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After "700 SHARKS" and "EXpedition ANTArctica", Laurent Ballesta has yet again challenged himself to a new world record: spend 28 days at a depth of 100 meters, pushing the limits of his body to reveal the luxuriant and unknown depths of the Mediterranean.

The Mediterranean. Because people have been travelling there for thousands of years, it is believed to be without secrets. And yet, far below its surface, lie vast unexplored territories, luxurious gardens worthy of the finest tropical coral reefs. These natural wonders are inaccessible to the traditional diver, in a twilight zone, between 60 and 120 m, where there's less than 1% of sunlight. If diving at such depths is always a challenge, staying there is a fantasy, a utopia that becomes reality in Planet Mediterranean.
UNDERWATER VOLCANO

52' 4K

Beneath the oceans’ surface, thousands of volcanoes have yet to be discovered or explored. Mount La Pérouse is one of these sleeping giants, off the coast of Reunion Island. It is a genuine oasis of life that could be sheltering sprawling coral reefs.

CONQUEST OF THE DEEP

52' 4K

This film retraces the history of scuba diving for the first time. The origins of diving date back thousands of years, and through experiments and trials, accidents and discoveries, mankind has pushed back the boundaries and descend to the depths of the abyss.

THE BOUNTY HUNTER OF MONGOLIA

52', 90' 4K

In the Darhat valley of northern Mongolia, the horses of the nomadic tribes are disappearing. Bandits are stealing them to sell to Russian abattoirs for just a few rubles. But Shukhert, a crime-fighting Darhat horseman, is relentlessly pursuing them.

FEAST OF THE KILLER WHALES

52' 4K

All along the Arctic coast of Norway, there’s a bloody battle going on between three different species: orcas, whales...and humans! And it’s all over the vast schools of herring that migrate to the Frozen North to seek shelter there in the fjords!
Everywhere on the planet cities seem to pop up and grow, sometimes despite climatic or geographical conditions that seem impossible to live in. How do people acclimate to lead a normal life?

Alexandra will experience life in some of the most extreme cities in the world, living in each one long enough to learn about the locals' way of life. What she brings back is an insight into humankind’s incredible capacity to adapt and find behavioural and organisational solutions. What do these unusual cities look like? What is life like for their inhabitants? What can we learn from them?
A TASTE OF FRANCE

10 x 52'

Spurred by their passion and ambition, talented international chefs are reviving the spirit of French cuisine with renewed vigor. Journey with them as they dive into the fascinating stories behind France’s regional products from Corsica, Provence, Burgundy...

VANUATU, AN ODYSSEY AT THE END OF THE WORLD

52' 4K

Hernin and Marcellin Abong are two Vanuatu twin brothers with very different backgrounds: one has become the “Very Great Chief” of his tribe, while the other is an ethno-archaeologist.

GEO REPORTS - S20 & 21

S20 : 26 x 52'
S21 : 25 x 52'

Whether they depict deep-sea divers in the Bermuda triangle or game keepers in the far reaches of the Siberian forest, these films provide us with insights into the lives and work of exceptional men and women.

LANDS OF WOMEN

5 x 52'

From India to the Bijagos archipelago, discover the last of the world’s matriarchies through the stories of the women who run them. Each of the five films in the collection is an immersion into one of these societies, through the eyes of a woman.
Far from the frenzy of urban life, DESTINATIONS is an invitation to enjoy the simple pleasure of traveling to the four corners of the world to discover places that inspired the great artists, resulting in an exchange between a land, a town, a landscape and a work of art.

RITUALS OF THE WORLD

15 x 26'

Fire dancing in Papua New Guinea or climbing to the top of the Ethiopian cliffs to introduce one’s child to God: this series reveals how some people today still practice rituals that structure their lives and become, beyond a simple social bond, a structuring force and a source of culture.
LOSTING SLEEP

Insomnia, sleep apnea, and narcolepsy are massively increasing in the world. In a scientific investigation, we will discover the new methods developed to find sleep: fractional sleep, light therapy, helmets that stimulate the brain.

