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RTÉ Television New Season 2006



## Her Name was Lola

1 x 52'

She was considered the first tabloid newspaper celebrity and the Madonna of her day. Her lovers included Franz Liszt, Alexander Dumas and most famously King Ludwig I of Bavaria. She was arrested for slapping, whipping and kicking people whenever the mood arose. She was thrown out of several European countries for instigating political discord. Born at the same time as Queen Victoria and within a few years of Jane Austen's death, she was a woman who celebrated the idea of independence through actions that would outrage people around the world. An actress, writer, lecturer, and most famously a Spanish dancer, she was known as one of the most extraordinary women of her time. Her name was Lola Montez.

An RTÉ Production



## Charity Queens

2 x 40'

An observational series which examines the "Charity Queens", the 'ladies who lunch' and spend their time organising major charity events such as fund-raising memorabilia auctions, fashion events and the charity balls that we regularly see in the society pages.

Tyrone Production for RTÉ



## New York Tails

1 x 52'

The story of the success of US magazine 'Hollywood Dog'. Publishing golden boy John Ryan left Ireland after the failure of a new Sunday magazine. Now he's coining it in New York and LA with his new magazine aimed at the growing lavish and eccentric dog-owning public.

Midas Production for RTÉ



## How Long Will You Live?

6 x 25'

What is the point of looking younger when what you really want is to live longer! This series features a wide cross-section of people who are willing to change their lifestyles in the hope of prolonging their life expectancy. Under the supervision and encouragement of Dr. Mark Hamilton (pictured above) each subject undergoes a series of rigorous health assessments and are given hard truths about what the future may hold for them.

Waddell Media Production for RTÉ



## Junior Doctors

6 x 25'

This observational series captures a group of medical students in a teaching hospital in their final year of training. Featuring strong characters from student doctors to patients, the programme looks into the politics and the business of a frontline teaching hospital and the lives of its medical students.

Mint Production for RTÉ.



## Celtic Woman

1 x 52'

Ireland's newest music sensation 'Celtic Woman' is the realisation of a dream for Riverdance musical director David Downes and features the amazing talents of five women, four vocalists with ethereal voices and a fiery fiddler. This concert which has already taken the US by storm portrays the unique voices and styles of each of the women as soloists as well as fantastic ensemble numbers. Celtic Woman features unique renditions of well known Irish songs such as 'Danny Boy', timeless classics such as 'Ave Maria' and contemporary songs such as Enya's 'Ornioco Flow', as well as a host of spellbinding original songs created by David Downes.

Celtic Collections Production



## Rachel's Favourite Food for Friends

13 x 26'

TV chef Rachel Allen returns with the second series of her popular cookery programme, and this time the emphasis is on food for entertaining. Entertaining at home should be great fun not just for the guests but also for the host, so look no further because in this new series, Rachel provides the answers for the busy host who wants to cook something special.

Produced in association with RTÉ and UKTV Food



## Desperate Houses 2

8 x 25'

The second series of the show that de-clutters your home and life is back. This season, new presenter Avril Murphy Allen will be on hand to reorganise your clutter and offer smart and practical tips to realise your homes full potential.

CoCo Television Production for RTÉ



## Showhouse

16 x 25'

Two professional interior designers working with identical budgets take on the challenge of transforming two identical properties into 'Showhouses'. They have 12 weeks to prepare their ideas and get them approved by the builder and 6 days to turn these ideas into design reality. Once the properties are completed it is up to the public to decide which designer has created the ultimate Showhouse.

Vision Independent Production for RTÉ.



## Animal Rescue

6 x 25'

Animal Rescue follows the work of three regional Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as their inspectors travel the countryside and the cities rescuing sick or injured animals and investigating cases of cruelty. They have a variety of cases unfolding regularly from the rescue of a sheep off the side of a foggy mountain to an injured deer in the park.

GMTV Production for RTÉ.

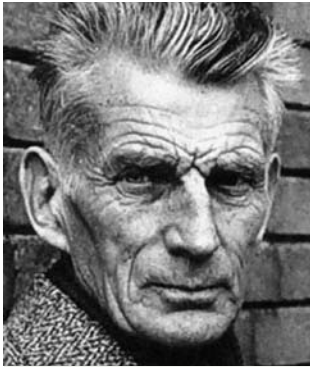


## Louis Le Brocquy The Inner Human Reality

1 x 52'

Ireland's greatest living artist, Louis Le Brocquy, celebrated his 90th birthday this year. In this documentary the painter talks about his life and work from the time he ran away from his Grandfather's oil business in Dublin at the age of twenty to pursue his interest in painting, up to the present. Interest in Le Brocquy's work has continued to grow at an unprecedented pace. In 2000, a record price of £1.15m was paid at Sotheby's in London for one of his major works, 'Travelling Woman with Newspaper'. His paintings of the heads of great literary and artistic figures such as Samuel Beckett, James Joyce, Pablo Picasso and Bono are recognised the world over as being a distinctively powerful and significant part of the canon of 20th century art.

