

Programme Information Highlights

February 2017



Happening this month...

Sunday 5th February

US Super Bowl 51, NRG Stadium, Houston

The 51st annual football championship kicks off at the NRG Stadium in Houston. Lady Gaga headlines the half-time show.

Monday 6th February

Bowe Bergdahl court martial, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Court martial to begin for desertion, misbehaviour before the enemy and endangering fellow soldiers. Bergdahl disappeared from his base in Afghanistan in June 2009 and was held in captivity by the Taliban until May 2014.

Thursday 9th – Saturday 18th February

67th Berlin International Film Festival, Berlin

The Berlinale is a great cultural event and one of the most important dates for the international film industry. More than 20,000 professional visitors from 122 countries will attend, including more than 3,800 journalists. Art, glamour, parties and business are all inseparably linked at the Berlinale.

Sunday 12th February

Election of German Federal President

While the role is mostly ceremonial, German presidents have some influence in setting the tone on foreign policy as well as retaining powers to veto laws they believe violate the constitution.

Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is the Social Democrats' candidate and is backed by conservative Chancellor Angela Merkel.



A billboard advertising the upcoming 66th Berlinale international film festival stands at Potsdamer Platz on February 9, 2016 in Berlin, Germany.

(Photo by Sean Gallup/Getty Images)

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59th Grammy Awards, Staples Center, Los Angeles

The ceremony will be broadcast live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The awards recognise the best recordings, compositions and artists of the eligibility year, which runs from 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016. James Corden will host the ceremony for the first time.

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th February

53rd Munich Security Conference, Munich

Over the past five decades, the Munich Security Conference (MSC) has become the major global forum for the discussion of security policy. Each February, it brings together more than 450 senior decision-makers from around the world, including heads-of-state, ministers, leading personalities of international and non-governmental organisations, as well as high ranking representatives of industry, media, academia, and civil society, to engage in an intensive debate on current and future security challenges.

Friday 24th – Tuesday 28th February

Rio Carnival, Rio de Janeiro

Rio Carnival has become world-famous through the Samba Parade, a show, a display and competition of the Rio samba schools. The two major days are Carnival Sunday and Monday (February 26th and 27th).

Sunday 26th February

89th Academy Awards, Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles

Hundreds of millions of movie lovers will tune in to watch the glamorous ceremony and learn who will receive the highest honours in filmmaking.



Dancers perform during Carnival celebrations at the Rio Maracatu 'bloco', or street parade, on February 9, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images)

Monday 27th February – Thursday 2nd March

Mobile World Congress, Barcelona

Mobile World Congress (MWC) is the world's biggest and best mobile industry event comprising of a massive exhibition, an award-winning conference, outstanding networking opportunities, partner programmes, the Glomo Awards and much, much more.