SCREEN GENERATION

Smartphone, television, computer, gaming console or digital tablet are now unavoidable in our day to day lives. This everyday intrusion has sparked numerous controversies – hysteria becomes collective. Are we damaging our brain with these damned screens?
DATA SCIENCE VS FAKE

31 x 2'

Thanks to data visualizing, discover a collection that transforms data into visually appealing and scientifically accurate animated pictures. Explore graphs and pictures that represent figures down to the last pixel... Truth and falsehood have never been clearer.

SAPIENS, THE NEW ORIGINS

2 x 45'

In remote Morocco, in 1960, in the archeological site of Jebel Irhoud, a remarkable find was made: remains of Homo Sapiens. Today we can date them back to 300,000 years old.

THE MYSTERY OF THE RASCAR CAPAC MUMMY

52'

This science documentary is led like a police investigation into pre-Colombian mummies from Chile and Peru, one of whom, RASPAR CAPAC, inspired The Seven Crystal Balls from The Adventures of Tintin by famous Belgian cartoonist Hergé.

NANOWORLD, THE KEY TO OUR SURVIVAL

52' 4K

Nature is an inexhaustible source of knowledge. After 3 billion years of evolution, it has created amazing mechanisms, even at a microscopic level, that allow plants and animals around us to protect themselves, to grow, to move or to face the attacks of the elements.
ARTISTS AND LOVE

9 x 26'

This documentary series tells the story of intimate and tumultuous love stories in the context of art history. With Amedeo Modigliani and Jeanne Hébuterne, Lee Miller and Man Ray or Gerda Taro and Robert Capa.

Love story is an excuse to narrate the lives of artists, their neuroses and narcissism, and to confront them to their alter ego, the other, their double. Each of the couples of this collection answers the same questions: is love compatible with creation? Can artists reveal themselves through romantic passion? Does love bring a renewed energy to Art?
THE LOUVRE IS MOVING

52’

The Louvre is an iceberg: 35,000 works on the surface, 250,000 in reserve, a large part of which is below the level of the Seine. Threatened by floods, the reserves must leave the area to reach Liévin, 200 km away: 250,000 sculptures, paintings, ceramics, accumulated over 700 years...

TOM CRUISE, AN ETERNAL YOUTH

52’

After a career spanning 40 years, Tom Cruise does not seem to have developed one wrinkle. His legendary smile has dominated many blockbuster productions. This film will try to unveil the man behind the film icon.
INTIMATE BEETHOVEN

52'

Through writing and music, this film offers an intimate approach to Beethoven's life and work: discover the struggles of a man who never gave up. Beethoven's correspondence and diaries make for a unique material. It sheds a light on the composer to reveal a side of him that has never been seen before.

MUSIC LIVE COLLECTION

32 x 60'

A collection of 32 live concerts filmed in optimal conditions, often in 4K, in extraordinary places. Among the artists: Angus and Julia Stone, Lucas Debargue, Christian Scott, Monty Alexander, Avishai Cohen Quartet, Linda Lee Hopkins, Jacky Terrasson... Kintsugi and many more.

MODIGLIANI AND HIS SECRETS

52'

Modigliani's work is among the most recognizable in modern art, but we know almost nothing about the man himself. Based on an ongoing scientific study, the film reveals the secrets behind the myths surrounding this Bohemian artist, to coincide with the centenary of his death in 1920.

LEONARDO DA VINCI, THE RESTORATION OF THE CENTURY

52'

The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne is one of the most beautiful paintings in the world. It is also one of the most mysterious. Disfigured and even jeopardised by "repairs", it was also in very bad condition. To save the painting, it had to be restored.
**THE CARAVAGGIO AFFAIR**

52, 90'  

In April 2016, a shockwave went through the art world. A long-lost Caravaggio canvas had been found near Toulouse. But its attribution was disputed by specialists, so France's Ministry of Culture decided to block its export.

