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“There’s never been a stronger need or demand for the arts, nor a more important time to champion and celebrate creativity. That’s why we’re throwing open the doors to make Sky Arts free for everyone with our renewed focus and mission to increase accessibility and participation across the arts.”

Philip Edgar-Jones
Director, Sky Arts

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Rankin's 2020

Acclaimed photographer Rankin is inviting everyone with a smartphone or camera to join him in a mass-participation photography project to document 2020 – a year like no other – to find the best amateur and professional photographers through submissions on Instagram. Each week Rankin will be joined by different celebrities to select the best photographs within set categories. Rankin will also take his own picture each week, giving a technical and artistic masterclass as he takes us through the process. He will use a variety of equipment including smartphones and consumer-grade SLRs to show that his techniques are accessible to everyone.

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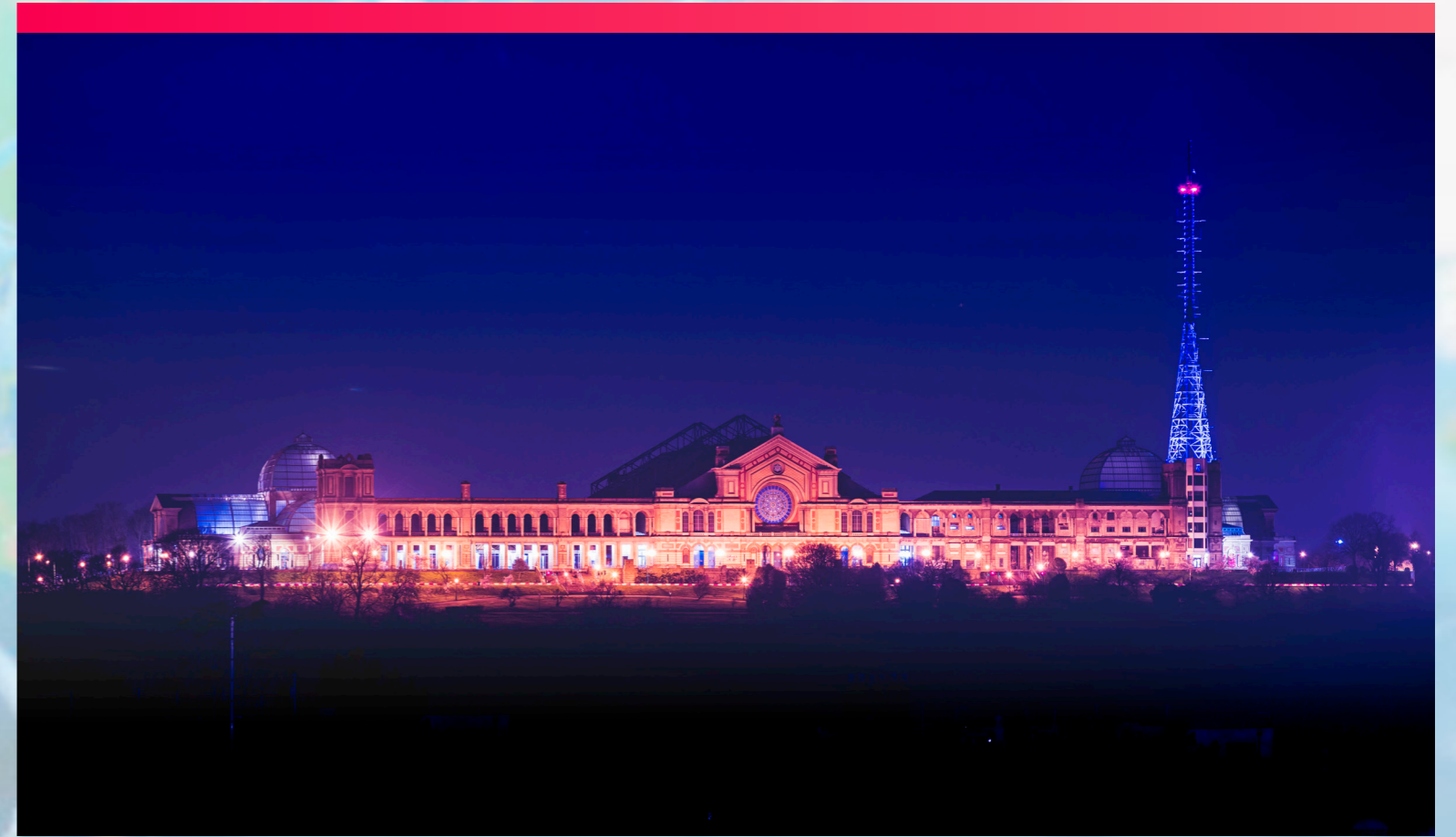


