

The
BRILLIANT MINDS
Collection

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FILM TELEVISION DIGITAL

A spectacular collection of programming that celebrates the brilliance and outstanding achievements of individuals and teams as they pursue their personal challenges and ultimately change the world we live in.





A Talk With Hitchcock

Genre Arts & Entertainment
Running Time 1 x 60 mins (B&W)
Year of Production 1964

Synopsis This archival interview from 1964 is a rare treat for fans of the legendary director and a fascinating glimpse of the creator of some of film's best-loved classics.



CBC News Sunday: Beyond Words: Photographers of War

Genre Arts & Entertainment
Running Time 1 x 60 mins or 70 mins
Year of Production 2005

Synopsis WWII and Iwo Jima. Vietnam and a naked girl running down the street. Iraq and Abu Ghraib. Name a conflict and it is likely that a photographic image comes to mind. In fact, our understanding of conflict has been mediated through photojournalism ever since the Crimean and American Civil Wars. Yet, we tend to hear very little from the photographers whose images shape our consciousness of warfare. This documentary will focus on the world's top war photojournalists, and attempt to turn the lens of attention onto them.



Club des Chefs des Chefs: A Greek Odyssey

Genre Lifestyle
Running Time 1 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2002

Synopsis The CLUB DES CHEFS DES CHEFS is perhaps the most restrictive culinary club in the world - for only men and women who cook for the world's most powerful heads of state are invited to join. With only 40 members scattered around the globe, these chefs meet once a year in a different location to spend time with each other and to sample that country's culinary treats. This documentary captures their meeting in Greece. As they move through their culinary adventures, they reveal what it's like to cook for the high and the mighty.



Female American Rap Stars

Genre Entertainment
Running Time 1 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2003

Synopsis Over the past decade female rappers have struggled to make it in the predominately male-oriented world of hip-hop. Today an elite group of women have broken through those boundaries to make their mark, and in doing so have gained the respect of their peers. FEMALE AMERICAN RAP STARS keeps it real, focusing on today's most influential women of hip-hop in a positive and insightful documentary. From the finest hotel suites of New York to the movie studios of Los Angeles, enter the world of some of the industry's most successful artists through exclusive behind-the-scene interviews and live concert performances.



Great Souls

Genre Biography
Running Time 6 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2004

Synopsis For more than two decades, David Aikman, former senior correspondent for TIME Magazine, lived and worked amid the famous and powerful, reporting from world capitals as history unfolded before his eyes. Among his travels, David was struck by a select few men and women who seemed to embody qualities of character and inner strength of purpose that had propelled their lives into the world spotlight. They could truly be described as *Great Souls*. Each embodies a quality that defines true heroism and their dramatic and controversial stories make up this historic television event. The series includes completed interviews with Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, Elie Wiesel, Franklin Graham, Dan Rather, Sir David Frost, William F. Buckley, and Walter Issacson, together with up close profiles of Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela and Pope John Paul II.



Homage To Chagall

Genre Biography
Running Time 1 x 120 mins
Year of Production 1977

Synopsis An intimate look at the life and work of one of the world's greatest painters, the gentle genius Marc Chagall. Narrated by James Mason.



Life and Times: Fidel Castro

Genre Biography
Running Time 1 x 120 mins
Year of Production 2007

Synopsis This compelling account of Fidel Castro has never been heard - the account of Castro himself, taken largely from private letters, speeches and interviews - with exclusive footage of Castro's childhood home. Castro's many political battles are discussed by players in the confrontations: John F. Kennedy's speech writer Theodore Sorensen recalls the Cuban Missile crisis; Sergei Khrushchev speaks of his father's memories of Castro; and Jimmy Carter discusses the US embargo against Cuba.



Life & Times: Sarah McLachlan

Genre Biography
Running Time 1 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2003

Synopsis Sarah McLachlan is a major force in the worldwide music industry. Her music has become part of the soundtrack of our lives. This is a rare peek into the singer's private world. Whether the audience only knows her music from the radio, or they are aficionados of her life and work - this film will answer all the questions they have wanted answered about the semi-reclusive singer. There are strong and emotional interviews with Sarah and those closest to her. Sarah's songs are used to illustrate the different stages of her life - since they are so powerfully autobiographical.



