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SANDO

Brand New Series Starts Wednesday 21 March 9.00pm



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HARROW

Friday 23 March 8.30pm



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HOWARDS END

Sunday 18 March 8.30pm

WEEK 12

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Sando

Victoria 'Sando' Sandringham (Sasha Horler) is the charismatic loose cannon CEO, and public face of, beloved department store chain 'Sando's Warehouse'. Australia knows Sando as the larrikin 'Package Deal Queen', a born performer who for decades starred alongside her young family in their own furniture commercials.

But things began to unravel for Sando the day of her daughter Susie's wedding, when it is revealed that following a drunken night at a family weekend away, she became pregnant to Susie's fiancé, Kevin (Firass Dirani), and was excommunicated from the family.

Ten years later we catch up with Sando, freshly removed from her own company by her nemesis company CFO Tony (Rob Carlton), following one too many all-night benders. Her assets frozen and with nowhere else to go, Sando realises she must reconnect with her family if she's to have any chance of rekindling the halcyon days.

While granddaughter Rian (Sierra Lewis) is easily won over – as is son Eric (Dylan Hesp) for whom the parental flame was never extinguished - daughter Susie (Krew Boylan) has a much larger axe to grind. Even though she's now happily married to dependable Gary (Uli Latukefu), Susie has never forgiven Sando and doesn't intend to now that she's back.

Fearing another banishment, Sando fakes a stroke in order to buy a few crucial days to convalesce in the family's pool house. Then, by blackmailing her ex-husband Don (Phil Lloyd) and Susie's best friend and live-in life coach Nicky (Adele Vuko), Sando manages to further extend her stay. This spurs Susie to attempt a number of other extrication plans, including divorcing her own mother (like Macaulay Culkin did), forcing Sando to undergo personality-transforming hypnotherapy, and an out-and-out attack on Sando's Warehouse with a competing business of her own.

Meanwhile, as CFO Tony continues to work behind the scenes to have Sando permanently removed from the company, Sando pitches to reunite the entire family for one more of their peerless television commercials. To prove once and for all she is not only irreplaceable, but good for business...just the way she is. But will her family agree? Or kill her first?

Short synopsis

Sando reveals she slept with her daughter's fiancé Kevin and is excommunicated from the family. 10 years on she must weasel her way back into the family in an attempt to win back her beloved company.

Production details

A Jungle Entertainment production for the ABC. Principal production investment from Screen Australia and ABC in association with Create NSW. Created by Phil Lloyd and Charlie Garber. Producer Chloe Rickard. Directed by the Van Vuuren Bros. and Erin White. Executive Producers Jason Burrows and Phil Lloyd. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Andrew Gregory.

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Harrow

A human arm, recovered from a crocodile's stomach, is sent to Harrow for analysis. Harrow's theory is that the male victim was murdered and already dead when eaten by the croc. Pavich sends Harrow north to investigate, much to his displeasure. On the plus side, Dass accompanies him.

Harrow and Dass set to work, braving dangerous waters to explore the deceased croc's meat safe, where they discover the rest of the corpse. No locals are missing, which suggests the victim was an out-of-towner. They cross-reference the croc's movements, recorded by a GPS tracker, with various boats that have come into the marina.

Harrow and Dass, aided by the handsome local sergeant, Gabriel Capello, begin investigating three suspicious boats.

Capello invites Harrow and Dass to his niece's birthday party, where their attraction grows stronger. But, they have work to do.

Justice is also creeping up on Harrow. Simon has been busy on the river bones case, successfully extracting a titanium orthopaedic plate from a wrist bone. The plate contains a unique serial number that will almost certainly I.D. the victim – and will lead straight to Harrow. His time is running out. CAST: Ioan Gruffudd, Mirrah Foulkes, Remy Hii, Anna Lise Phillips, Darren Gilshenan, Damien Garvey, Ella Newton, Hunter Page-Lochard and Robyn Malcolm.

Short synopsis

A human arm in a dead crocodile leads Harrow and Dass to Far North Queensland, battling crocs and crooks in their pursuit of the truth.

Production details

A Hoodlum Entertainment production for ABC TV (Australia) and ABC Studios International. Co-created by writer Stephen M. Irwin and producer Leigh McGrath. Produced by Stephen M. Irwin, Leigh McGrath, Tracey Robertson and Nathan Mayfield. ABC Executive Producers: Sally Riley, Alastair McKinnon and Que Minh Luu.