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Sky Arts Late

Sky Arts Late, a new late-night, feature-length monthly arts and culture show, with Tim Marlow hosting alongside a cast of leading and new voices from across the arts. Featuring original perspectives, topical debate, critical discussion, and performance, the first edition of this lively and provocative series will assess the importance of culture in the nation's recovery from COVID-19 and how it is reshaping creativity.

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ENO: Drive & Live – La Bohème

English National Opera's Drive & Live, in partnership with the ENO, Sky Arts will film and broadcast the ENO's much-anticipated return to live performance in September with a drive-in, super-sized, and socially-distanced production of *La Bohème* at London's Alexandra Palace.



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Danny Dyer on Harold Pinter

Taken under his wing following roles in films like 1997's *Human Traffic*, Pinter cast Dyer in several of his plays, including *No Man's Land* and *The Homecoming*. Now, 12 years after Pinter's death, Danny takes a look back at his mentor's work and the profound influence he had on his life.



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No Masks

No Masks from Theatre Royal Stratford East and Moonshine Features present a new work based on the real-life experiences and testimonies of key workers from East London. Weaved together with imagined narratives, written by artistic director Nadia Fall and Rebecca Lenkiewicz, *No Masks* will be a testament to the dedication of key workers during the COVID crisis as well as an exploration of our shared hopes and fears.



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Goldie: The Art That Made Me

Renowned visual artist and musician Goldie goes on a personal and passionate journey into the world of graffiti and street art, tracing the evolution of the art form in parallel with his own career. In a story that takes us from New York via London, Manchester, Wolverhampton, Miami and Lisbon, Goldie meets the originators and crucial artists from the scene, plus those who continue to push at the edges of the art form today.



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Brian Johnson Meets Dave Grohl

It's a meeting of rock legends as AC/DC frontman Brian Johnson meets Foo Fighters lead singer and former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl at the Foo's LA studio to share stories about life on the road. Having played in several bands over the years as either a full-time member or a special guest, Grohl has confided that AC/DC is the last band he's dreamed of playing drums for. So for Grohl, this is a once in a lifetime meeting with one of the greatest rock idols.



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Guy Garvey: From The Vaults

Elbow frontman and broadcaster Guy Garvey lifts the lid on two decades of TV gold – with era-defining musical performances, long lost studio appearances and revealing interviews that have remained on the shelves for decades. Curated from the archives of broadcasters like Granada Television, Tyne Tees and London Weekend Television, each programme features some of Guy's favourite performers from a different year across the 1970s and 1980s, as seen on shows like *So It Goes*, *The Tube*, *Harty* and *Razzmatazz*. The unseen, uncensored, unbelievable and unexpected are all brought together in this series revealing the buried treasure of Britain's rich music archive.

