

# Programme Information Highlights

## December 2018

### Happening this month...

#### **Sunday 2nd - Monday 10th December**

Hanukkah, worldwide

Jewish Festival of Lights, also known as Chanukah. Eight-day festival is celebrated in memory of the victory of the Jewish rebellion against the Greek suppression.

#### **Sunday 2nd - Friday 14th December**

UN Climate Change Conference, Poland

24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

#### **Monday 3rd December**

Bill Cosby trial begins, Los Angeles

Trial is scheduled to begin in the case brought against Cosby by a woman named Judy Huth, who claims Cosby sexually abused her at the Playboy Mansion in 1974 when she was aged 15.

#### **Monday 3rd December**

Ballon d'Or winner announced, Paris

Highlights achievements of the world's top footballers. Also includes the inaugural Ballon d'Or Feminin, awarded to the best female player, and the first ever Trophee Kopa, awarded to the best young player.

#### **Tuesday 4th December**

Turner Prize winner announced, UK

Winner of prestigious art award receives £25,000 prize.



Joseph James DeAngelo, the suspected 'Golden State Killer', appears in court for his arraignment on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 in Sacramento, California.

#### **Thursday 6th December**

Alleged Golden State Killer court hearing, California

Court hearing takes place in the case of Joseph James DeAngelo who is accused of being the Golden State Killer/East Area Rapist. The case concerns 12 homicides, 50 rapes and 120 burglaries.

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### Monday 10th December

Nobel Prizes ceremony, Stockholm, Sweden  
Presentation of medals for Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Economics and Literature. The Peace Prize winner will also be announced and the award presented in Oslo, Norway.

### Thursday 20th December

Harvey Weinstein court hearing, New York  
Weinstein faces three charges, including two of rape. He made his last appearance on 5<sup>th</sup> June where he pleaded not guilty on all counts.

### Friday 21st December

30 years since Lockerbie bombing  
In 1988 a bomb exploded on Pan Am Flight 103 from London Heathrow Airport to John F Kennedy International Airport in New York, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew members. A further 11 people were killed when pieces of the plane crashed into Lockerbie in Scotland. Libyan intelligence officer Abdelbaset al-Megrahi was convicted of 270 counts of murder after being found guilty of the bombing.

### Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day, worldwide  
Annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Highlights include the Pope delivering his Urbi et Orbi Blessing in St Peter's Square, and in the UK, the Queen's Christmas Day address to the Commonwealth.



Policemen stand near the wreckage of the 747 Pan Am airliner that exploded and crashed over Lockerbie, Scotland, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1988. (Photo credit ROY LETKEY/AFP/Getty Images)

### Monday 31st December

New Year's Eve Celebrations  
Fireworks displays welcome in 2019 around the world. Some of the most iconic take place in Sydney, London and New York. Edinburgh will host its annual Hogmanay party, which is billed as the world's biggest and best New Year celebration.