



**THE NEW SEASON 2010/2011**

**RTÉ Television**

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## THE NEW SEASON ON RTÉ TELEVISION

This new season, RTÉ will deliver over 50 brand new series and documentaries, as well as over 40 new editions of returning series. Harnessing the best of Irish as well as international talent to reflect, lead, inspire and entertain, an extensive range of programmes, series and documentaries will be delivered across both RTÉ One and RTÉ Two this new season.

RTÉ Television has made every effort to ensure all available resources are directed towards providing a high quality television service to the Irish public. It is a very difficult economic environment for everyone, however the challenge of making less resources go further has given rise to some creative co-production solutions and streamlined production models ensuring that programming is delivered as cost-efficiently as possible without compromising on quality or range.

In addition to license fee income our commercial teams continue to make every effort to maximise RTÉ's commercial return. It is vitally important that we support their efforts in every way possible in order to be able to channel more resources into providing the Irish public with a superior, value for money, television experience.

Drawing on stories and experiences in today's Ireland, exploring our shared history, reflecting the nation as it is now and stimulating debate and discussion on the future of an ever-evolving Ireland, this season RTÉ Television delivers a diverse schedule of quality Irish programming to the Irish public.

In addition to the programming outlined here, RTÉ Television will soon be announcing a major public service initiative with the launch of two completely new schedules of Young People's programmes in September. This exciting and innovative new departure will be broadcast in two brand new channel blocks, commissioned to cater specifically for the diverse needs of the nation's younger viewers as they develop from pre-school through to teens.

Inspiring, thought-provoking, enlightening, analytical, investigative and entertaining, by turns, RTÉ will continue to deliver the quality, range and diversity of programmes viewers expect and deserve from their Irish Public Service Broadcaster.

**Glen Killane,**  
Managing Director, RTÉ Television

RTÉ is Ireland's largest creative organisation, and the new season schedule is testament to that. Across both channels, we've invested in a range of new programmes and returning favourites that we believe offers Irish viewers exceptional choice and value – something for everyone in the audience.

Our shows inform and entertain, and get people talking across the country. Television brings people together, and RTÉ is at the centre of that shared experience.

So far this year, RTÉ has again delivered all ten of the Top 10 most-watched programmes. These shows, created by RTÉ staff and independent producers alike, demonstrate how home-produced and distinctively Irish programming appeals to Irish viewers.

The new season on RTÉ Television promises to build on that track record – we hope you enjoy it.

**Steve Carson,**  
Director of Programmes, RTÉ Television

RTÉ FACTUAL

*From examining Ireland's history, to exploring contemporary issues and stimulating debate and discussion on the Ireland of the future, this season RTÉ Factual delivers a wealth of a new series and documentaries to engage and enlighten.*



**(NEW) BADFELLAS 3 X 52'**

*Badfellas* is a three-part documentary series which tells the story of how organised crime took root in modern Ireland across four decades.

The last four decades have seen the emergence of organised crime as a constant debilitating feature of Irish life. *BadFellas* marks the widespread introduction of the gun to Irish criminal culture, the first appearance of drugs across the flats and leafy suburbs of Dublin city to the townlands across the country, the growing sophistication of Irish gangs and the international networks to which they belong. The series explores how Government and the Garda Síochána have reacted by trying to dissipate the growing crime epidemic.

**(NEW) FREEFALL 2 X 52'**

This two-part documentary series tells the story of how a mega property bubble, fuelled by the Irish banking system, brought the Irish state precariously close to the edge. The series begins in September 2008 when the world was in the grip of a banking crisis so severe that it threatened to sweep away an entire global financial system that had taken a quarter of a century to develop before tracing the sources of the Irish banking crisis – both local and global.

**(NEW) THE STORY OF IRELAND 5 X 52'**

*The Story of Ireland* is a five-part series that tells the story of Ireland, our history and our impact on the world, from the earliest times right up to the present day. A BBC Northern Ireland and RTÉ co-production, it is an authored history featuring Fergal Keane, the distinguished BBC Foreign Correspondent, with famous Co. Kerry roots. He travels all over Ireland, to Westminster and Paris and further afield, to trace the events, the people and the influences that shaped modern Ireland.

*RTÉ One brings you three documentaries which focus on the very different challenges faced by a number of Irish children. From teen bullying to being exceptionally gifted, to the day-to-day realities of being child carers, this series of films uncovers the harsh realities of growing up for a number of very ordinary – and yet extraordinary – Irish children.*

**(NEW) THE LAST DAYS OF PHOEBE PRINCE 1 X 52'**

This documentary tells the tragic story of Phoebe Prince, the fifteen-year-old schoolgirl from Co. Clare, who died by suicide in January, and investigates how a campaign of bullying at a Massachusetts High School ultimately led to her death. With extensive first-hand testimony from Phoebe's own family and interviews with the team investigating the bullying, the documentary will be a glimpse into the lives and the community affected by this tragic story. It also charts how Phoebe's untimely death has divided a previously quiet, middle-class American town, brought about the biggest bullying case in U.S. history, and provoked unparalleled national and international debate on the subject of teen bullying.

**(NEW) EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN 1 X 52'**

For many of the 23,000 Irish children classed as 'gifted', their exceptional abilities can often bring as many challenges as rewards. The term 'gifted' is reserved for those children in the top 5% of academic achievement and this programme will present an honest and revealing insight into the lives of a number of very special children as they cope with the highs and lows of being 'different'. Charting the trials and triumphs that life throws at these remarkable children, this documentary promises to be a moving and uplifting addition to the RTÉ One schedule.

**(NEW) CHILD CARERS 1 X 52'**

*Child Carers* (working title) is a one-hour observational documentary that will, for the first time, expose the challenges facing the many Irish children who work as primary carers for their parents. Sacrificing normal childhoods to unpaid care, none of them are recognised by any official statistic or register and few know how many of them exist in this country. The documentary looks at a range of issues: How will these children cope with confirmations, new schools, and exams when their lives are dominated by the illnesses of their parents?

**(NEW) THE HOME 2 X 52'**

*The Home* is an intimate and moving portrait of life inside an old people's home, an observational documentary series in the style of RTÉ's highly successful THE ASYLUM and THE HOSPICE. Filmed in St. Monica's Nursing Home on Dublin's Northside, the documentary will focus on the experiences of older people in Ireland today utilising the institution as its central location but mainly concentrating upon the very personal stories of a number of elderly people.

**(NEW) FROM HERE TO MATERNITY: 6X26'**

This six-part observational series follows day-to-day life in the halls in one of Europe's most advanced maternity units located in Cork. We meet the expectant mothers, excited fathers, and the busy staff who help patients face the trials and tribulations of pregnancy and childbirth. The series follows couples from their first scan through to birth and beyond as they settle into their new lives at home.

**(NEW) IRELAND'S GREATEST 5 X 60'**

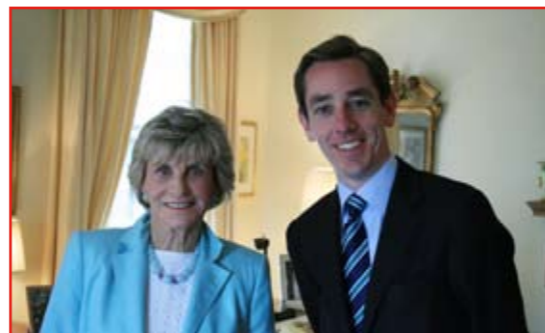
Just who is *Ireland's Greatest*? Earlier in the year, a nationwide survey produced an eclectic and hotly-debated Top 40 of the greatest Irish people of all time. Now, after thousands of public votes on the RTÉ Website, the search for *Ireland's Greatest* has been narrowed down to the final five: Bono, Michael Collins, James Connolly, John Hume and Mary Robinson. This autumn on RTÉ One, the search for *Ireland's Greatest* will feature five impassioned documentaries, *Late Late Show* debate, and an all-important public vote. The documentaries and debate will be driven by five well-known personalities who will champion the individual merits of each of the final five. Michael McDowell will campaign for Collins, Dave Fanning will back Bono, Joe Duffy will champion Connolly, Miriam O' Callaghan will advocate Hume and David McWilliams will lend his support to Robinson. The winner will be announced on *The Late Late Show* in October.