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Urban Myths: S4

Urban Myths, the International Emmy Award nominated series, fictionalises some of the most peculiar stories to have ever leaked out of Hollywood, the music industry and the worlds of art and culture. The latest series, with four episodes airing in Autumn 2020, features cast including Steve Pemberton, Robbie Coltrane, Kara Tointon and Katherine Ryan. The comedy drama series includes the following stories:

Urban Myths: Les Dawson's Parisienne Adventure

Written by and starring Steve Pemberton alongside John Bradley and Mark Addy this episode tells the story of the well-loved stand-up comedian's adventures in Paris in the mid-1950s, where whilst pursuing a dream of becoming a novelist, Dawson became a pianist in a brothel.

Urban Myths: Joan Rivers & Barbra Streisand

Starring Katherine Ryan and Jessica Barden, this episode is based on Joan Rivers' recollections of play she starred in with Barbra Streisand, which Streisand has remained tight-lipped about. A sixteen-year-old Barbra Streisand (Barden), is in rehearsals for *Driftwood*, an off-Broadway play, when a woman, dressed head to toe in fur, bursts through the door. She's Joan Molinsky, although the world will soon come to know her as Joan Rivers (Ryan).

Urban Myths: Hendrix & Handel

Starring David Haig, Zach Wyatt, Jonny Sweet and Kara Tointon. Housemates separated by time, Jimi Hendrix (Wyatt) and George Frideric Handel (Haig) grapple with the stresses of the music business in this funny and intimate portrait of two eccentric musical geniuses and the events leading up to a transformative moment when Jimi saw Handel's ghost.

Urban Myths: Orson Welles in Norwich

BAFTA-winning Robbie Coltrane OBE takes on the dulcet tones of Orson Welles, in the story of how the great star briefly went missing in Norwich in 1972 whilst working on *F for Fake*, a faux documentary now regarded as his last masterpiece. Also starring Craig Ferguson and Saoirse Monica-Jackson.





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Portrait Artist of the Year

Portrait Artist of the Year will return for a seventh series, with Stephen Mangan reprising his role as host and returning judges, artist Tai Shan Schierenberg, independent curator Kathleen Soriano and art historian Kate Bryan. Throughout the series we will see 24 celebrity sitters from the worlds of stage, screen, sport and music become the subject for our painters which include *Normal People*'s Paul Mescal, *First Dates* front-of-house Fred Sirieux, singer Ray BLK and Sir Trevor McDonald.



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Portrait Artist of the Week

Portrait Artist of the Week, the live-streamed paint-along version of the channel's flagship series *Portrait Artist of the Year*, has been confirmed to return to @SkyTV Facebook, as well as airing on Sky Arts, this Autumn, following its huge success during lockdown. Hosted virtually by Joan Bakewell, *Portrait Artist of the Week* features celebrity sitters in their own homes, with main series finalists and winners taking turns to paint live via Facebook. Artists at home can submit their final portrait to the judges through social media using the hashtag #MYPAOTW. At the end of each week judges choose three of their favourite portraits to feature on the following live programme. The competition is open to everyone, with previous sitters including Noel Fielding, Will Young, Booker Prize winning author Bernardine Evaristo.



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The South Bank Show

A host of the arts' leading figures discuss their work, influences and inspirations in a collection of eye opening exclusive interviews with Melvyn Bragg. In the next series, due to air in November 2020, new interviewees will include Bernardine Evaristo, Benjamin Zephaniah, Gillian Anderson and Simon Armitage. This brand new series is complemented by *The South Bank Show Originals*, featuring famous past episodes with added footage and extra interviews and contributors.

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The Third Day Event

Following the first three episodes titled 'Summer' of *The Third Day* on Sky Atlantic, viewers will be invited to immerse themselves further into the world of *The Third Day* through a ground breaking theatrical live event, live streamed on Sky Arts. 'Autumn', staged in a distorted world where all is not as it seems and featuring members of *The Third Day* cast including Jude Law, will follow the events of a single day in real time. Jude Law's performance will be filmed in one single continuous tracking shot. For 10 hours, capturing events live and in one continuous take, this cinematic broadcast will invite viewers deeper into the mysterious and suspenseful world of *The Third Day*, and will blur and distort the lines between what's real and what's not. It is created by theatrical innovators Punchdrunk and directed by founder and artistic director of Punchdrunk, Felix Barrett.