Life & Times: Sandy Hawley

Genre Biography
Running Time 1 x 60 mins
Year of Production 1996

Synopsis Sandy Hawley is the greatest Canadian-born jockey ever, with over 6,400 wins to his credit. The clean-cut kid from Oshawa has been called the crown prince of the "sport of kings." He reflects on the drama of pushing 1,200 pounds of muscle and sinew to breakneck speeds and the punishing danger faced by the professional.



Life and Times: Nelson Mandela

Genre Biography
Running Time 1 x 120 mins
Year of Production 2004

Synopsis THE LIFE AND TIMES OF NELSON MANDELA chooses from the many truly extraordinary intimate epiphanies of Mandela's life: Whether its the silent walk with his mother to the Royal Kraal as a nine-year old...or the fiery end to his first marriage...the ice-cream counter decision to face the death penalty...the moment when he was told of his mother and son's death on Robben Island...or the moment PW Botha served him tea.



Louis Lortie

Genre Arts & Culture
Running Time 1 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2001

Synopsis Canadian pianist extraordinaire Louis Lortie plays Beethoven's Piano Sonata No.6, Opus 10, #2 and Schumann's Bunte Blatter. In addition to a brilliant performance, this program offers an insightful interview with Lortie who has been praised as "one of perhaps half a dozen pianists who it is worth dropping everything to go and hear" (Daily Telegraph, London) for the fresh perspective and individuality he brings to the music he performs.



Masters of Style

Genre Lifestyle
Running Time 6 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2001

Synopsis A dynamic documentary series profiling the top names in the world of fashion design. MASTERS OF STYLE delves deep into the creative heart of fashion by exploring the nature of the genius behind its leading visionaries.



Mavis Gallant In Paris Pt. 1&2

Genre Arts & Entertainment
Running Time 1 x 60 mins (B&W)
Year of Production 1965

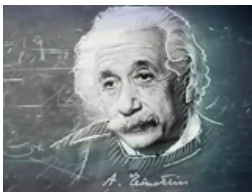
Synopsis In 1965, fifteen years after moving to France, author Mavis Gallant reflects on writing and her life in Paris. This rare moment with the venerated writer of numerous stories of the New Yorker is a golden hour.



Michelangeli: A Rare Event

Genre Arts & Entertainment
Running Time 60 mins
Year of Production 1970

Synopsis Venerated Italian pianist Arturo Benedetto Michelangeli made his North American television debut in this performance recorded in 1970. Michelangeli plays Beethoven's Sonata Opus 2, No. 3 in C Major.



Nature of Things: Everyday Einstein

Genre Science & Technology
Running Time 1 x 60 mins (HDTV)
Year of Production 2006

Synopsis The world as we know it still belongs to Einstein. This is a fast-paced and jazzy look at the extraordinary impact Einstein continues to have on our daily lives. This surprising film takes viewers on a whirlwind tour of the technologies that evolved from his revolutionary ideas and reveals just how profoundly his thinking has shaped our modern consciousness. (HDTV)



Orson Welles - The Paris Interview

Genre Popular Culture
Running Time 1 x 60 mins (B&W)
Year of Production 1960

Synopsis The scene is a hotel room in Paris. The year 1960. The star, Orson Welles. A vintage interview captures the artist reflecting on Citizen Kane and expounding on directing, acting, writing and his desire to bestow a valuable legacy upon his profession. This is a pearl of cinematic memorabilia.



Peter Sellers

Genre Popular Culture
Running Time 1 x 30 mins
Year of Production 1960

Synopsis An interview with British comedian Peter Sellers, by Elaine Grand. Sellers talks about his real character, his beginnings in show business. The Goon Show with Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Michael Bentine, his sense of humour, his view of the modern world, the five years he spent as a "voice-only" character creator, the difficult transition into "total" roles and his part in *The Naked Truth*. Film clips include: Sellers playing seven different characters in rapid succession, a comic hunting and dueling sequence, and scenes from *The Naked Truth*.



She Got Game (Aka Playing With Fire)

Genre Recreation
Running Time 1 x 90 mins or 2 x 60 mins
Year of Production 2002

Synopsis They play to packed stadiums wherever they go. The world knows them by their first names, while their sex appeal and personal dramas make headlines around the world. They are the divas of today's professional tennis. But behind the cover girl smiles and million dollar contracts lies another dramatic and entertaining story. Part road movie, part celebration, part human drama, SHE GOT GAME explores the exciting and surprising realities of life on the Sanex WTA Tour. Shot in the United States, Europe, Canada and Australia, the film juxtaposes the day-to-day challenges these young women face with the glamorous world they inhabit.