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# Body Invaders

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 23RD SEPTEMBER, 10.00PM

From aeroplane parts to engagement rings, cement to full cutlery sets, welcome to the truly astonishing world of items found inside the human body. The series chronicles the shocking accidents which left the most bizarre foreign objects ever to find themselves in the human body. Talking to the victims, those that were there at the scene and using CGI re-enactments this series recounts some of the most inexplicable, unexpected and simply astounding stories in modern medicine. Using testimony and reconstruction the series focusses on how these dangerous and bizarre objects found themselves in the body and why they were often inches away from being fatal. The first episode features a girl in Scotland, who never imagined that her normal walk to work would end impaling herself on a metal fence and a gardener who manages to impale his clipping shears into his own eye.

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# Fast N' Loud

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 26TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In each episode of *Fast n' Loud*, motor mastermind Richard Rawlings and mechanical prodigy Aaron Kaufmann search the far flung corners of Texas and surrounding states for forgotten and derelict classic cars to buy and restore at their Gas Monkey Garage in Dallas, Texas. While 'in Rome,' they'll sometimes get in with the local customs and characters — the all American, full throttle road trip with attitude. Ultimately, Richard and Aaron will work days and nights to finish their cars to make auction. But will their blood, sweat and beers translate into cold hard cash? Whatever the outcome there's always some fun time worked into their crazy schedules, and no matter how nuts their day gets, you can bet you'll see some donuts in the driveway or a test drive of a great car.

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# SnakesKin

UK PREMIERE SERIES

MONDAYS FROM 12TH SEPTEMBER, 8.00PM AND 8.30PM

Come face-to-face with a snake in your kitchen? Been bitten by a venomous creature? Lose your 14-foot python? If you live in Georgia and call 911, chances are good you'll be directed to Jason and his family business. Running their own pest control business specialising in snakes means that every day is unpredictable for Jason and his wife Sarah with the calls ranging from the bizarre to extremely dangerous. This series follows Jason and his family as they deal with the day to day slippery customers and family life. In the first episode Jason and Sarah deal with a backyard full of snakes, but as they know the best way to get rid of snakes in your backyard is to add more snakes. But try telling that to a woman who's just been bitten by a Copperhead! Then, with Jason's help, Sarah has been able to overcome her fear of snakes, but will she be able to overcome her bigger fear of public speaking?

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# Man-Eating Super Snake

UK PREMIERE

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 9.00 PM

South Florida is under siege from a new invasive species. This time, they're man-eaters: African Rock Pythons. These lethal giant constrictors are one of nature's most aggressive snakes. As exotic pets or in the wild, they have attacked and killed humans and with them now on the loose in Florida, people, native animals, and the ecosystem aren't safe. Currently confined to an area west of Miami, if these predators make it to the everglades and interbreed with another invasive behemoth - Burmese Pythons - it could give birth to a terrifying hybrid man-eating super snake! This programme takes a look at how these deadly creatures came to live in this region, gets opinions from snake experts and biologists and even takes a look at how deadly these creatures can really be.

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# Wild Animal Orphans

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS 27TH SEPTEMBER, 8.00PM

Follow lifelong animal conservationist Marlice Van Vurran and her doctor husband, Rudie, and son Zacheo, as they care for and take in wild animals at their wildlife sanctuary in Namibia. Looking after some of the most endangered and sometimes even dangerous species in Africa, Marlice channels her special connection with animals into her work. In the first episode fourteen wild dog pups arrive at Naankuse wildlife sanctuary and Marlice and Zacheo meet the challenge head-on. Meanwhile, an injured baby baboon needs to be treated urgently and Marlice wonders if the Leopard cubs are becoming a danger to Zacheo.

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# Feral Children

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MONDAYS 23RD SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In some of the most shocking tales ever told anthropologist Mary-Ann Craig explores the lives of three children who were forced to fend for themselves when they were abandoned and even more shockingly taken in and cared for by animals. Telling their stories and separating what is fact and what is fiction Mary-Ann investigates how these children came to be in these situations and works out how they managed to survive in such testing and dangerous environments. In the first episode Mary-Ann looks into the story of the Monkey Boy from Uganda who was discovered living in the bush, acting like he was a monkey after going missing for several years. She sets out to speak to those that found him and track down the lost child himself.