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**ANTHONY PERKINS, THE ACTOR BEHIND THE DOOR**

52'

While most of the stars of his generation have fallen into oblivion, his face and name remain familiar to a younger 21st century audience, fond of Giallo and slashers. But Anthony Perkins has long struggled in the shadow of his most famous character, Norman Bates – the serial killer in Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece, “Psycho”.

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**CITIZEN JANE FONDA**

52'

Very few Icons have at once embodied the Myths of their own country while revealing its contradictions: heiress of the Hollywood star system and muse of the French auteur Cinema, Academy Award winning actress and committed producer, feminist and aerobic queen, activist and fearless businesswoman...

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**THE MANUSCRIPTS' SECRET HISTORY**

4 x 26'

This series retraces the origins and journeys of major European works, stories or discoveries of international significance, whose original manuscript has survived through the ages. Each film attempts to analyze an original manuscript as if it were a crucial clue, in hopes to reveal the secrets behind each work and its author.
John Wayne, America at All Costs

52'

Archetype of a heroic cowboy or uncompromising macho, Wayne fascinates. The film reveals the man through his unexpected but real frailty, and portrays his hero at the twilight of his life. The aim of this film is to make a connexion between “the patriot artist” and the real man.

Frank Capra: An American Tale

52'

A small Sicilian immigrant became in the 1930s a director with dazzling success. He believes in the American dream. No matter what America is in fact inward looking, Capra does not hesitate to twist reality in order to become one with what the country dreams of itself.

Stephen King, A Necessary Evil

52'

Consecrated “king of horror” of modern literature, he distinguished himself in other genres such as fantasy, science fiction or detective stories. Several of his works have been adapted for cinema such as Shining by Stanley Kubrick, Dead Zone by David Cronenberg or Misery by Rob Reiner.

Toni Morrison, Black Matter(s)

52'

Last August, on the 5th, novelist Toni Morrison, first black woman author being awarded the Nobel Prize of Literature, passed away at the age of 88. Her eleven novels were translated in dozens of languages, and she is considered a true figurehead of African-American literature.
What if bodybuilding was not just a simple sporting and aesthetic discipline? What if it the practice was actually conforming to the social pressures of our neoliberal society, by celebrating and encouraging the constant surpassing of oneself?

With the help of illustrious weight trainers and experts, All Brawn offers a fascinating look into the history and culture of this art of performance. Gain insight into this mass phenomenon, a metaphor for the obsession with control and cost-efficiency.
This film opens the doors to the work of a unique creator with a creative process always on the move and with a unique know-how. He reveals himself as a free and passionate alchemist who imagines shoes as real works of art.

Instinctive and spontaneous, Christian Louboutin is a creator with a singular journey. Constantly on the alert, he develops immediately recognizable collections of shoes and accessories to keep pace with the seasons.
**FALL 2020 - THE EXCEPTIONAL SHOW**

52'

The Paris Fashion Week takes place every year at the beginning of March. Loïc Prigent takes you on a tour of the most beautiful fashion shows – prepare to be dazzled. Discover next winter’s trends and interviews with all the designers who matter.

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**JEAN PAUL GAULTIER LAST SHOW**

52'

To mark his 50th year as a designer, Jean Paul Gaultier held his final show in 2020 in Paris, with an event combining models and artistic performances. Let’s look back at his incredible career and personality.

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**A JOURNEY WITH SHOES**

52'

From the first rough hessian foot bags to glossy, towering, highly expensive Louboutins, shoes have symbolized status, power and sex appeal. ‘A Journey with Shoes’ tells how shoes reveal how we live and the social class we inhibit.

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**WHEN FASHION MEETS POLITICS**

52'

After decades of growth and ostentation, when every excess was allowed, the fashion industry is currently at a turning point, caught up in the political issues that are reshaping our times: The environment and sustainable development, cultural representation and appropriation, equality, gender issues...
Melania is both an ideal symbol of a conservative America and the evil embodiment of limitless ambition. Political journalist Laurence Haim has observed her for the past years and is able to reveal a much more complex part of the personality and life of the mysterious lady.