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Grand Designs

Kevin McCloud meets Chris and Kayo, who plan to build a unique, Roman-inspired home on the protected land surrounding one of Britain's most historic abbeys in Hertfordshire. The pair find themselves constrained by stringent planning conditions, and the intricate and complicated build puts both their schedule and budget under a great deal of pressure.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Presenter: Kevin McCloud. Executive Producer: Fiona Caldwell. Series Producer: John Lonsdale. A Boundless West Production.

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Howards End

Howards End, the story of two independent and unconventional sisters and the men in their lives seeking love and meaning as they navigate an ever-changing world, concludes tonight with a double episode feature.

Academy Award winning screenwriter Kenneth Lonergan brings a fresh take to this adaptation directed by BAFTA winner Hettie Macdonald. Margaret Schlegel (Hayley Atwell) is an intelligent, idealistic young woman who is courted by the older Henry Wilcox (Matthew Macfadyen), a self-made conservative businessman, after his wife Ruth Wilcox (Julia Ormond) dies unexpectedly and he becomes owner of Howards End.

Meanwhile Margaret's passionate and capricious younger sister Helen Schlegel (Philippa Coulthard) takes up the cause of Leonard Bast (Joseph Quinn) a young bank clerk who falls on hard times at work and at home with his partner Jacky (Rosalind Eleazar). In the absence of their late parents, the sisters' loving but interfering Aunt Juley (Tracey Ullman) tries to keep the young ladies and their brother Tibby (Alex Lawther) on the straight and narrow.

Double episode finale - Episode three: Sunday March 18 at 8.30pm on ABC and iview
Margaret receives an unexpected offer from Henry. Helen is incensed by the unfair fate of the Basts. The three families collide at a wedding, and Henry's past is revealed.

Double episode finale - Episode four: Sunday March 18 at 9.30pm on ABC and iview
Margaret is undaunted by Henry's past misdeeds. Helen leaves abruptly for Europe. Margaret and Tibby get Henry to help resolve issues at Howards End—where the three families have a showdown.

Short synopsis

The story of two independent and unconventional sisters and the men in their lives seeking love and meaning as they navigate an ever-changing world. CAST: Hayley Atwell, Matthew Macfadyen, Julia Ormond.

Production details

Produced by Playground in association with City Entertainment and KippSter Entertainment, City Entertainment for BBC and Starz Originals.

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Michael McIntyre: Hello Wembley!

Michael McIntyre's Hello Wembley! follows up one of the biggest selling debut stand up performances of all time, *Live and Laughing*, with an even bigger and better show. Over 500,000 fans saw him live on his UK tour, which included this performance recorded during his six nights at Wembley Arena. Michael is at his hilarious best as he delivers a night of comedy that raises the roof of this legendary venue. The show features Michael's unique take on life - from getting to grips with wine menus and restaurant etiquette, to obsessive Wii playing and condiment hierarchy in the kitchen cupboard.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Written by and starring: Michael McIntyre, Director: Tom Poole.

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Alan Davies: Life Is Pain

Comedian and actor Alan Davies makes a triumphant and long-awaited return to stand-up with his first live gig in more than a decade. Recorded live at London's famous Hammersmith Apollo, his hilarious new show *Life is Pain* covers every aspect of the modern condition, delivered in Alan's own inimitable fashion. It's a glorious insight into Alan's unique worldview as he tackles diverse subjects ranging from growing up in the 1970s, losing his mother as a little boy, the vagaries of Facebook, sex toys and being a father.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Director: Michael Cumming, Executive Producer: Clive Tulloh, Producer: Seamus Murphy-Mitchell, written: and performed by Alan Davies (Jonathan Creek, QI, Whites). **Alan Davies: Life is Pain** is a Burning Bright production.

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The Trip To Spain

From acclaimed director Michael Winterbottom comes the third instalment in the BAFTA winning series *The Trip*.

Anyone for thirds?

Rob (Rob Brydon; *The Trip, Would I Lie to You*) and Steve (Steve Coogan; *The Trip, Alan Partridge*) are back. Six meals in six different places on a road trip through Spain from the North Atlantic to the Mediterranean coast- visiting Cantabria, the Basque region, Aragon, Rioja, Castile La Mancha and ending in Andalucia.