**(NEW) REELING IN THE NOUGHTIES- 10 X 30'**

Reeling in the Years looks back on one of the most dramatic decades in Irish and global history, from the shocking impact of the 9/11 terror attacks to the debacle that was Ireland's 2002 World Cup campaign, to the boom and bust of the Celtic Tiger. Each episode features a specific year between 2000 and 2009, combining contemporary pop music hits with the year's most memorable moments in news, current affairs, sport and entertainment.

**(NEW) CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP 1 X 52'**

Would you work if you didn't have to? Are you looking forward to your sixties when you can put your feet up without feeling guilty? For years in Ireland, 65 was the eligibility age for a Government-funded pension. Recently, and as a result of a looming national pension debt, all has changed utterly. Over the next decade, the pension age will creep up to 68. And yet, there are countless Irish folk 65 and older who either don't want to or cannot afford to give up work. This 52' observational documentary will spend



time with people of retirement age (and over) who are still working for their living... from country to town, from cash-struck to cash-rich.

**(NEW) EMIGRATION 1 X 52'**

It's not a good time to be young and male in Ireland. This group, more than most, has been severely hit by the recession. But their story is largely untold. The figures are stark. More than half of all jobs for men under 25 years have been wiped out by the downturn. In the employment black spots of Limerick, Waterford, Donegal and Louth, two out of three young men are signing on. Typically, they left education after second-level, to work in the construction boom and are now badly equipped to cope in the recession. This observational documentary will chart the lives of a handful of young Irish men as they face the reality of long-term unemployment or the prospect of leaving home to find work.

**(NEW) IN AND OUT IN HALF AN HOUR 1 X 40'**

Every half-hour at Dublin's Registry Office, couples of all creeds, ages and backgrounds arrive for a simple ceremony that will change their lives. The registry office is a wedding hub where families and loved ones join for special and emotional moments. This observational one-off documentary sets out to capture life, love and humour, as well as giving a glimpse of a changing Ireland, less duty-bound by tradition and religion.

**(NEW) JFK 1 X 52'**

Ryan Tubridy has always had a passion for history – and for the story of John F. Kennedy in particular. In this authored journey, Tubridy retraces the story of Kennedy's visit to Ireland and its impact on the country. The programme uses previously unseen archive and first-hand testimonies of Kennedy's key staff and of the people who lined the streets to welcome America's first Irish-American President. In addition, previously unseen and rare archive from the JFK library in Boston, including audio speeches, letters, photographs and diaries, will shed new light on this perennially fascinating story.

**(NEW) BRENDAN BRACKEN - CHURCHILL'S IRISHMAN: 1 X 52'**

Brendan Bracken was an Irishman, born in Templemore, Co Tipperary, who became Winston Churchill's right hand man, confidant and so close to the British Prime Minister that he was referred to by the Churchill family as his 'secret son'. The fascinating story of Brendan Bracken is told in this documentary by a descendant, Adrian Bracken, an English actor turned television programme-maker, who went on a journey to find out about 'BB', as he was so called.

**(NEW) VOICES FROM THE GRAVE 1 X 52'**

The documentary is based on the recent book of the same name by Ed Maloney and audio testimony given to the archive of Boston College by Brendan Hughes - a former IRA Director of Operations, Army Council member and leader of the 1980 Hunger Strike - alongside David Ervine, one-time UVF bomber and later a leader of the UVF's political wing, the Progressive Unionist Party. These testimonies provide unique access and insights into the conflict at leadership level. Within the documentary they will help build an informative and contextualized account of key events and incidents in recent Irish history, including Bloody Friday, the story of the 'Disappeared', the London bombing campaigns, The Maze hunger strikes and the origins and development of the Peace Process.

**(NEW) HIDDEN HISTORY: TREASURE OF THE BOGS 1 X 52'**

TREASURE OF THE BOGS follows the painstaking and dramatic conservation process of an early medieval book of psalms. It follows the National Museum of Ireland, as it enters unknown waters and also travels across Europe in search of the remarkable truth behind this unique find.

**(NEW) RESCUE 117 6 X 30'**

For the first time ever RTÉ cameras have been given exclusive access into the Irish Coast Guard's helicopter Search and Rescue service, capturing life and death situations as they unfold. When people are lost at sea and in grave danger, the helicopter crews are the last line of defence to save a human life. Filmed over six months, the cameras follow the rescue crews at Waterford Helicopter base (Rescue 117) as they battle to save lives in one of the most hostile environments in the world.

**CUSTOMS - 6 X30'**

This character-driven series following the working lives of Ireland's customs officers returns for a new 6-part series. Offering unprecedented access to the daily operations of Ireland's customs officers, the series looks at how the country is dealing with the ever-growing importation of illegal materials and substances.

**DISASTERS 6X25'**

Disasters returns for a third series with a focus on Irish people caught up in international events. Stories include the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the 7/7 London Bombings, the Bali Bombings and the 1972 UK Staines air crash.

**THE ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD (3 X 26' & 1 X 52')**

There is now a keen awareness that entrepreneurship is key to the nation's financial recovery and future prosperity. At the forefront of that drive is the *Entrepreneur of the Year* competition. Over three weeks in October, entrepreneur *par excellence* Pádraig Ó Céidigh travels the length and breadth of Ireland to meet the people nominated by their peers in the business world for the title of Entrepreneur of the Year 2010. The series culminates in a glittering awards ceremony on Thursday 21st October which celebrates the very best in Irish business.

**EAR TO THE GROUND 18 X 30'**

This season *Ear to the Ground* returns to get behind the hedges, fences and stone walls of Ireland and report on what's really going on around the country. We meet the people and hear the stories that are current in rural Ireland; be it hard news items about the price of food, or reports on new approaches in farming that are proving highly successful. Darragh, Helen and Ella will be on the move to every corner of the country and they'll be getting their hands dirty as they get on-board the "Do It Yourself" craze sweeping the country.

**NATIONWIDE**

The ever-popular *Nationwide*, with Michael Ryan and Mary Kennedy, is at 7.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on RTÉ One with an eclectic round-up of news, views and events from around the country.

**CAPITAL D**

The weekly programme featuring the people and places of greater Dublin and presented by Anne Cassin, is back on Thursday nights at 7.00pm on RTÉ One.

# RTE DIVERSITY

*RTÉ Diversity incorporates educational and multicultural programming agus Cláracha Gaeilge.*



**(NEW) FRANCIE BARRETT'S GUIDE TO TRAVELLERS: 2X52'**

Using the latest DNA technology Olympian Francis Barrett attempts to trace the origins of the Irish Travelling people. He is on a search to find out where "his people" come from. It's a road that will reveal stories of honour, betrayal, disillusionment and hope.

**(NEW) BLIND MAN WALKING: 1 X 52'**

At the age of 22, Mark Pollock, a handsome young athlete and academic, lost his sight suddenly and irreversibly. This documentary follows Mark on the tenth anniversary year of losing his sight as he takes on the toughest challenge of his life and attempts to become the first blind man to race to the South Pole. What unfolds is a highly personal, often emotional and ultimately uplifting story told against the epic backdrop of the Antarctic.