This film is a rigorous investigation into a subject which has always been considered science fiction. UFOs exist, and officials from the Pentagon, the NASA and from other prestigious institutions will prove it to you.
This series tells world history through a few major dates, revisited through the prism of memory. Driven by the accessible and passionate delivery of historian Patrick Boucheron, history comes to life under our eyes with bold and entertaining graphics.

A date is a snapshot, a flashback which requires crossing disciplines such as history, art, archeology and literature for a vibrant and sensitive reading of the past. It arouses our childhood curiosity, recalling when we dreamed of a time machine. The series is conceived to potentially become a key reference in teaching history.
**THE GOERING CATALOG**

52', 90'

For more than a decade, the number two in the Third Reich amassed a collection of more than 5,000 art works, all meticulously detailed in a catalog. But how did Hermann Goering get his hands on these works?

**THE LOST FILM OF NUREMBERG**

52'

The director sets off in search of the film “Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today”, the official 80’ film of the Nuremberg trial by the Schulberg brothers, that was withdrawn from circula-tion in post war United States for geo political reasons, and then disappeared.

**LIVING IN GERMANY AT WAR**

2 x 52'

This film, consisting entirely of archives, recounts the daily lives of both German civilians and soldiers during the six years of WW2, from its start in September 1939 up to the months following the German surrender. A plunge into the private lives of a people on the path to self-destruction.

**ATOM: 150 YEARS OF LIES**

'52'  
4K

This historical investigation on radioactivity gives voice to irradiated soldiers, workers and children. From Marie Curie to Fukushima, the film measures the indifference and cynicism of the military and civil powers and the arrogan52’ce of the nuclear industry.
ISRAEL/IRAN/USA, THE LONG WAR

2 x 52'

Targeted assassinations, bombings, unidentified military attacks are piling up all over the Middle East. Can the "secret war" between Iran and Israel turn into a major regional if not global confrontation?

THE Iliad & The Odyssey

20 x 26'

The creators of 'The great Greek Myths' bring to you 'The Iliad and the Odyssey', an epic tale on the origins of the world and its inevitable downfall, that mixes animation and 3D iconography. A story in which gods and mortals intermingle, and whose poetic force has crossed the centuries and still nourishes our present.

THE HISTORY OF THE RED ARMY

2 x 52'

For 70 years, the Red Army was one of the foundations of the USSR, an instrument of fear as well as admiration, a symbol of liberation as well as coercion. This documentary explores its history, combining epic narrative and deconstruction of the myth.

THE STORY OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

3 x 52'

There are few commodities as global as drugs. How this trade influenced relations between states, global financial interests, secret diplomacies, secret special forces and mafias, on all continents over a century in a half.
**BIRTH OF HAUTE CUISINE**

52', 90'  4K

Haute cuisine is a modern luxury that was invented over a century ago by one man. Auguste Escoffier revolutionized French cooking and dining experience and made them a world reference in culinary arts.

**BUILDING THE PARIS OPERA**

52, 90'  4K

Famous for its ghost, the Garnier Opera of Paris is above all the product of a titanic building site and the symbol of the birth of a new era. From 1852 to 1870, eighteen years of flamboyance made Paris the capital of modernity.

**VERSAILLES, AN UNDERGROUND MEGASTRUCTURE**

52'

If the Versailles Palace is renowned throughout the world, it is mainly for its fountains; each year, some 10 million visitors come to admire them. But how many actually know that they work thanks to 35 km of piping and 70,000 m3 of water?

**BASED ON A TRUE STORY**

8 x 26'

There have been countless works of fiction based on true stories. It seems we can never have enough of them. Everyday folk are all the rage - and they often make excellent fictional characters. This documentary series takes up where fictional adaptations leave off and tells the real-life stories they are based on.
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