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Life & Rhymes

A celebration of spoken word hosted by Benjamin Zephaniah, featuring some of the country's leading spoken word performers who will be lighting up the mic with their lyrical creativity. The poets will perform in front of a live, committed audience of spoken word fans who are key to every performance. Each week Benjamin will open up the floor to give members of the audience the opportunity to spontaneously take part in the open mic section of the show.

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Inside Art

Inside Art, presented by Kate Bryan, is a series that explores temporary art exhibitions at galleries and cultural venues in the UK, connecting audiences with art experiences from photography, painting and sculpture exhibits, to design video and fashion. Inside Art will look at the curatorial decisions being made at institutions as well as focusing on the artists themselves. Arts institutions involved in the series include: Four Corners, Beecroft Gallery, Hepworth Wakefield, Linda McCartney at the Walker Art Gallery and Manx Museum. Each episode will air during the dates of the featured exhibition.

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Exhibition on Screen

A cinematic immersion into the world's best loved art, accompanied by insights from the world's leading historians and arts critics. Upcoming premieres including *Leonardo: The Works*, *Lucian Freud: A Self Portrait*, and *Frida Kahlo* in early 2021.



Balletboyz: Them/Us

Them/Us is an innovative double bill and celebrates a brand new collaboration from the company's own critically acclaimed dancers and the Tony and Olivier Award-winning choreographer Christopher Wheeldon. The pieces are both set to original scores by world-class composers and ask where we see ourselves in relation to the 'other'.



ICON: Music Through The Lens

Featuring passionate and often irreverent in-depth interviews with the most renowned music photographers, musicians, gallerists, journalists and social commentators, *ICON* is a six-part rollercoaster ride through the rich history and cultural impact of music photography. Featuring photographers including Lawrence Watson, Bob Gruen, Mick Rock, Deborah Feingold, Baron Wolman, Rankin, Lynn Goldsmith, Ross Halfin and Gered Mankowitz along with artists including Nick Mason (Pink Floyd), Glen Matlock (Sex Pistols), Ziggy Marley, Lars Ulrich (Metallica), Alice Cooper and Zara Larsson.

Photo credit: The Rolling Stones by Gered Mankowitz



Show Me The Picture: The Story of Jim Marshall

Photographer Jim Marshall captures the heights of the Rock and Roll music era, from the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix, to the civil rights movements and some of the most iconic moments of the 60's. Nominated for Best Arts or Music Documentary at the 2020 Grierson Awards.

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Boswell & Johnson's Scottish Road Trip

with Frank Skinner & Denise Mina

Boswell & Johnson's Scottish Road Trip follows comedian Frank Skinner and best-selling novelist Denise Mina as they recreate Samuel Johnson and James Boswell's famous 1773 Grand Tour of Scotland. The trip will tap into Skinner and Mina's longtime fascination with Johnson and Boswell, respectively. They will travel around the coast of Scotland via carriages, horses and boats in keeping with the 18th-century voyage.

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Brunelleschi's Impossible Dome

The two-part series celebrates the dome of Florence Cathedral and the world's greatest architectural domes, old and new. The documentary marks the 600th anniversary of the construction of Brunelleschi's dome – an engineering and artistic masterpiece. The series explores ancient and modern domes, from East to West and asks historians and architects from across the globe to explain why this ancestral architecture is so charming and yet still contemporary.

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Classic Albums

The high profile music documentary series returns in 2021, focusing in a unique way on more of the great albums which have influenced the course of music and touched generations.

Also coming to Sky Arts

Long Hot Summers: The Story of The Style Council

Key members of The Style Council come together to recount their formation, as well as musical, fashion and cultural influences and subsequent split in detail to the social context of the times around them, alongside interviews with long term collaborators and fans of the band.