**(NEW) FAMILIES IN THE WILD: 4 X 52'**

Following on from the success of *Teens in the Wild*, clinical psychologist David Coleman is now turning his attention to families who are experiencing problems. In this series he will concentrate on three families, (one family at a time), taking each away from their busy home life to the isolation and tranquillity of the countryside for a week of activities and therapy. Each family member will get a fresh perspective on how they relate to each other, with David endeavouring to foster an understanding and insight into each other's issues and needs, supported by more positive communication.

**(NEW) ABHAINN 3 X 30'**

In a new series for RTE One - Cláracha Gaeilge explore three of our rivers from source to sea. *Abhainn* takes us on a journey revealing the unique personality of each river and the stories both ancient and new that tell us who we really are.

**(NEW) CEOL GAN AOIS – BLOW THE DUST OFF YOUR TRUMPET**

This observational-style documentary follows a group of former musicians as they 'blow the dust off their trumpets' - coming together after a long hiatus - to rehearse and perform a special concert in Dublin's National Concert Hall. Reporter Blathnaid Ni Chofaigh takes us behind the scenes to reveal the highs and lows of taking up music after so many years; the many different and varied personal life stories of key members of the orchestra and the mounting excitement as the performance beckons.

**(NEW) THE END OF AGEING**

Presented by Dr. Rose Anne Kenny, this documentary looks into recent scientific advancements that may make it viable to stop signs of ageing and, ultimately, cheat death. Scientists are suggesting that eternal life may soon be a reality. Passing the 100 year mark is no longer so unusual and recent research shows that 50% of all Irish girls born in 2010 will live to be over 100 years of age. This documentary explores the issue from an Irish point of view, explaining increases in life expectancy and recent advancements in age prevention, showing the audience how they can lengthen their own life spans.

**CSÍ 4 X 30'**

A new instalment of the popular series looks at four notorious and high profile murders including the story of the killing of two Jewish men in Dublin in 1923, the death of Larry Higgins in 1946, a mysterious murder of an Irish aunt in New York, and the murder of Detective Garda Tadhg O'Sullivan by the IRA with a booby trap bomb at Tullycrine in County Clare.

**AN CÓR 4 X 26'**

An Cór (The Choir) is an Irish language singing competition series with a difference. Broadcast over four shows during Seachtain na Gaeilge it features six competing choirs immersing themselves in the culture, language and history of traditional Irish songs.

**SCANNAL: 5 X 24'**

RTE's renowned Irish language series returns with a new series, looking back at more of the scandals that shocked, outraged, amused and incited the nation including the showdown between management and players in the Cork Hurling team, and the downfall of Northern Ireland politician Iris Robinson in both her political and personal life.

**CLOCH LE CARN: 2 X 24'**

This popular strand returns to reflect on well-known figures, all of whom have made controversial contributions to Irish society in their lifetime.

**THIS IS ME 5 X 25'**

The third series of *This is Me* will introduce us to five exceptional people with disabilities, who are determined to live as normal a life as possible. This is a unique, inspiring, fresh observational documentary series, that gives the viewer an opportunity to step inside a world that they sometimes prefer to ignore.

**MEET THE NEIGHBOURS: 4X25'**

Following the Balbriggan-based first series of *Meet the Neighbours*, RTE is turning a lens on the multicultural story that is evolving in communities all over Ireland. The series will tell the stories and mirror the experiences of people from all over the world living side-by-side each other in Ireland.

RTE ARTS

RTE continues its commitment to the arts with the return of the dedicated weekly review and preview show *The View*, as well as in-depth interviews and performances in *The View Presents* series. RTE's acclaimed *Arts Lives* series also returns with six new documentaries covering an eclectic mix of writers, musicians and artists.



**ARTS LIVES 6 X 40'**

In 2011, RTE Television's acclaimed Arts Lives documentary series will include an epic portrait of writer Dermot Healy; musician Duke Special will explore the story of the life and career of 1950s Belfast-born singer Ruby Murray, celebrating not only the forgotten achievements of the "velvet-voiced songstress" but also revealing the darker side of fame and the music industry; while broadcaster Joe Duffy will delve into the complicated and often controversial world of public art in Ireland as he explores the life and times of his beloved 'Floozie in the Jacuzzi'.

**DANCE OFF 6 X 30'**

This brand new six-part series follows Breandán de Gallai, Riverdance's dance director and former principal dancer as he searches for a new generation of Irish Dancers who are willing to abandon the discipline and etiquette of the feis circuit. Television exposure as a short-cut to celebrity will not be lost on Breandán's selection – and they will compete for this as well as their place in the show.

**THE VIEW**

Hosted by writer and broadcaster John Kelly, *The View* casts an eye over new events in entertainment and the arts, with a varied panel of contributors including artists, writers, journalists, film-makers and critics, creating stimulating discussion on the latest books, films, plays and exhibitions.

**THE VIEW PRESENTS 4 X 30'**

John Kelly presents the series profiling artists from a wide range of genres, featuring in-depth interviews and performances



# RTÉ DRAMA

Viewers will have over 82 hours of new Irish drama to look forward to this season as RTÉ Television is set to deliver more drama in autumn/winter 2010/2011 than for the same period last year. Brand new drama events and series, as well as returning favourites, come to our screens from September and through the winter season.



**(NEW) LOVE/HATE**

A four-part drama set in Dublin's gangland. Written by Stuart Carolan and starring Aidan Gillen, Robert Sheehan, Ruth Bradley, Ruth Negga, the series also features a golden wave of emerging actors including Brian Gleeson, Tom Vaughan Lawlor, Peter Campion, Killian Scott and Aobhinn McGinnity.

When a catastrophic event ignites the tensions in a small-time drug gang, family, friends and community must live with the impact. Having left town in a hurry a year ago Darren Tracey (Robert Sheehan) decides to come back to Dublin. He's homesick and a party for his brother on his release from prison is the perfect excuse. It's only for the weekend but sometimes life is full of surprises - especially if you and your friends are in gangland.

**(NEW) WHEN HARVEY MET BOB**

Two Men. Two Minds. One Mission. WHEN HARVEY MET BOB is a feature-length drama written by Joe Dunlop and produced by Great Meadow Productions. Set in London in the winter of 1984 to the summer of 1985, the drama tells the story of the extraordinary relationship between Bob Geldof and Harvey Goldsmith as they brought about the historic and live-saving Live Aid event that took place 25 years ago, on 13 July 1985.

A drama about courage and conviction with compelling contemporaneous relevance, it is co-produced for RTÉ and BBC.

Domhnall Gleeson (Six Shooter, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows, RTÉ's Your Bad Self,) stars as Bob Geldof and Ian Hart (Backbeat, This Year's Love, Breakfast on Pluto) stars as Harvey Goldsmith. The cast also includes Antonia Campbell Hughes, Padraic Delaney, Owen Roe and Chris Dunlop.

Funny and moving, When Harvey Met Bob is a film about two men who are prepared to think the unthinkable and achieve the seemingly impossible.

**(NEW) HARDY BUCKS**

When HARDY BUCKS won StoryLand, RTÉ's drama competition, the web series became an online phenomenon, with three million hits, and a word-of-mouth sensation. This autumn, RTÉ Two is delighted to bring the online adventures of Eddie Durkan and co. to a new and wider audience in a three-part Hardy Bucks serial. Filmed in Swinford, Co Mayo, Hardy Bucks follows the lives of four likeable lads from the fictional Castletown.