Steve, now turned 50, is still chasing love - he wants to get back together with his ex-girlfriend Mischa, but she is with another man. Rob's acting career is going from strength to strength, his family life is fulfilling – he has had another child since Steve last saw him.

Steve has just starred as a chef in a US TV series and is asked to do a set of restaurant reviews in Spain to publicise the show. As usual Rob will write the newspaper articles, this time using Don Quixote as inspiration. Meanwhile, Steve is hoping to write a more ambitious book based on this trip and his earlier experiences in Spain. He imagines himself in the tradition of writers such as Orwell, Hemingway, and Laurie Lee. After all, Steve is now an Oscar nominated writer

Episode 1

Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon set off on a coast-to-coast road trip through Spain, starting with the picturesque port village of Getaria.

Episode 2

Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon head to the historic Sos del Rey Catolico, and Rob sees how long Steve can go without mentioning his Oscar-nominated film, *Philomena*.

Production details

Directed and written by Michael Winterbottom. Produced by Josh Hyams, Stefano Negri and Melissa Parmenter.

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Call The Midwife

It's October 1962 and the world is on tenterhooks, as tensions between the Soviet Union and America are about to boil over. As Poplar responds to the escalating Cuban Missile Crisis, Valerie Dyer is still finding her feet at Nonnatus House and oversees the care of heavily pregnant and first-time mother, Nadifa Farah.

A bright young Somali woman, Nadifa has come to the UK to join her husband with her sister Dekka. Upon examination, Valerie is dumbfounded - Nadifa's genital anatomy is not like anything she has ever seen before, and she is informed that Nadifa has undergone a process known as female genital circumcision.

Nadifa's case becomes the focus of concern for the Nonnatus Team, and carefully laid plans are put into place for Nadifa to have a hospital delivery. But a visit to the hospital soon puts pay to those plans, when fearful Nadifa goes into hiding. Meanwhile, Dekka dreams of becoming a nurse and her future seems a bright one - until Valerie and Barbara discover that plans are in place to send her back home to be 'cut' in Somaliland.

As the Turners prepare to move to a new house, Sister Mary Cynthia's struggle with her mental health continues. After a course of Electro Convulsive Therapy, she is released back into the care of Nonnatus House and is optimistic that she will finally reconnect with God. But with her depression quickly creeping back in, Sister Mary Cynthia starts to question her religious life - and her life before joining The Order, when she was well.

Elsewhere, Trixie has a crisis of confidence when Christopher Dockerill invites her out on a second date.

Short synopsis

While the Cuban Missile Crisis escalates, Valerie Dyer is still finding her feet at Nonnatus House, caring for a heavily pregnant first-time mother from Somalia, while Sister Mary Cynthia struggles with her mental health

Production details

Neal Street for BBC and PBS.

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Silent Witness

The award-winning crime drama returns for a landmark 20th series, starring Emilia Fox (*The Wrong Mans*, *The Wipers Times*), Richard Lintern (*Spies of Warsaw*, *The Shadow Line*), David Caves and Liz Carr.

Silent Witness follows a dedicated team of forensic pathologists who try to work out how and why the victim died, often risking their own lives in the process. Each story is told over two episodes.

Short synopsis

When a photogenic young schoolteacher goes missing, Jack and Nikki are called to the scene and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media storm. Meanwhile, Thomas fights a lone crusade for justice for a troubled young woman who was killed in puzzling circumstances.

Production details

A BBC Studios production. Writers Tim Prager, Graham Mitchell, Ed Whitmore, Richard Davidson, Jim Keeble & Dudi Appleton. Producer Ceri Meyrick (*Father Brown*, *Eastenders*). Executive Producer Anne Pivcevic (*Great Expectations*, *Little Dorrit*).

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Death In Paradise

The Saint Marie mayoral elections are thrown into disarray when one of the candidates is stabbed to death in the polling booth while casting his vote. Can DI Jack Mooney and his team get to the bottom of this political puzzle?

Stars Ardal O'Hanlon, Danny John-Jules, Josephine Jobert, Tobi Bakare. Guest star Geoffrey Burton.

Short synopsis

Saint Marie's mayoral elections are thrown into disarray when Victor Pearce, local entrepreneur and odds on favourite to win, is stabbed in his polling booth just as he - and the other three candidates - cast their vote.

Production details

Created by Robert Thorogood. Executive Producers: Tony Jordan and Tim Key. A Red Planet Pictures production for the BBC.

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