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Celeb

Written by the creators of the original *Private Eye* cartoon strip, *Celeb* stars Harry Enfield as stadium-rock superstar, squire of the manor Gary Bloke, and Amanda Holden as his surgically enhanced trophy wife Deborah. They share their palatial home in Rockmansionfordshire (Surrey) with Troy, Gary's intellectually challenged son from a marriage of distant memory, and their long-suffering butler, Johnson.

With his halcyon days now past, Gary spends his time enjoying the simple country pursuits of drug-taking, arsing about in fast cars and appearing with his publicity-loving wife in *Hello!*



The Chair

John McEnroe adds another string to his versatile bow when he joins BBC One as the host of gameshow *The Chair*.

The Chair is the ultimate test of a cool nerve in the face of nail-biting pressure. In addition to the usual tension experienced when answering general knowledge questions on TV for money, in front of an audience of millions, contestants on *The Chair* are wired up to a heartbeat-monitoring machine.

A uniquely exciting gameshow is made even more so by being presided over by the man who knows just how it feels to lose his cool under pressure.



Bedtime

A prestigious cast, including Timothy West, Sheila Hancock, James Bolam, Kevin McNally, Doon MackKichan, Alun Armstrong, Adam Paul Harvey and Sienna Miller, star in a new run of Andy Hamilton's serial *Bedtime*.

A funny and compelling mini-soap set in the bedrooms of adjoining houses, in an ordinary street in an ordinary London suburb, *Bedtime* peeks behind the curtains and watches the night-time rituals of three contrasting households in the last half hour of their day.

Each episode ends with various cliffhangers, but the fates of all the intriguing characters are only decided in the final twists of *Bedtime*.



Fame Academy

The ultimate training academy for raw, undiscovered talent comes to BBC One, BBC Choice and BBCi, supported by Radio 1, when *Fame Academy* launches this autumn.

Competing for a prize billed as the biggest in showbiz history, 12 selected hopefuls will live and train together in a residential recording studio. Leading specialists from the industry give the students the best professional training there is. Public voting and viewer interaction plays a key role. The challenge is to stay ahead as those students who fail to make the grade will be asked to leave the Academy.

Fame Academy is a close-up view of the real-life stories, characters and relationships that develop as the students go through intense training in their bid to reach the level of leading talent such as Robbie Williams or David Gray.



Wild West

Dawn French stars in *Wild West*, a new comedy written by *Men Behaving Badly* creator Simon Nye.

Mary Trewednack (Dawn French) lives above her Post Office in the fictitious Cornish village of St Gweep with her neurotic partner Angela. The two women enjoy the security of life in a tightly knit coastal community but their chances of finding suitable men are more remote than the village itself. Mary and Angela find themselves thrown together in an unlikely relationship which is put to the test if a healthy hunk of testosterone visits Penwoon.

Wild West takes a look into a community where witchcraft and wife-swapping are more a way of life than cream teas and Cornish pasties.



My Family

If life in the Harper household is a bed of roses, why does Ben always get all the thorns? As well as the dental practice giving him pain for which there is no known cure, his wife's unconventional cookery skills and his children's (apparently reciprocated) aversion, he will soon have a new family member to endure. But, being Ben's hated cousin's daughter, Abi is sure to fit in...

In series three of *My Family*, Robert Lindsay and Zoë Wanamaker play Ben and Susan. Kris Marshall, Daniela Denby-Ashe and Gabriel Thomson play the children, Nick, Janey and Michael, and Siobhan Hayes is Abi.



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Royal Variety Performance

Icons and celebrities from the world of music, film, television and theatre gather for the prestigious annual Royal Variety Performance in the presence of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

Since its inception in 1921, The Royal Variety Performance has continued to attract the biggest stars from across the showbiz world for a glittering night of entertainment for all the family.

This Jubilee year guarantees to feature the biggest names in pop music, comedy and West End musicals, who all come together for one special night on BBC One. The Royal Variety Performance is a charity event in aid of The Entertainment Artists' Benevolent Fund.



The Top OfThe Pops Awards

The biggest pop party of the year, The Top OfThe Pops Awards, returns to celebrate the hottest music from around the world with artists performing and collecting their gongs at the top pop event of the year.

Top OfThe Pops returns to the city of its birth, Manchester, to host the showbiz spectacular. The world's longest-running music show has become a global television programme, now broadcasting to 90 countries around the world. With *Top OfThe Pops'* reputation for showcasing the most hip and exciting bands on the planet, the awards ceremony will be a celebration of the very best in must-listen-to music and must-see bands.

The Sitcom Story

Martin Clunes, star of Men Behaving Badly, takes viewers on a guided tour through his home territory. *The Sitcom Story* celebrates the rise and rise of sitcom, from the fizzy American fun of *I Love Lucy* through such British classics as *Hancock, Till Death Us Do Part, Steptoe And Son, Are You Being Served?* and *The Good Life* to more recent hit shows like *Absolutely Fabulous, The Royle Family* and *One Foot In The Grave*. Contributors include Richard Wilson, Ricky Tomlinson, Warren Mitchell, Richard Briers, Penelope Keith, Patricia Routledge, Ben Elton – and Clunes's *Men Behaving Badly* chums Neil Morrissey, Caroline Quentin and Leslie Ash.



Judgemental

In this new daytime quiz show, presented by Sophie Raworth, being the best judge of character could lead to a cash prize, while making snap judgements can only end in disaster.

In order to reach the prize money, three Players must prove themselves to be the best at judging the general knowledge of the Workforce, a panel of four different people every day. If a Player's judgement is good, they stay in the game – if their judgement lets them down, they go home with nothing.

And viewers can be judgemental, too, with a compulsive play-along quiz to enjoy.



Returning series

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| Dog Eat Dog | They Think It's All Over |
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| Have I Got News For You | A Question Of Sport |
| Jonathan Ross | National Lottery – Winning Lines |
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