Hardy Bucks explores life in small town Ireland for a group of 20 something slacker lads and their attempts to find the 'craic', wherever that may be. Despite the economic downturn, life in Castletown hasn't changed much for Eddie. When things start to go belly-up, his friends Buzz, French Toast and Boo are there to give him advice and help him find his mojo despite local drug dealer, The Viper, always trying to get one over on him.

Written by and starring Martin Moloney as Eddie Durkan and Chris Tordoff as 'The Viper', Hardy Bucks also features Peter Cassidy and Owen Colgan, plus a cast of extras from Swinford and beyond.





**(NEW) WILD DECEMBERS**

Adapted by celebrated author Edna O'Brien from her novel, Wild Decembers, this is an interlocking story of land and love set in a rural community in contemporary Ireland. Starring Owen McDonnell (Single Handed, Conspiracy of Silence), Matt Ryan (Collision, The Tudors) and Lara Belmont (The War Zone, Henry VIII), the drama features a very fine cast of the best of Irish actors from stage and screen including Sean McGinley, Hugh O'Connor, Jane Brennan and Andrea Irvine.

Directed by Award Winning director, Anthony Byrne (Single Handed, How About You) the 90 minute drama features a wealth of production talent including producer, Clare Alan, DOP, John Conroy, Production Designer, Derek Wallace and Costume Designer, Judith Williams.

**RAW**

There's more simmering drama in store as RAW returns for a third series. Set in a busy Dublin restaurant RAW features an award-winning cast including Charlene McKenna (Raw; Whistleblower), Aisling O'Sullivan (The Clinic), Keith McErlean (Bachelors' Walk) and Ger Ryan (Whistleblower; Family). The drama has proven a huge hit with Irish viewers with the second series more than doubling its average audience, from 198,000 in season one to 460,700 in season two.

In the new six-part series RAW's owner Fiona (Aisling O'Sullivan) employs Ray Cronin, formerly one of Dublin's most successful restaurateurs, to be her new front of house manager. Ray is a man with a notorious reputation and sparks soon start to fly between the two.

Meanwhile RAW's feisty chef Jojo (Charlene McKenna) finally seems ready to settle down and has moved in with her boyfriend Dylan (Paul Reid). However, the arrival of her gorgeous cousin Ellen quickly causes things to unravel - Ellen is Jojo's childhood nemesis and she immediately takes a shine to Bobby (Liam Garrigan) leaving Jojo facing some life defining decisions.

**SINGLE-HANDED**

Following its transmission on RTÉ Television to large audiences and critical acclaim SINGLE-HANDED debuted on ITV1 as a three-part drama last summer. More than four million viewers tuned in for its premiere, and the drama once again received rave reviews for its subtle depiction of rural life set against the stunning landscapes of the west of Ireland. As a result of its success in the UK, RTÉ entered into a co-production arrangement with ITV for the fourth series. This additional investment has enabled the development of a six-part series creating opportunities for the exploration of a wider range of themes and contemporary stories.

The fourth series of SINGLE-HANDED features the very best of Irish and international acting and directing talent. Guest stars include Stephen Rea, Sean McGinley, Cathy Belton, Tina Kelleher, Denis Conway, and Lorcan Cranitch and the series also features rising stars Diarmuid Noyes, Aaron Monaghan, Charlie Murphy and Killian Scott. Two of Ireland's most accomplished television directors, Thaddeus O'Sullivan and Charlie McCarthy, direct the new series.

In the latest instalment of SINGLE-HANDED childhood friendships, family ties, and romantic relationships are all tested to the limit. Some of the incidents which JACK DRISCOLL (Owen McDonnell) must resolve include the violent death of a reclusive elderly man, and a fire in a new development. JACK's personal life is complicated with the arrival of BRIAN (Matthew McNulty), who's visiting with his girlfriend, GEMMA (Simone Lahbib). BRIAN's search for the father who abandoned him as a child opens old wounds for EITHNE (Ruth McCabe) and turns up heartbreaking truths and romantic yearnings for JACK.

**FAIR CITY**

Ireland's most popular Irish soap continues its four-times-weekly instalments throughout autumn 2010, when it comes of age, celebrating its 21st birthday in September. A new family takes up residence in Carrigstown causing unforeseen ructions in the community. There is marital discord, with relationships being put under immense pressure when secrets are revealed. Some characters seize exciting new business opportunities and form unlikely partnerships, whilst others' lives spiral out of control.



# RTE ENTERTAINMENT

*RTÉ Television will deliver a wide range of entertainment programmes, series and popular documentaries catering for a wide variety of audiences across both RTÉ One and RTÉ Two this new season.*

*RTÉ One delivers the very best live entertainment as Ryan Tubridy returns as Late Late Show host and Brendan O'Connor holds court on The Saturday Night Show, while Pat Shortt and Brendan O'Carroll brighten up Sunday nights with new comedy series Mattie and Mrs Brown's Boys. The hugely popular All Ireland Talent Show and Celebrity Bainisteoir also return alongside new music and comedy.*



#### **THE LATE LATE SHOW**

Ryan Tubridy presents the longest running chat-show in the world and the most successful television programme in Ireland with its blend of international celebrities, music and entertainment along with in-depth interviews and discussions on the stories that have the nation talking.

#### **THE SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW**

After an extremely successful first series, *The Saturday Night Show* returns with journalist and broadcaster Brendan O'Connor at the helm, providing an entertaining mix of lively chat, comedy and music.

#### **(NEW) MRS BROWN'S BOYS 6 X 26'**

Comedian Brendan O'Carroll introduces us to colourful world of Mrs Brown and her extended family. Agnes Brown runs a fruit and vegetable stall on the Moore Street market, but the most important part of her day is interfering in the lives of her six children: Rory, Cathy, Trevor, Mark, Dermot, and Simon. Rory, Cathy, and Dermot still live at home with her, as does Grandad, her deceased husband Redser's father, and their dog Sparticus. And living next door is Agnes' great friend Winnie McGoogan, and her daughter Sharon.

#### **(NEW) MATTIE: 6 X 26'**

Mattie is a new six-part comedy starring Pat Shortt as Mattie Dwyer, a hapless Limerick-based detective. Mattie was written by Pat Shortt, Mike Finn (Killinaskully) and David Cummings (The Fast Show) and also stars Lesley Conroy, Alvaro Lucchesi, Sean McDonagh and Joe Taylor. The series follows on from the highly-rated pilot, which aired on Christmas Day 2009.

#### **(NEW) TRIVIA 6 X 30**

This new comedy series follows the relationships between four members of a table quiz team and their thirty-something contemporaries in a small town in Monaghan as they close in on victory for 52 consecutive weeks. David Pearse (Zonad) plays team captain Lawrence, the overly obsessed loser in life but winner of quizzes; Keith McElean (Raw) is his long suffering best friend and ladies man, Adam; Olivia Caffrey (Coupling) has feelings for Adam who is also her boss; and Janet Moran (Love is the Drug) plays the star recruit who opens Lawrence's eyes to the world beyond trivia.

#### **THE PANEL**

The Panel returns for a tenth series, with a new presenter Craig Doyle at the helm, casting a wry eye over the week's news. Joining him are panellists Colin Murphy, Neil Delamere, Andrew Maxwell and Mairead Farrell.

#### **THE ALL IRELAND TALENT SHOW**

One of Ireland's most-watched programmes, the All-Ireland Talent Show returns on a mission to uncover some of Ireland's most engaging, exciting and impressive talents this country has to offer. The rivalry between the regions will be reignited as more talent is uncovered and broadcast live to the nation.