Joyce Production for RTÉ



## Silence to Silence: Samuel Beckett

1 x 80'

Samuel Beckett was born on Friday, April 13th 1906. For this centenary year, this archive film is an authoritative special on the works and artistic life of this internationally acclaimed writer. Shot on location in Dublin and France this film traces the artistic life of Samuel Beckett through his prose, plays and poetry. RTÉ was uniquely privileged in the help and guidance given by Samuel Beckett in the making of the film, which includes previously unseen visual material.

An RTÉ Production



## Mr. Omondi's Choir

1 x 40'

Mr Omondi's Choir follows Irishman Gary Moore as he puts together a Christmas CD for charity using the best of local amateur musical talent in Kenya. Open auditions were held in Nairobi and the group was selected. However, Gary needed someone to drive the project in Kenya. When he met Mr Omondi, a local choirmaster in Nairobi, he knew he'd found his man!

Amino Television Production for RTÉ



## Stealing Beauty

1 x 52'

*The story of the Beit Collection robberies... Heists & stings, female fugitives & paramilitaries, murder & trophy crimes - all in the name of ART. Stealing Beauty tells the fantastic story of the Beit collection since its arrival in Ireland over 50 years ago. It is a story that links high art to revolutionary politics and bloody murder. These masterpieces have attracted the attentions of the IRA, the FBI, Interpol, Scotland Yard and the most notorious criminals in Irish history.*

Independent Pictures Production for RTÉ



## The Man Who Shot Beckett

1 x 40'

Irish born John Minihan is a successful photographer with a very creative eye. His portfolio includes swinging London in the sixties, its rock bands including The Who, The Rolling Stones and Jimmy Hendrix and iconic portraits of Samuel Beckett who contacted Minihan as a result of seeing his lucrative portfolio. This documentary explores Minihan's relationship with Beckett.

David Bickley Production for RTÉ



## Leagues Apart

6 x 30'

Milan, Manchester, Liverpool, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid, Barcelona, London: all over the football world there are cities where the football culture and the character and history of a place are closely bound together. Ardent soccer fan and comedian Ardal O'Hanlon visits the cities, the clubs and the big derby games to capture the flavour of these intense sporting cities.

Sideline Production for RTÉ



## Naked Camera 2

6 x 25'

Sometimes subversive, sometimes outrageous, this hidden camera show returns with six new episodes which unleash larger than life characters on an unsuspecting public. Disarmed by their cloak of familiarity, the public become the unaware stars of the show.

Scratch Films Production for RTÉ



## The Fund

6 x 25'

'The Fund' is a new factual entertainment series that searches to find young would-be entrepreneurs with sharp ideas, and see them compete over seven weeks under the guidance of industry experts for a cash prize that will help them realise their vision and start up their own business.

RTÉ Cork Production

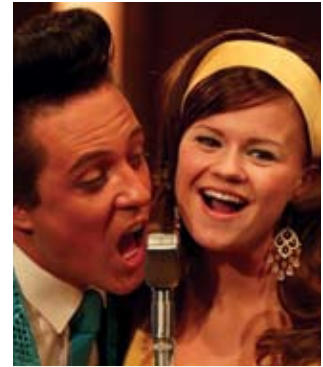


## No Experience Required

6 x 25'

The series aims to offer the complacent masses an opportunity to flee their forlorn work-lives and land the kind of job they've always dreamed of. With six different jobs up for grabs, what makes this opportunity special is that, for once 'aspirational' won't mean 'unattainable' - all of our featured bosses have agreed to open up the opportunity to people with no previous experience in the particular field.

Liberty Films Production for RTÉ



## Showbands 2

2 x 1 hr or 100'

Following on from the success of Showbands in 2005 - it's back to the sixties with a two-part drama about aspiring showband stars and their managers. We catch up with Tony (Liam Cunningham), his protégé Denise (Kerry Katona) and the California band in the hugely entertaining sequel Showbands 2.

Parallel Films Production for RTÉ.  
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