Ivor Cutler by KT Tunstall

Ivor Cutler was Glaswegian, Jewish and an eccentric musical genius. To KT Tunstall, his records have been the soundtrack of her global travels: "I've always found his music almost medicinal." Now the celebrated singer and songwriter sets out to explore the unique character of a great British eccentric, meets the musicians with whom Cutler collaborated, the friends with whom he fell out as well as his many celebrity fans, before finally recording a cover-version of Cutler's song *Women of the World*.

Madness: Before & After

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of one of the UK's most successful and popular bands, this intimate portrait of Madness was captured in 2019 as the group play three homecoming shows at Camden's Roundhouse and a unique show at the Electric Ballroom.

The Art of Architecture: S2

In its second season *The Art of Architecture* meets more of the world's leading architects. We look back at the amazing career of the late Zaha Hadid, see the new mosque in Cambridge designed by Julia Barfield, whose practice built the London Eye, visit the new Lambeth Palace Library by Clare and Sandy Wright, the opera house and museum in Valencia created by Santiago Calatrava, a concert hall in the Swiss Alps by Christina Seilern, and a music school in Wimbledon from the practice set up 45 years ago by Michael and Patty Hopkins.

Banksy & The Rise of Outlaw Art

Revealing Banksy's story, from his roots in a criminal subculture to his rise as the leader of an art revolution. Featuring art promoter Steve Lazarides; Bristol graffiti pioneer John Nation; renowned street artists Ben Eine, Risk, Felix 'Flx' Braun, KET & Scape, plus a host of art experts and cultural commentators.

Muriel Spark by Ian Rankin

Muriel Spark was once the most famous female author in the world. Movie studios fought over the film rights to her novels. Magazines sent limousines to collect her type-script articles. In the early 1980s Ian Rankin, a student at Edinburgh University, received a grant to complete a PhD on the novels of Muriel Spark. Now 30 years on, Rankin is going to pick up his old PhD notes and explore why he believes Muriel Spark to be one of the great novelists of the 20th century.

On Demand

While the Sky Arts linear channel will be made free for everyone, the extensive Sky Arts On Demand library of arts content, with more than 2000 hours of shows, will remain exclusive to Sky and NOW TV Entertainment Pass customers.



Tate Britain's Great Art Walks

Hosted by Gus Casely-Hayford, *Tate Britain's Great Art Walks* is an epic travelogue through British art in the company of Billy Connolly, Danny Baker, Simon Callow, Richard E. Grant, Cerys Matthews, Miriam Margolyes and Michael Sheen, as they each journey to discover the landscapes that inspired their favourite paintings, chosen from Tate Britain's National collection.



Treasures of the British Library

A host of famous faces explore their interests and passions with the Library's curators picking out the most notable items in the collections – anything from a Shakespeare first folio to Jane Austen's reading glasses. Writer Julia Donaldson, comedian Meera Syal, poet Benjamin Zephaniah and musicians Jamie Cullum, Nicola Benedetti and Alison Balsom share their personal histories and passions as they explore the extraordinary range of the British Library's treasures.



The Glyndebourne Opera Cup

Sky Arts goes behind the scenes at the Glyndebourne Opera Cup – a competition designed to discover and spotlight the best young opera singers from around the world. Each episode gives a unique insight into the competition as it heats up and we witness who will be crowned the winner, taking home £15,000 and a platform for launching an international opera career.



The Art of Drumming

This four-part series joins some of the greatest drummers on the planet as they discuss their passion for music and the fellow drummers who inspire them. More than that, these icons do what they do best and play, demonstrating how iconic beats and solos are created and how they make a unique contribution to the creation of legendary tracks.



Master of Photography

Judged by world-renowned photographers including Oliviero Toscani, talent from all over Europe will compete to win €100,000 and the title of *Master of Photography*.