#### **(NEW) GAYBO LAUGHS BACK 6 X 30'**

Gay Byrne has been credited with launching some of our best know comedic talent during his days in RTÉ. *Gaybo Laughs Back* is a six part series that sees Gay Byrne introduce us to some of the best comedy highlights from his years at the helm of *The Late Late Show*.

**(NEW) GERRY**

A tribute to the much-loved and sadly-missed legendary broadcaster Gerry Ryan.

**WINNING STREAK 34 X 60'**

Winning Streak is back for another season with cash, holidays and cars up for grabs. Each week, five players will be in with a shot of winning some fantastic cash prizes. In association with the National Lottery, the top prize on Winning Streak is an incredible €500,000 and players can walk away with more depending on how much they bank during the course of the show.

**UP FOR THE MATCH**

Des Cahill and Grainne Seoige present *Up for the Match*, two programmes looking forward to the All Ireland Senior Hurling and Football Finals with well-known faces from the competing counties appearing on the show, and plenty of lively chat and music.

**CELEBRITY BAINISTEOR – 7 X 60'**

Celebrity Bainisteoir returns for a third series and is tougher than ever. The eight new celebrities taking on the challenge of managing an intermediate GAA club football team from their home county in this official GAA tournament include: Blathnaid Ni Chofaigh, Mairead Farrell, Franc (aka Peter Kelly), Gavin Duffy, Nuala Carey, Andrew Maxwell, Breffny Morgan and Derek Burke (Crystal Swing). This year, Celebrity Bainisteoir gets tougher with new team challenges and two new mentors as GAA legends Ciaran Whelan and Liam Kearns give the celebs the benefit of their experience and some harsh criticism as they battle against each other for the title of Celebrity Bainisteoir 2010. The pride of the parish and the county is at stake.

**(NEW) TOMMY FLEMING AND THE RTE ORCHESTRA MUSIC SPECIAL**

Giving us an insight into life behind-the-scenes, this one-hour special follows Sligo-born singer Tommy Fleming on a nostalgic musical journey as he records his new album 'Going Back'. Featuring performances of songs which hold very special memories for him including 'The Boxer' by Simon and Garfunkel, 'Going Back' by Dusty Springfield and 'Send In The Clowns' from the 1973 musical 'A Little Night Music', Tommy is accompanied throughout by the RTE Concert Orchestra.

**FLEADH CHEOIL 6 X 30'**

Fleadh Cheoil returns to Cavan for the first time in 56 years. The series will feature music, song and dance along with all the colour and excitement from one of Europe's largest festivals.

**PEOPLE OF THE YEAR 1 X 90'**

Grainne Seoige presents ten very special awards at this year's People of the Year Awards, broadcast live from Citywest on Saturday September 11th. The People of the Year winners, as always, will be chosen by members of the public through a nominations process and finalised by a panel of adjudicators comprising leading members of the media, business, public service and community sectors. Sponsored by QUINN-healthcare, organised by Rehab, and televised live by RTE, the Awards provide a unique opportunity for the Irish public to honour outstanding contributions made by individuals and organisations to life in Ireland.

**RTE TWO**

From volunteering to dating, alternative music to the best in stand-up comedy, new entertainment series on RTE Two this new season cater for a diversity of tastes. Add documentaries on paranormal activity, ICA skills for the modern generation and life inside the Jedward bubble, as well as the return of the critically acclaimed comedy series *Savage Eye*- there's something for everyone this new season on RTE Two.

**(NEW) DO THE RIGHT THING – 8 X 30**

Lucy Kennedy and Baz Ashmawy present this exciting new series searching for Ireland's Ultimate Volunteers. 16 participants from all walks of life will be competing to win the chance to spend a year working as an Overseas Volunteer. Over eight weeks they will face different tests of leadership, adaptability, and resourcefulness skills at home and overseas. The ultimate goal is to find one male and one female who will travel together for a year volunteering around the globe. It will be boys versus girls to decide who will do the right thing.

**(NEW) ONE NIGHT STAND 6 X 30**

Jennifer Maguire is on a mission to get Ireland flirting and dating like never before. Each week on her *One Night Stand*, Jennifer and three singletons go on the pull in the most extreme first date ever. Jennifer descends on singles hotspots around the country and hosts the biggest, most spontaneous group date



conceivable. From *Sleepless* in Sligo to *Dateless* in Dundalk, she commandeers streets corners, office blocks and festival tents assembling mobs of love-seekers for her *One Night Stand*.

**(NEW) DON'T TELL THE BRIDE - 1 X 60**

RTE Entertainment will rock the boat of matrimonial harmony this autumn with a one off episode of the *Don't Tell the Bride*. The core concept is simple – a couple who are madly in love but who cannot afford to marry are given €10,000 to put towards the wedding of their dreams. However there is a catch. They must be wed within 3 weeks and the groom has to arrange the wedding alone, choosing everything from venue, theme and colour scheme and the ultimate focus of any wedding – the Bride's wedding dress. The couple have absolutely no contact with each other over the 3 weeks and don't meet up again until the Big Day.

**(NEW) STAND AND DELIVER 6 X 30'**

*Stand & Deliver* is a brand new series presented by Barry Murphy featuring top class comedy coming from the Roisin Dubh in Galway. *Stand & Deliver* will introduce some of the most respected stand up comedians on the international circuit. Performers will include Stewart Lee, Reginald D Hunter, Josie Long, Milton Jones and our very own Jason Byrne. There will be laughs a minute coming from the intimate core comedy venue of the west of Ireland and we will get their take on some of the West's best known attractions.

**(NEW) ICA BOOTCAMP 1 X 60'**

For most women under the age of 35 our current economic order is something of a shock. They have lived all their adult lives in times of plenty and many are finding it hard to adapt to this new reality. The solution? Maybe we need to revisit and relearn some old fashioned values and skills – and that's where the ICA comes in. This autumn four 'pampered' young women are given a crash course in very different life skills by three no nonsense ICA women over a week of intensive boot camp trials.

**(NEW) OMG! IT'S JEDWARD! 1 X 60**

OMG! It's Jedward! is a documentary in the same way that Jedward are a musical act.....in other words it is in theory, but in practise it's something very different.

Following John and Edward Grimes as they release their debut album in Ireland and the UK and begin their summer tour, this hour-long programme will give viewers an insider's look at what life inside the Jedward bubble is like. The endless tour fuelled by the boy's boundless energy is the hub for the journey we go on, from near riots at signings, to performances with Vanilla Ice on a rainy Saturday in Waterford, it's likely this hour-long show will leave many viewers more baffled and confused than ever, whilst their fans will lap up every moment of it's non-stop sheer unadulterated Jedwardness.

**(NEW) SPOOKED 1 X 60'**

This exciting new entertainment documentary observes and interprets the action and reactions of a group of twenty something's stationed in a haunted location over one weekend. A group of paranormal investigators, a psychic medium and a psychologist will be on hand to record any ghostly presence that exists while also interpreting the power of the group dynamics to determine if what transpires is for real or imagined.



**THE SAVAGE EYE 6 X 30'**

David McSavage returns for a new series of his critically acclaimed series *The Savage Eye* which takes a satirical and often surreal look at subjects close to the hearts of the Irish people. Each show will explore different subjects such as health, crime or racism, from its history through to the present day using vox-pops and informed opinion to inspire no holds barred comedy sketches and unflinching rants from numerous created characters.

**LIVING WITH LUCY 6 X 30'**

Lucy Kennedy returns for a third series of the hit show as she takes residence in the spare rooms of six more celebrities getting the inside track on their daily routine.

