

Programme Information Highlights

January 2016



Happening this month...

Friday 1st January

New Year's Day celebrations around the world

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Russia adds Ukraine to its list of countries subject to a food import ban. The ban is in retaliation for Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis and includes meat, fish, dairy products, fruit and vegetables. Ukraine's addition is in response to the economic agreement between Kiev and the European Union which comes into force today.

Wednesday 6th – Saturday 9th January

CES, Las Vegas

The International Consumer Electronics Show showcases more than 3,600 exhibiting companies, including manufacturers, developers and suppliers of consumer technology hardware, content, delivery systems and more.

Thursday 7th January

First anniversary of Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris in which 17 people died. Twelve people were killed in the attack on the offices of the French satirical magazine, including eight journalists, two police officers, a caretaker and a visitor. A policewoman was also shot dead in the suburb of Montrouge, while a further four people were murdered at a kosher supermarket.

Friday 8th January

20th anniversary of the death of François Mitterrand, France's longest-serving President.

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Nominations are announced for the BAFTA Film Awards 2016. The British Academy Film Awards reward the best work of any nationality seen on British cinema screens during the preceding year. The Awards take place in February in London.



NEW YORK - David Bowie attends the 2010 CFDA Fashion Awards at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center on June 7, 2010 in New York City. (Photo by Andrew H. Walker/Getty Images)

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David Bowie releases his highly-anticipated 25th album 'Blackstar'.

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Sunday 10th January

73rd Annual Golden Globe Awards

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association presents its prestigious awards to those who have excelled in the fields of both film and television. The ceremony is watched in 160 countries around the world.

Monday 11th January

Princess Cristina de Borbón – the younger sister of Spain’s King Felipe VI – is due to stand trial on charges of tax fraud. The Princess faces up to eight years in prison while her husband Mr. Iñaki Urdangarin could be sentenced to up to 19 years if found guilty.

Monday 18th – Sunday 31st January

Australian Open 2016, Melbourne

The first Grand Slam tennis event of the year takes place on the hardcourts of Melbourne Park. Novak Djokovic (SRB) and Serena Williams (USA) are the current singles’ champions.

Wednesday 20th – Saturday 23rd January

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2016, Davos-Klosters

The World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Switzerland engages the world’s top leaders in collaborative activities focused on shaping the global, regional and industry agendas.

Thursday 21st - Sunday 31st January

Sundance Film Festival 2016, Park City, Utah

The festival was founded in 1981 by Robert Redford to foster independence, risk-taking and new voices in American film. The Sundance Film Festival introduces a global audience to ground-breaking work and emerging talent in independent film.



SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL, SPAIN: Princess Cristina of Spain pays her respects at El Escorial Monastery for a Corpore Insepulto Mass of Spain's Duke of Calabria, Carlos de Borbon Dos Sicilias on October 8, 2015. (Photo by Juan Carlos Hidalgo - Pool/Getty Images)