The South Bank Show & The South Bank Show Originals

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Urban Myths: Series 1 – 3

Urban Myths, the International Emmy Award nominated series, fictionalises some of the most peculiar stories to have ever leaked out of Hollywood, the music industry and the worlds of art and culture. This collection of series 1-3 includes stories inspired by the unlikely decades-long friendship between Princess Margaret and Mick Jagger; the bizarre night out shared between Freddie Mercury and Princess Diana; and the day a burglar stumbled upon Grace Jones and artist Jean-Paul Goude's New York apartment.



Portrait Artist of the Year: Series 1 – 6

Stephen Mangan and Joan Bakewell are on a search to find the next *Portrait Artist of the Year*, with the help of another set of celebrity sitters from the worlds of stage, screen, sport and music, who become the subject for our painters. Each series sees aspiring artists compete to see who has what it takes to be crowned *Portrait Artist of the Year*. Sitters include Sir Ian McKellen, Sophie Turner, Sophie Dahl, Maisie Williams, Julian Fellowes, Alan Cumming, among so many more.

Great Performances

Queen: Live at Wembley

Queen take to the stage in 1986 for an electrifying concert at Wembley Stadium. Part of their legendary Magic Tour, Freddie Mercury and the band perform all their greatest hits.

Coldplay: Live in São Paulo

This exhilarating concert film captures at the climax of the Coldplay's record-breaking *A Head Full of Dreams Tour* in São Paulo in November 2017.

Beyoncé: I Am... World Tour

Watch the superstar perform hits including *Crazy in Love* and *Halo*, with backstage footage providing a glimpse into the production of the extraordinary 2009 world tour.

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

Olivier Award-winning interpretation of Tchaikovsky's beloved tale, retaining all the iconic elements with a spellbinding originality. With Will Bozier and Liam Mower.

Royal Opera: Puccini – Madama Butterfly

Ravishing production of Puccini's Japanese tragedy from The Royal Opera, starring Ermonela Jaho as Cio-Cio-San. Antonio Pappano conducts.

Sir Simon Rattle & The London Symphony Orchestra

Sir Simon Rattle conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Joseph Haydn's *The Seasons*.

André Rieu: Welcome To My World

One of the world's most successful performers and his orchestra give audiences a musical extravaganza - combining classical and waltz music. Each episode features one of André's legendary concerts and is combined with exclusive backstage interviews with the star.

Great Stories

Why Do We Dance?

In this visually-stunning and thought-provoking series of five films, we will seek out the leading dancers and choreographers, in their fields, of the 21st Century to explore their work and their inspirations.

Mystery of the Lost Paintings

This captivating documentary series tells the stories of a host of historic paintings that have been tragically lost, stolen or destroyed over the decades and centuries.

Dante & The Invention of Hell

A rich and stimulating study into the themes, historical context and far-reaching influence of *Dante Alighieri's Inferno*, the first part of his 14th-century epic poem *Divine Comedy*.

Force of Nature Natalia

Force of Nature Natalia follows a season in the life of our generation's most exciting prima ballerina, the Royal Ballet superstar Natalia Osipova.

Rudyard Kipling: A Secret Life

Insightful documentary film lifting the lid on the private life, devastating secrets and battles of the acclaimed author behind works such as *If* and *The Jungle Book*.

JRR Tolkien: Designer of Worlds

Documentary exploring the surprising personality of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* writer, the birth of his epic tales and their huge success worldwide.

The Story of The Jam

The Story of The Jam is the story of a great British pop band and the world they came from and how their music reflected both the pop culture and street level politics of the era.

Quadrophenia: Our Generation

Quadrophenia: Our Generation documents the making of the film and, with the help of cast members and celebrity fans, examines its legacy and place in British pop culture.

Generation Grime

This compelling documentary explores the history and evolution of grime music from its birth out of the dancehall, drum'n'bass and garage scenes of east London in the noughties to its roller coaster relationship with mainstream media and the establishment.

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