**THE REPUBLIC OF TELLY**

*The Republic of Telly* returns to cast a wry eye on the world of TV, pop culture and current events.

**UNDER ETHER 12 X 30'**

Hosted by Michelle Doherty, this series covers all aspects of the alternative music scene. Showcasing new and upcoming acts, it features band interviews and live performances with a keen eye on homegrown talent.

RTÉ LIFESTYLE

Featuring some of Ireland's best known talents giving viewers and members of the public the benefit of their experience as they engage in activities ranging from business overhauls to consumer advice, fashion, cookery, gardening and urban landscaping, this season RTÉ Lifestyle will bring 10 new shows to screens alongside several new editions of returning series.



**(NEW) THE MODEL SCOUTS 8 X 50' - 12 GIRLS, 8 WEEKS, 1 WINNER**

Following on from the success of *The Model Agent* on RTÉ Two last year, RTÉ and Sideline Productions have this year teamed up with IMG, the most successful talent management company in the world, to bring Irish fashion fans THE MODEL SCOUTS.

The Model Scouts in question are Jeni Rose and David Cunningham – Vice Presidents of International Development in IMG Models Paris and New York respectively – who have scouted in more than 40 countries around the globe. For the new RTÉ Two series they have visited Ireland for the first time in a quest to source a new face for IMG. In the end nearly a thousand girls applied but only 21 girls were shortlisted. The ultimate prize on offer to the successful girl is a one-year contract with IMG Models who represent an impressive international portfolio of models including Gisele Bundchen, Lily Donaldson, Heidi Klum, Naomi Campbell, Lily Cole, Mischa Barton and Liv Tyler.

**(NEW) DIRTY OLD TOWNS 6 X 52'**

*Dirty Old Towns* is a national campaign to give Ireland's dirtiest towns their pride of place back – not with money, not with the government, but with the people living there. This isn't only about stopping people dropping litter; it's about pride, sweat and tears. And changing attitudes across the nation as people take back responsibility for *their* town. Diarmuid Gavin leads the way.

**(NEW) THE CONSUMER SHOW 6 X 30'**

Fronted by financial expert Eddie Hobbs and *Prime Time* reporter Keelin Shanley, *The Consumer Show*, will focus on consumer information and advice. The purchase of goods and services forms a huge part of our everyday lives but how much do we really know about our consumer rights? Eddie and Keelin will be fighting for your consumer rights on and raising awareness of important consumer issues.

**(NEW) FADE STREET: 12X26'**

Fade Street is a 12-episode dramatic reality show following the lives of a group of twenty-somethings making their way in Dublin. An engaging mix of creative and entrepreneurial personalities find themselves negotiating a rollercoaster of real life drama and big decisions. From that first post-college job, to moving in with a new flatmate, not to mention the heady world of young love, this is a show that will entice, excite and engage.

**(NEW) DERMOT'S HIDDEN GARDEN – 6 X 30'**

This 6-part series follows renowned plantsman and garden designer Dermot O'Neill as he sets out to restore an ancient walled garden and cottage in Co. Laois to its former glory, creating a largely self-sufficient haven which he can call home. Soon after the project began Dermot was diagnosed with cancer, and the series follows the highs and lows of this challenging year in Dermot's life.

**(NEW) CORRIGAN COOKS NATURALLY**

Richard Corrigan is on a mission. Last year he brought his city farm to Cork and now he's determined to spread the good word around the rest of Ireland. Richard is hitting the road with medicinal herbalist Vivienne Campbell and horticulturalist Kitty Scully, as they visit communities from Dublin to Kerry celebrating what's local, what's good and ultimately what's natural, show-casing the best of Ireland's produce and creating some delicious recipes.

**(NEW) CATHERINE'S ROMAN HOLIDAY 8 X 30'**

Catherine Fulvio continues her Italian food odyssey in her new series with a working holiday in Rome. Each week Catherine will take us on a fascinating journey through Rome to experience an insider's foodie guide to the Eternal City. She is on a search for ideas and inspiration for simple and easy to do recipes to take back to her cookery school in Co. Wicklow.

**(NEW) RACHEL ALLEN'S DINNER PARTIES**

Everybody wants to be able to throw the perfect dinner party, and in this stylish new series Rachel Allen will show viewers exactly how to do that. Each week, a different group of people (friends or colleagues) will join Rachel in her studio kitchen for an exclusive dinner party. One of this group will act as Rachel's sous chef helping her prepare a mouth watering three course meal. They will have been nominated by the group because they are the most competitive dinner party host. Now they will have to really "up their game" and prove what an accomplished cook they are. This will be a unique opportunity for our apprentice and our guests to learn from one of cooking's most accessible teachers as to how to pull off the perfect dinner party!

**OFF THE RAILS 13 X 25'**

Ireland's favourite fashion team Sonya Lennon and Brendan Courtney are back on your screens this autumn with their weekly digest of style, beauty, timeless tips and practical advice catering for all budgets. Each week, one lucky viewer will have their wardrobe analysed and transformed by Sonya or Brendan and receive a whole new look. This season, the series will also feature celebrity wardrobes and make-up bags, as well as insider know-how on designer fashion and the best in credit crunch couture.

**FEARGAL QUINN'S RETAIL THERAPY 6 X 30'**

Following the success of the first series, Feargal Quinn returns for a new series and once again he's sets out to help six independent Irish shops battle the downturn and remain relevant in a cut-throat and over-crowded market.

**AT YOUR SERVICE 8 X 30'**

Expert hoteliers Francis and John Brennan are back for a third series with their innovative business makeovers. As the economy continues to play the villain, the duo face the epic challenge of presenting new opportunities for struggling B&Bs, guesthouses, and small hotels across Ireland.

**ABOUT THE HOUSE 7 X 30'**

This Autumn Duncan Stewart returns for the 11th series of *About The House*. Responding to an environment of rising energy costs, changing lifestyles and tighter budgets, Duncan sets out to provide practical advice on a range of simple and affordable ways to improve your home and ensure it continues to perform into the future.

**MARTIN'S MAD ABOUT FISH 6 X 30'**

Martin Shanahan, the man who is mad about fish, is back with a new six-part series. His mission is to "take the fear out of fish" and show that anyone can cook simple tasty seafood at home. Martin will be taking on new challenges and heading on new adventures in the follow up to his highly successful first series.



**NEVEN MAGUIRE - HOME CHEF**

Following the success of *Neven's Food From the Sun and Home Chef*, Neven Maguire returns for another series in which he recreates some of his favourite dishes from his award-winning restaurant, sharing tips and recipes to suit both the novice and experienced chef. A keen supporter of local producer, Neven also visits Irish food producers and incorporates those quality ingredients into recipes perfect for entertaining family and friends.

**(NEW) DIARMUID'S GARDEN DESIGNS 3 X 30'**

In this brand new series, well known garden designer Diarmuid Gavin helps three communities design and build three unique new gardens for the public to enjoy. Ranging from romantic seaside gardens in West Cork to a special commission for the Temple Street Children's Hospital, the series will transform spaces creating gardens for the community by the community.



# RTE NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS

*RTE News and Current Affairs provides comprehensive, reliable and impartial reporting of national and international news in Irish and English across both television channels, as well as a range of programming which covers the important issues of the day, raises debate on topics of national interest and explores aspects of life in Ireland through its in-depth investigations.*



RTE News is responsible for the *Six One* and *Nine* Television News programmes, plus five News bulletins per day on RTE One and the late evening *RTE News on Two*. It also produces the *Nuacht* bulletins on RTE One and TG4 and the children's News service, *news2day*, which transmits each weekday afternoon on RTE Two.

