Programme Information Highlights
April 2018

Happening this month...

Monday 2nd April
Bill Cosby retrial begins, Norristown, Pennsylvania
The 80-year-old entertainer is charged with three counts of felony aggravated indecent assault relating to a 2004 case involving Andrea Constand. It follows a mistrial last year when the jury failed to reach unanimous verdicts on any of the charges.

Wednesday 4th - Sunday 15th April
Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast
70 national teams are due to take part in the XXI Commonwealth Games in Queensland, Australia. Athletes will compete in 18 sports including beach volleyball, basketball and - for the first time - women's rugby sevens.

Wednesday 4th April
50 years since the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr
The American Civil Rights leader and clergyman was shot dead at a motel in Memphis in 1968. Fugitive James Earl Ray pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in jail for the assassination.

Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th April
Masters Golf, USA
Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia will once again host the first major golf championship of the year. Sergio Garcia is expected to defend his 2017 title.

Tuesday 10th April
20 years since the Good Friday Agreement
Signed in Belfast, the Good Friday Agreement was a major political development in the Northern Ireland peace process of the 1990s. Consisting of two accords which were ratified after referendums in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, it covered issues of sovereignty, the decommissioning of weapons, civil rights and cultural rights.

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Tuesday 10th - Sat 14th April
TED Conference, Vancouver
The annual event began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics from science to business to global issues - in more than 100 languages.

Monday 16th - Friday 20th April
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, London
A biennial summit meeting of the heads of government from all Commonwealth nations. Theresa May will chair the meeting, which will be attended by the Queen.

Thursday 19th April
75 years since the Warsaw Ghetto uprising
Anniversary of the start of the largest single revolt by Jewish people during WW2 in 1943. It began when the Nazis tried to clear the ghetto and take those who remained there to Treblinka. 13,000 Jews died in the uprising which lasted just over a month.

Sunday 22nd April
Paraguay general election
Neither President Horacio Cartes nor Juan Afara of the Colorado Party are eligible for re-election. The new President and Vice-President will take office on August 15, 2018 and will leave the office in August 2023.

Sunday 22nd April
Lyrids meteor shower
Best night to see the Lyrids, which are created by debris from comet Thatcher, which takes about 415 years to orbit around the Sun.

Sunday 22nd April
Earth Day
Annual international event marking the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. This year's Earth Day will concentrate on ending plastic pollution.

Saturday 28th April
White House Correspondents Association dinner, Washington DC
US President Donald Trump famously refused to attend last year's event - but said he would 'absolutely' make an appearance at this year's dinner. This is yet to be confirmed.