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# Monkey Life

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 25TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

Pictures courtesy of Monkey World

Follow the team and animals of Monkey World in Dorset, the largest monkey rescue and rehabilitation centre in the world. Over the past 25 years the team has helped countless monkeys, rescuing them from testing sites, owners who are mistreating them and those being used for entertainment. Home to more than 240 primates this is not a walk in the park and the team deal with new problems and medical issues each day. In the first episode chimp Cathy goes under the knife and the team prepares for a new arrival.

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# My Strange Addiction

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 4TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

This series investigates the world of dangerous and bizarre addictions, delving even deeper into the human psyche and exploring the odd things that people will do to ease anxieties. Some of the weird obsessions revealed this series include Nathaniel from Arkansas and Mary from Michigan who to any passerby might seem like normal people. But looks can be deceiving, as Nathaniel is a mechaphiliac - a person sexually attracted to his car, a Chevy Monte Carlo that he named Chase. While most people just wax their prized vehicles, Nathaniel takes his on dates and even makes love to it. Meanwhile, Mary has an addiction to cat food and eats up to 900 cat treats a day. She also claims that the wet food tastes like chicken soup, never realising how harmful ingesting animal food may be. Can their doctors and loved ones save them from their unhealthy addictions and compulsions? Each episode explores how the individual began their habit and why they feel compelled to endanger their lives.

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# Strange Sex

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 4TH SEPTEMBER, 10.00PM

*Strange Sex* profiles mysterious conditions, unusual fetishes and the kinky science behind sexual attraction. With first-hand accounts and commentary from medical professionals, each half-hour episode sends viewers on an unrestricted journey into an entirely new world of sex. Featured in the In the new series premiere is a couple that enjoys "adult breastfeeding", with Jeff discovering it's a sexual turn-on for him to drink his wife's breast milk straight from the source, and his wife Michelle doesn't seem to mind.

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# I Married A Mobster

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 12TH SEPTEMBER, 10.00PM

If after your wedding, Colombo, Luchese, and Franzese are names in your new family, then having in-laws with baggage has a whole new meaning. Season two of Real Time's *I Married a Mobster* is an insider's perspective into the reality of New York mafia families from the first-person point-of-view of the Mrs. This thirteen episode series delves deep into the deceit and colourful backgrounds of the Mobsters and their loved ones. In the first episode Toni Marie Fappiano tells the story of how she fell for the handsome and charming Michael DiLeonardo. When her husband rats against his friend John Gotti Jr, she's left with the biggest decision of her life: to take the stand against Gotti or her husband?

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# NY Ink

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 2ND SEPTEMBER, 10.00PM

Real Time brings back its hit series *NY Ink* for a second season following Ami James as he puts it all on the line to become the Tattoo King of New York. In the last series with his big personality and heart to match and as the first tattoo artist to gain such celebrity status, Ami set his sights on dominating the birthplace of American tattoo style: New York City. Following on from last season's events, Ami and the rest of the Wooster Street Social Club crew are back, and after all the struggles of getting the NYC shop up and running over the past year, WSSC is on the tattoo map and business is booming. The rollercoaster ride continues with all the drama, pranks, incredible stories and amazing artwork emblazoned on the skin.

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# Man With Half A Body

UK PREMIERE

THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

*Man with Half a Body* is an inspirational documentary about an extraordinary man named Kenny Easterday. After being born with a rare condition Kenny had his legs amputated meaning he has no lower body. Incredibly he has always refused to let his disability get in the way of him living the life he wanted and refuses to use a wheelchair or prosthetics. This moving one hour special explores his relationship with those close to him and follows him as he goes through losing his home and yet more life threatening medical problems.

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# The Man With The 200lb Tumour

UK PREMIERE

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

One of the world's most shocking medical cases lies hidden in a remote region of Vietnam. At first glance, Hai Nguyen looks like any other 31-year-old Vietnamese man, but he has been bed-ridden for the past six years, weighed down by a stunning medical abnormality: what could quite possibly be the largest tumour in the world. Hai suffers from neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that facilitates tumor growth on nerves in the body. He has been weighed down by a tumor that has been growing his entire life, rendering him bedridden for the past six years. This one-off special follows Hai on his journey to meet renowned plastic surgeon Dr McKay McKinnon as he attempts to save Hai's life. This unforgettable story chronicles how a worldwide effort overcomes a stunning series of setbacks and reversals to save the life of this extraordinary man.