**THE FRONTLINE**

On Monday evenings, Pat Kenny presents *The Frontline*, where he hosts debate on the major political, economic and social issues of the day between studio guests and an invited audience. The programme was an immediate success since it began in September 2009, enjoying an average audience of 406,000 in its first season. *The Frontline* returns on Monday, 20th September.

**THE WEEK IN POLITICS**

Sean O'Rourke looks at the political events of the week each Sunday evening and with *Oireachtas Report* and *Leaders Questions*, viewers can catch the daily events inside Dáil Eireann.

**PRIME TIME**

Prime Time will bring more in-depth analysis of current issues and topical reports every Tuesday and Thursday after the 9pm News with Miriam O'Callaghan and Richard Crowley, while *Prime Time Investigates*, the award-winning series of investigations exploring national and international issues, returns before Christmas.

RTE News is available on a 24-hour basis on [www.rte.ie/news](http://www.rte.ie/news)

# RTÉ RELIGIOUS

*RTÉ continues to feature a rich and diverse range of religious expression from all the major Christian denominations and Ireland's minority faith communities through its worship programmes. Issues of faith and spirituality are also explored in three dedicated series to be delivered this new season.*

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE 10 X 30'**

This enduringly popular series which was created in 1991, is currently RTÉ's longest-running TV documentary series. It explores issues of contemporary Irish faith, ethics and spirituality through strong human interest stories, focusing on the things people do, and the things they believe, to make life meaningful.

**THE MEANING OF LIFE WITH GAY BYRNE 12 X 30'**

Gay Byrne returns with another compelling line-up of guests, attempting to answer some of life's big questions: Why are we here? Is there a God? What happens when we die? How should we live in the meantime? Contributors include Terry Wogan, Tony Blair, Fionnula Flanagan, Deepak Chopra, Alice Taylor and June Brown (aka EastEnders' Dot Cotton).

**JOE DUFFY'S SPIRIT LEVEL 12 X 45'**

Joe Duffy takes the religious and ethical pulse of the nation with a lively mix of topical discussions, interviews, features and music. In this series, Bláthnaid ní Chofaigh also joins him as a "Reluctant Pilgrim", sampling the challenges and delights of some of Ireland's retreat and pilgrimage sites in search of some peace of mind, body and spirit.



RTÉ SPORT

*This coming season RTÉ Sport will once again deliver quality coverage and decisive analysis of a range of national and international events, from GAA to soccer, rugby, horse racing, athletics and pro-boxing, as well as a number of minority sporting events in the OB Sport series, and brand new documentaries exploring the stories behind the sporting headlines to be announced later this year.*



**GAA**

**SUNDAY GAME**

RTÉ's *The Sunday Game Live* will feature exclusive live coverage of the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals in both hurling and football, with further incisive analysis and discussion of all of the action being delivered each Sunday evening on *The Sunday Game*.

**SUNDAY SPORT RTÉ TWO**

With highlights of all the National League action, *Sunday Sport* will return in the New Year.

**RUGBY**

**MAGNERS LEAGUE**

RTÉ Sport will be broadcasting comprehensive coverage of the Magners League alongside TG4, ensuring Irish audiences will be able to enjoy the Irish provinces in action every week. RTÉ Television is set to broadcast in excess of 30 live Magners League games this season as part of their comprehensive rugby coverage. RTÉ's unrivalled rugby panel and commentary team will be joined by some new faces as part of the live coverage on RTÉ Two.

**AUTUMN RUGBY INTERNATIONALS RTÉ TWO**

RTÉ Television will broadcast live coverage of Ireland's *Autumn Internationals* against South Africa, Samoa, New Zealand and Argentina. As Ireland bids for another Grand Slam victory, viewers can tune into RTÉ for live coverage of all matches in the *2011 RBS 6 Nations Championship*.

**AGAINST THE HEAD RTÉ TWO**

In 2011, the new series of *Against the Head* will cover the busiest period of the rugby season, including the latest news and action from the RBS 6 Nations, Magners League and AIB League.

**SOCCER**

For international, European and Irish soccer, RTÉ Two will be the channel of choice with live coverage of Ireland's Euro 2012 qualifiers when they face Andorra, Russia and FYR Macedonia as well as highlights of the international soccer friendly match against Norway.

**THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND PREMIER SOCCER RTÉ TWO**

Broadcasting live first choices matches on Wednesday nights as well as comprehensive coverage of every round of the Champions League, RTÉ Two will also feature highlights of the best the action from the Premier League in *Premier Soccer*.

**IRISH SOCCER RTÉ TWO**

Live games from the Airtricity League and both FAI Ford Cup semi-finals plus the final itself will be broadcast on RTÉ Two while *MNS* (Monday Night Soccer), the hour-long programme dedicated to domestic Irish soccer, also continues providing coverage of the latest Airtricity League action with highlights of every top-flight match so that fans can catch every crucial moment of the League.





**RACING RTÉ ONE AND RTÉ TWO**

Coverage of Ireland's top races continues with the Champion Stakes, the Irish St. Leger and the National Stakes this autumn, before wrapping up the year with the four-day Leopardstown festival in December and Cheltenham taking centre stage in March.

**PRO-BOX LIVE RTÉ TWO**

Boxing fans can look forward to some of the best Irish boxers in action as *Pro Box Live* features four European Title fights by Irish fighters this autumn.

**OB SPORT RTÉ TWO**

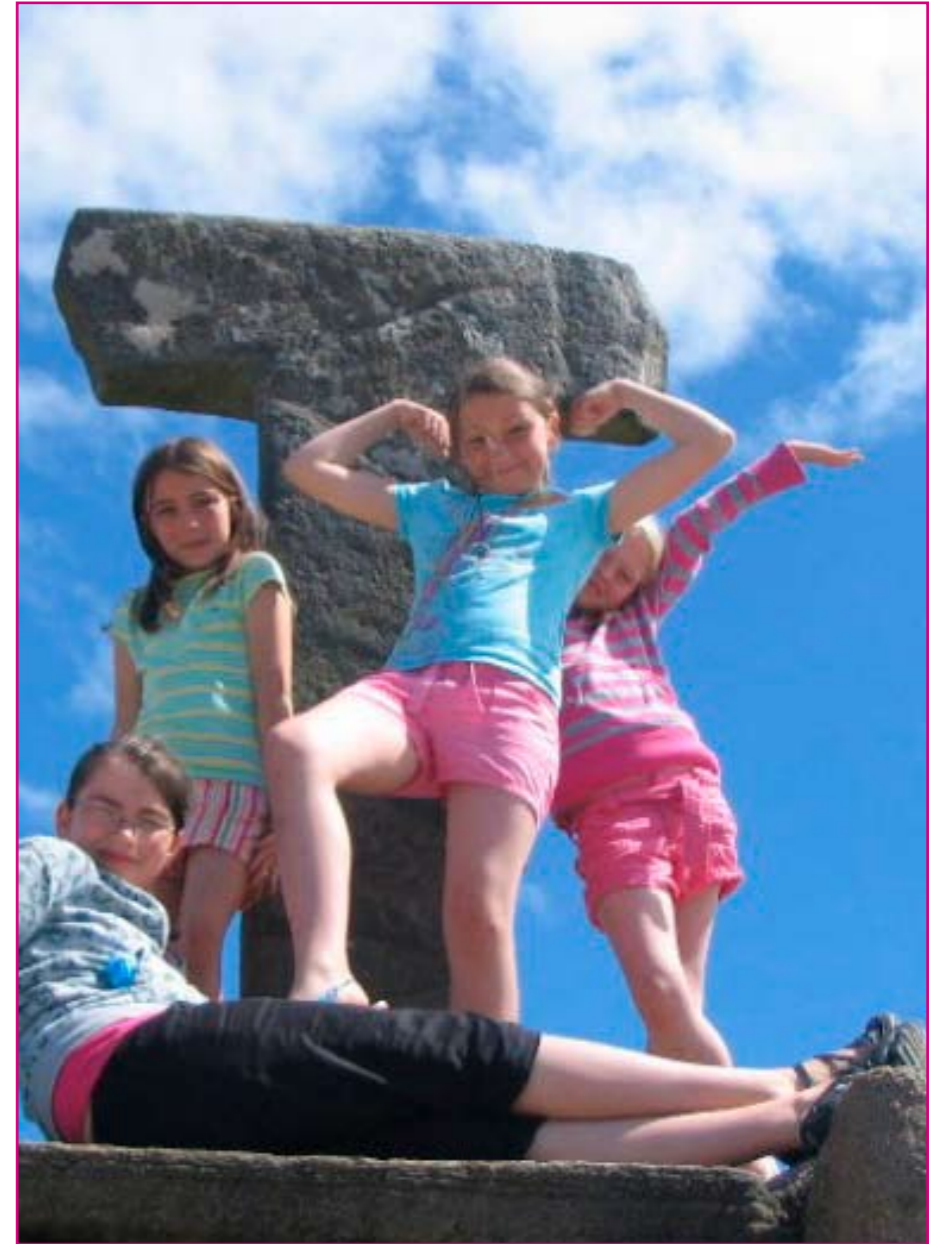
This new season, OB Sports Specials will broadcast coverage of a wide range of events including the World Equestrian Games and the European Swimming Championships.