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# My Giant Face Tumour

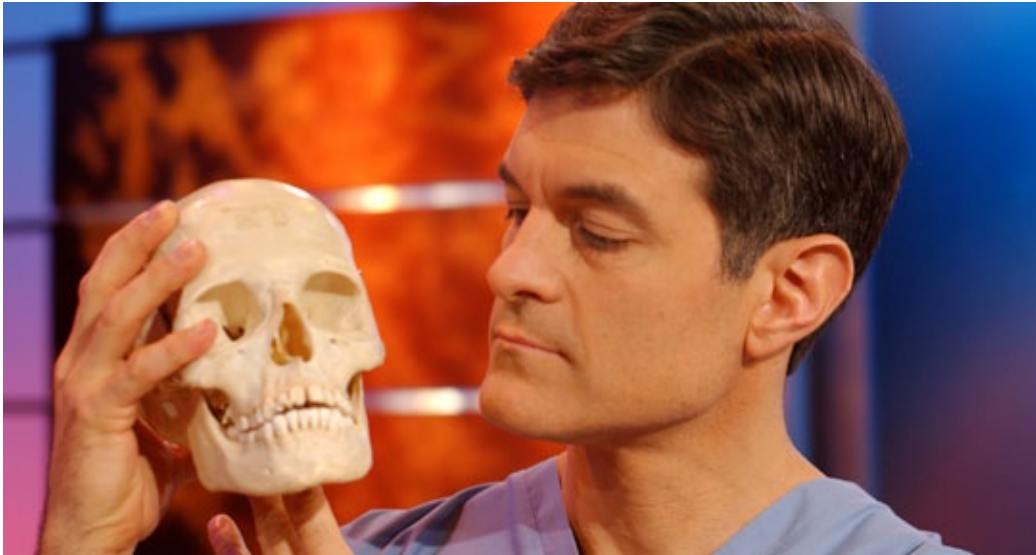
UK PREMIERE

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

*My Giant Face Tumour* tells the story of Jose Mestre, a 53-year-old man from Portugal thought to have the world's largest facial tumour. As a boy, Jose's growing tumour was ignored as doctors attempted to control his epileptic seizures. In time the tumour had grown to 12 pounds, blinding him in one eye, and blocking his ability to speak, eat and even breathe. After a British tourist visiting Portugal saw Jose on the street he put him in touch with Dr McKay McKinnon a world renowned plastic surgeon. In search of a miracle, Jose and his sister Edith travel from Portugal to Chicago, where plastic surgeon Dr McKinnon attempts to perform life-saving surgery.

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# Dr Oz

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**

WEEKDAYS FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM

This new series from the world renowned and Oprah favourite cardiac surgeon Dr Oz, aims at promoting and motivating positive change. Topics tackled in each episode include sex, preventing disease, weight loss, beauty secrets and subjects such as autism and with practising surgeon Dr Oz using his specialist knowledge, guests from the field of medicine and audience interaction to give the public the low down on their health and wellbeing.

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# Best of Maternity Ward

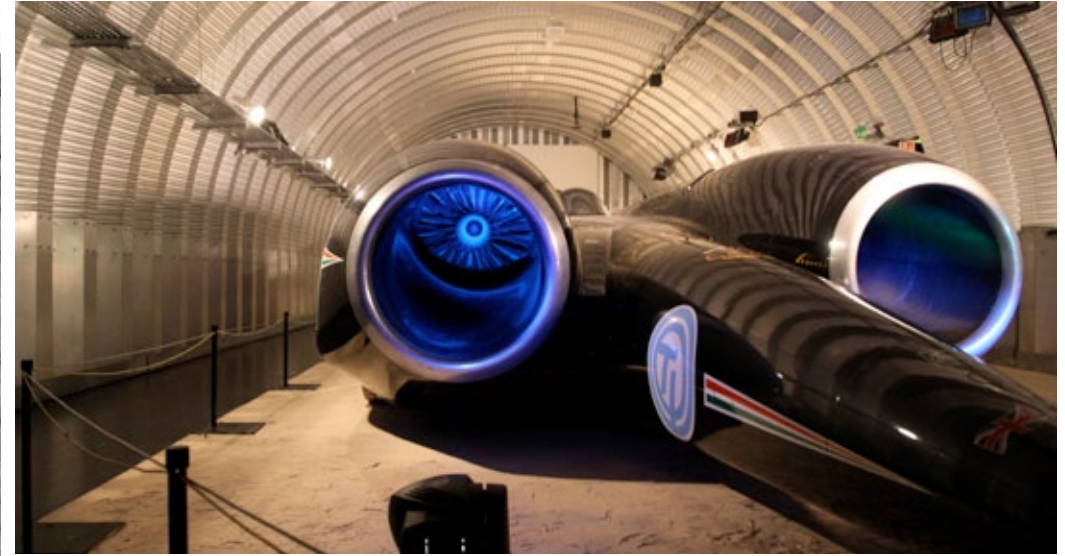
UK SERIES PREMIERE

EVERY DAY FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2.00PM

*Best of Maternity Ward* follows the action in maternity wards across America, capturing both the medical and human drama of labour and delivery. Each episode unobtrusively observes the staff and patients at a single hospital while resident doctors and nurses candidly describe the anxieties and thrill of performing under pressure and helping families to flourish. From women facing life threatening complications, to children fighting for life, and healthy babies born under trying circumstances, follow the emotional experience of bringing a new life into the world.

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# World's Top 5

UK SERIES PREMIERE

THURSDAYS FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

*World's Top 5* is the global search for the ultimate giants of engineering genius. Putting the greatest mechanical marvels under the spotlight and pitting them against each other to establish the best of the best. In each show, the *World's Top 5* planes, trains and boats are tested, analysed and rated in five key categories to eventually reveal the overall winner. Along the way, with the help of top engineering talent and the sheer engineering brilliance powering each mechanical marvel is revealed. How will these mechanical titans measure up to the rest of the competition and what are the secrets of their success? What powers the world's fastest car? How does the world's biggest earthmover move? How can a train without wheels reach world-beating speeds? And how does the world's most manoeuvrable jet fighter stay in the air? Each *World's Top 5* mega machine is a winner in its own right. But which is the Ultimate world-beater?

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# Mighty Planes

UK SERIES PREMIERE

TUESDAYS FROM 25TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

The sky's the limit as *Mighty Planes* takes flight! This new high-octane, high-energy, and high-altitude new series delivers unprecedented access to the planet's most impressive aircraft's with a six-episode run featuring the world's only flying hospital, the world's first superjumbo passenger aircraft, the world's biggest seaplane and more. *Mighty Planes* explores the art and science of aviation, on planes that soar to faraway places on astounding missions. Featuring the genius of flight technology with the aid of high-end CGI *Mighty Planes* captures all the action as it happens. The first episode features the crew of the Martin Mars water bomber, the world's biggest seaplane, as they fight the wildfires that threaten to destroy vast swathes of Mexican wilderness.

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# American Occult

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SATURDAYS FROM 8TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

*American Occult* captures the macabre and psychological intrigue behind some of the most haunting subcultures in America. Venturing into a dark world, this series explores people who live on the fringes of society and stop at nothing when called by their beliefs. With dramatic re-enactments of murders, this is a three part series that will chill the blood, with each case decoded by forensic psychologist and occult expert Katherine Ramsland as she unlocks the world of these ritual killers. By poking into the sinister corners of society, Ramsland goes inside the cultures of vampires, Satanists and others. The first episode investigates a murderous crew in Chicago who prey on young girls and the case of a nun killed on one of the holiest days of the year.

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# South Beach Classics

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 2ND SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In a place where it's all about seeing and being seen, Miami attracts big personalities and big stars - many who will pay top dollar to stand out in the crowd. In this new series *South Beach Classics*, set amidst the flash and glamour of Miami, where the people who wheel and deal automobiles at Florida's largest classic car dealership are just as colorful and vibrant as the people who buy them. The series follows husband and wife business partners Ted and Robin Vernon, along with the eclectic crew; they buy, sell, trade and exchange some of the most unique classic automobiles on the market. Like a kid in a candy store, Ted, a no-nonsense, gregarious Long Islander, lives to find, buy and sell the most unique, automotive treasures out there and Robin, an outspoken, statuesque blonde is a master at selling cars, but she and her husband don't always agree on how to run the business.