There will also be live coverage of the European Cross Country Championships from Portugal and greyhound racing with the Irish Derby and Champion Stakes this season on RTÉ Two.



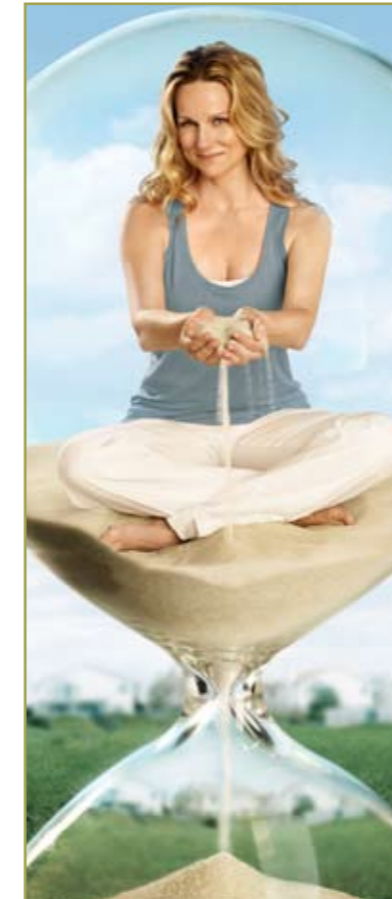
# RTE YOUNG PEOPLES

*RTÉ Television looks forward to bringing a huge swathe of brand new programming to its young audiences this autumn. This programming will be framed by two newly created age-specific channel block brands – in replacement of the previous single brand The Den - which will be launched closer to September transmission.*



# RTÉ ACQUISITIONS

International documentaries as well as the best of US drama will sit alongside home-produced programming in the new season when massive hits such as *Desperate Housewives*, *Grey's Anatomy* and *CSI* return in their latest series. Alongside proven favourites, several brand new series hot from the US will be broadcast including:



**(NEW) THE BIG C 13 EPS**

Three-time Academy Award® nominee, three-time Emmy® winner, and Golden Globe® and SAG Award® winner Laura Linney stars as Cathy, a reserved suburban wife and mother whose recent cancer diagnosis forces her to shake up her life and find hope, humour and the light side of a dark situation while managing her immature but well meaning husband Paul, played by Oliver Platt (Huff).

**(NEW) PARENTHOOD 13 EPS**

A contemporary re-imagining of the international hit feature film of the same name from Academy Award-winning executive producers Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, and writer/executive producer Jason Katims. This is the story of the Bravermans - Sarah, Adam, Crosby, and Julia - four grown siblings sharing the headaches, heartaches and unexpected joys of being a parent...Focusing on the everyday challenges that modern families face while raising children and starting over, *Parenthood* grounds its drama and its comedy in the celebration of the beautiful mess of life. Starring: Ron Howard, Peter Krause, Craig Nelson, Brian Grazer, Lauren Graham, Erika Christensen, Monica Potter, Bonnie Bedelia, Mae Whitman, Sarah Ramos, Dax Shepard and Jason Katims.

**(NEW) ROYAL PAINS 13 EPS**

Royal Pains centres on young doctor Hank Lawson (Mark Feuerstein) who seems to have it all ... thriving career, beautiful girlfriend, and swank New York City apartment. With one fateful and principled decision in the ER, Hank loses it all. Months later, single and blackballed from the medical community, he finds himself in the Hamptons playing the role of concierge doctor to the wealthy and infamous.

**(NEW) HAWAII FIVE-0 13 EPS**

A contemporary take on the classic series about a new elite federalized task force whose mission is to wipe out the crime that washes up on the island's sun-drenched beaches. Starring Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan.

**(NEW) BLUE BLOODS 13 EPS**

Starring Tom Selleck as the New York Chief of Police and Donnie Wahlberg as his detective son, Blue Bloods is a drama about a multi-generational family of cops dedicated to New York City law enforcement.

**(NEW) THE DEFENDERS 13 EPS**

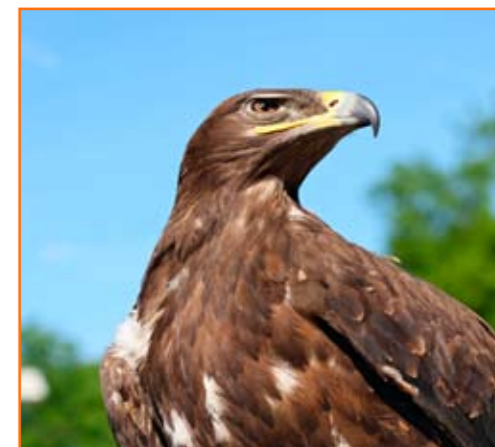
Starring Jim Belushi and Jerry O'Connell (Jerry Maguire), The Defenders is a comedic drama about two colourful Las Vegas defense attorneys who go all-in when it comes to representing their clients.

**(NEW) BODY OF PROOF**

Dr. Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) was in a class of her own, a brilliant neurosurgeon at the top of her game. But her world is turned upside down when a devastating car accident puts an end to her time in the operating room. Megan resumes her career as a medical examiner, determined to solve the puzzle of who or what killed the victims.

**MOVIES**

RTÉ Television will continue to deliver the biggest smash hit blockbusters this coming season with premieres including the Oscar winning *No Country for Old Men* and *American Gangster*, as well as family favourites *Mamma Mia*, *Shrek the Third*, *Ratatouille*, *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* and *Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull*.





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The RTÉ Press Centre carries details of all up-coming RTÉ programmes at [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie) presspack. To use the site, simply go to [www.rte.ie/presspack](http://www.rte.ie/presspack).

The username is '**release**', and the password is '**moonwalk**'. These are permanent usernames and passwords, and offer on-going access to the site. Each highlighted programme will include full content and production details, as well as free-to-use images (note conditions).

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