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# Operation Repo

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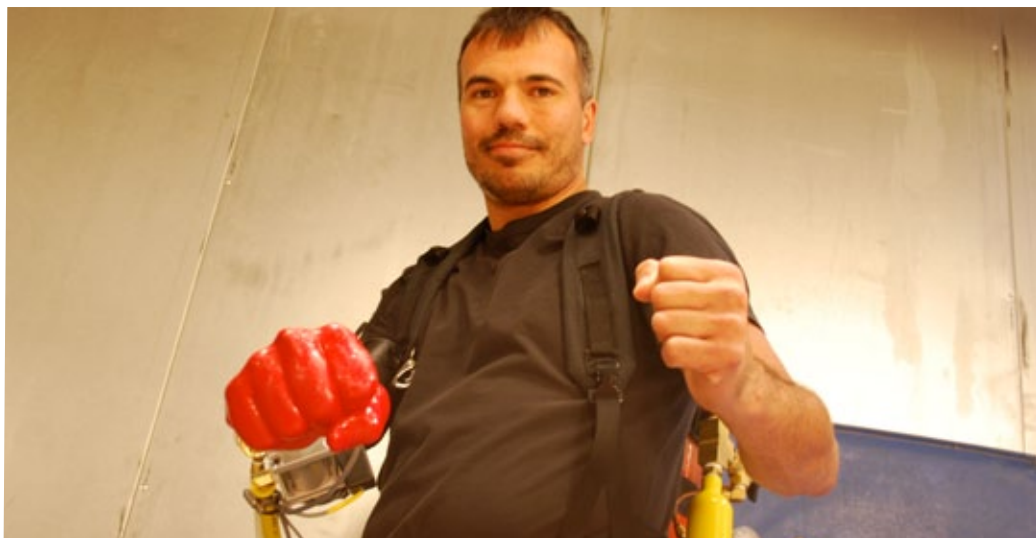
MONDAYS 3RD SEPTEMBER, 8.00PM

*Operation Repo* is all about the fast-paced, high-pressure world of repossessions. The series continues with the colourful team of repo artists, Luis, Sonia, Lyndah, Matt and Froy, whose motto is: "If you can't pay for it, don't buy it." They understand that people have problems, but ultimately, they don't care about anything other than doing their jobs. They don't judge who's right and who's wrong – sometimes they might be the heroes, and sometimes they may come off as villains – but one thing's for certain, when it comes to recovering property, this team of characters stops at nothing to get the job done.

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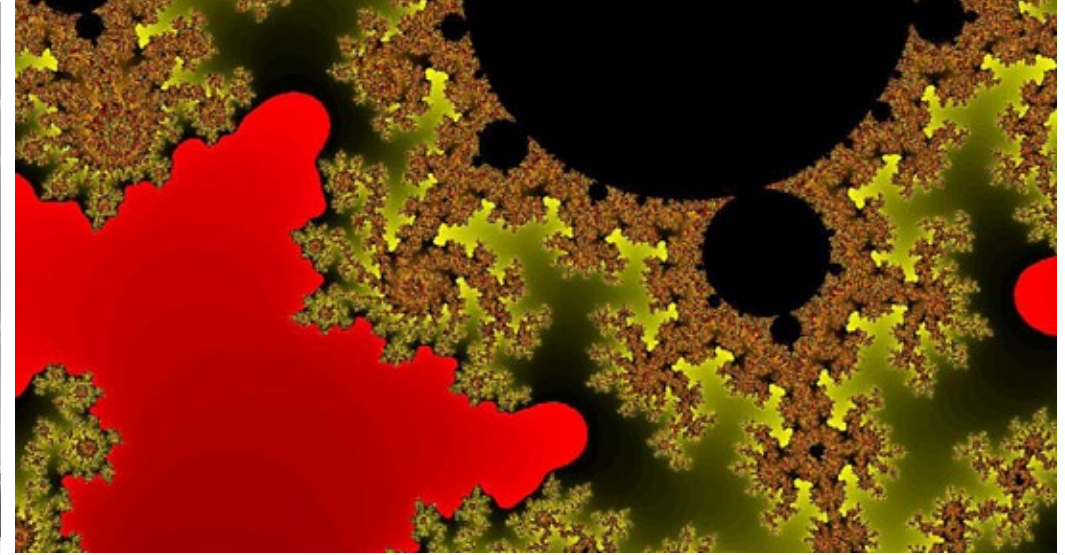
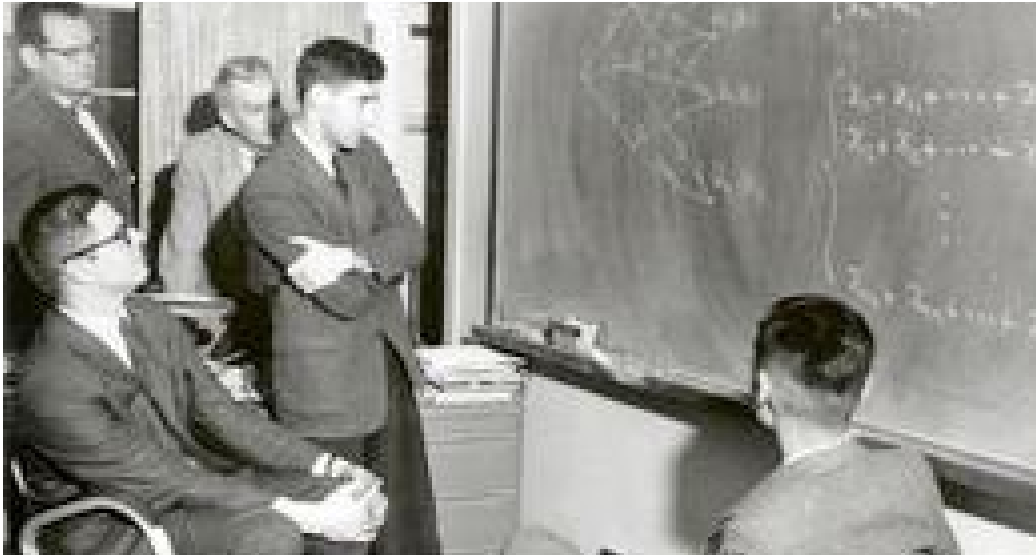


# Bionic Builders

UK PREMIERE

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

In *Bionic Builders*, Hollywood stuntman and amputee Casey Pieretti works with his engineering partner Bill Spracher to invent, test and build outrageous prosthetics that allow their clients to surpass human ability while attempting to replace a missing part of their lives. Along with stunt performer and shop assistant Kathy Borkoski, the team tries to turn a former Navy diver into a human torpedo and give a one-handed martial arts instructor his very own bionic punching arm.



# Hunting the Hidden Dimension

UK PREMIERE

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00PM

You may not know it, but the world is full of fractals - detailed patterns. These detailed patterns are irregular, repeating shapes and can be found in cloud formations and tree limbs, in stalks of broccoli and craggy mountain ranges, and even in the rhythm of the human heart. The new series *Hunting the Hidden Dimension*, takes viewers on a fascinating quest with a group of maverick mathematicians determined to decipher the rules that govern fractal geometry. Through interviews and personal artefacts, our host, mathematician Benoit Mandelbrot, shares the story of his struggle to survive as a Jewish teenager in Nazi-occupied France, his journey to America, and his lifelong fascination with a corps of European mathematicians whose explorations of the so-called "mathematical monsters" laid the groundwork for his own discoveries.



# History Cold Case USA

UK SERIES PREMIERE

SUNDAYS FROM 2ND SEPTEMBER, 10.00PM

In this intriguing new series *History Cold Case USA*, forensic experts from Texas State University Anthropology Laboratory investigate human skeletons found in the United States. From the bizarre burial of two bodies found on the site of a 19th century cemetery in Cincinnati, to the faceless remains that reveal the dark side of the Californian Gold Rush, each set of bones are examined in staggering detail in order to shed new light on the history of the American people. Join Doctor Michelle Hamilton and her team as they use state-of-art forensic techniques, DNA testing and cranio-facial reconstruction to identify the bodies, discover how they died and recreate their likenesses. Can modern day forensic science solve the mystery of these past lives and reveal the forgotten stories of ordinary people?



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