



VISION

Programming Highlights – December

THE CIRCUIT



*Tuesday 4th December at 0530 ET/1030 GMT and 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Wednesday 5th December at 0430 ET/ 0930 GMT*

This month, *The Circuit* closes the 2018 Formula One season from the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

Host Amanda Davies looks back at the season as Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton celebrates becoming a five-time Formula One world champion and looks ahead to 2019 and some of the potential world champions of the future.

Highlights from the show include interviews with world champion Lewis Hamilton, British former Formula One driver Sir Jackie Stewart, OBE, Ferrari team principal Maurizio Arrivabene and driver Charles Leclerc, a rookie on the 2018 grid.

QUEST'S WORLD OF WONDER



Wednesday 5th December at 0530 ET/1030 GMT and 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT

Saturday 8th December at 0130 ET/ 0630 GMT and 1430 ET/ 1930 GMT

Sunday 9th December at 0730 ET/ 1230 GMT

Saturday 15th December 0730 ET/ 1230 GMT

Sunday 16th December at 0130 ET/ 0630 GMT and 1430 ET/ 1930 GMT

On this month's episode of *Quest's World of Wonder*, Richard Quest travels to London, the home of ritual and royalty, pomp and parliament, elitism and elegance.

The programme explores the city's upper-class society, going behind the scenes of the world's oldest magazine, *Tatler*, which has been reporting from the frontline of privilege since 1709. Quest meets *Tatler*'s editor-in-chief Richard Dennen and author of the *Sloane Ranger Handbook* Peter York to discover what it takes to be "posh" in London in the 21st Century.

A more diverse representation of London was on show this year at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Quest sits down with Karen Gibson, founder and director of the award-winning Kingdom Gospel Choir, whose performance of 'Stand By Me' at the royal wedding captured hearts across the globe.

The programme also meets actress Naomie Harris, who discusses her work as patron of the Intermission Youth Theatre. The group works with young Londoners from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to offer them opportunities in the arts.

Finally, London is the city that has birthed a myriad of subcultures - from the Goths of Camden to the punks of the Kings Road. The programme meets photographer Damien Frost who has been documenting the drag scene in Soho over the past decade and meets some of the most colourful characters he has captured through his lens.

LIVING GOLF



Thursday 6th December at 0530 ET/ 1030 GMT and 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Saturday 8th December at 0230 ET/ 0730 GMT and 1730 ET/ 2230 GMT
Sunday 9th December at 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Saturday 15th December at 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Sunday 16th December at 0230 ET/ 0730 GMT and 1730 ET/ 2230 GMT

On *Living Golf*, presenter Shane O'Donoghue sits down with Mark Steinberg, Tiger Woods' agent of 20 years. Steinberg sheds new light on his star client's new comeback; this year, Woods rose from 649th in the world rankings to inside the top 20 after winning his first tournament in five years.

This month's programme also reviews the last year of golf, and includes interviews with Rory McIlroy in Ireland ahead of the US Open; Francesco Molinari, who went on to claim his maiden Major title at The Open in July; Georgia Hall, who also won her first Major at the Women's British Open this year; and Lorena Ochoa, one of the most dominant players the women's game has ever seen.

MAINSAIL



Thursday 13th December 1030 GMT and 1730 GMT
Saturday 15th December at 0630 GMT, 0730 GMT and 2230 GMT
Sunday 16th December at 1730 GMT
Saturday 29th December at 1730 GMT
Sunday 30th December at 0730 GMT and 2230 GMT

This month on *Mainsail*, presenter Shirley Robertson visits the beautiful French port of St. Malo, where over two million fans converged to witness the start of one of the biggest events on the sailing calendar, the Route de Rhum. In its 40th edition, the race sees over 130 boats attempt to sprint 350 miles across the Atlantic to the Caribbean Island of Guadeloupe.

Whilst Robertson is talking to the front runners and learning about the history of the race, the programme also finds time to look back at some of the other sailing stories that have featured on *Mainsail* in 2018.

CNN STYLE DUBAI



*Saturday 8th December at 0830 ET/ 1330 GMT, 1130 ET/1630 GMT, 1530 ET/ 2030 GMT and 2030 ET/
0130 GMT*

Sunday 9th December at 2330 ET/ 0430 GMT

Tuesday 11th December at 0530 ET/1030 GMT and 1230 ET/1730 GMT

Wednesday 12th December at 0430 ET/ 0930 GMT

As the doors open to the city's first contemporary art institution, CNN Style turns the spotlight on Dubai. During the visit, CNN meets legendary Tunisian street artist El Seed, Iraqi calligrapher Wissam Shawkat and the first collector to open a private museum in the city, Ramin Salsali.

CNN Style Dubai also gets exclusive access to the royal art collection with its gatekeeper – Her Highness Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. As Vice Chairman of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority, the daughter of the Ruler of Dubai keeps a keen eye on the cultural landscape of the city as well as her family's personal treasures.

The modest fashion movement is perhaps the city's most popular fashion export – pioneered by local businesswoman Ghizlan Guenez, founder of "The Modist" which is the first global e-commerce platform offering luxury fashion to women who prefer to dress in a demure way, across religions, age groups and ethnicities. From high fashion to haute couture – CNN Style meets Rami Al Ali, the first Dubai-based designer to show his collections at Paris Couture Week.

Behind the scenes with Vogue Arabia at Dubai Airport, CNN meets Belgian photographers Geil Domen and Kenneth Van de Velde as they shoot the first hijab-wearing model to be signed by Storm Model Management for the December issue.

SPIRIT OF TOKYO



Saturday 15th December 2018 at 0830 ET/1330 GMT and 1530 ET/2030 GMT

Saturday 15th December at 1530 ET/ 2030 GMT

Tuesday 18th December at 0530 ET/1030 GMT and 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT

Wednesday 19th December at 0430 ET/ 0930 GMT

Thursday 27th December at 0430 ET/ 0930 GMT

CNN follows former professional footballer turned culture ambassador Hidetoshi Nakata as he introduces CNN to what the Japanese capital has to offer on *Spirit of Tokyo*.

Nakata takes CNN to the picturesque Ukai Chikutei, a restaurant dedicated to showcasing the best of Japanese culinary heritage. CNN also visits restaurant TREE by Naked which incorporates virtual reality and digital projection to give visitors a full sensory dining experience.

Nakata also gets a tour of The Geihinkan, a national treasure that accommodates heads of states and diplomats visiting Japan. From there, the programme then heads to Archi-Depot, Japan's first museum dedicated to preserving and pursuing Japan's architectural legacy and meets some of Japan's most prominent architects, including Tomoyuki Sakakida, Kengo Kuma, Hitoshi Abe and Shigeru Ban.

The programme also travels to Yanaka, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Tokyo, and checks into Hanare, a new concept hotel where guests are encouraged to spend time engaging in cultural experiences with the local community. At Okutama, a hidden oasis of natural beauty, and CNN boards a Tokyo cruise to take in the beautiful city sights and learns how Tokyo plans to make its return as a water city.

TALK ASIA



*Thursday 20th December at 0530 ET/ 1030 GMT and 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Saturday 22nd December at 0230 ET/ 0730 GMT and 1730 ET/ 2230 GMT
Sunday 23rd December at 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Saturday 29th December at 1230 ET/ 1730 GMT
Sunday 30th December at 0230 ET/ 0730 GMT and 1730 ET/ 2230 GMT*

In 2015, Misty Copeland made history by becoming the first African American female principal dancer with the prestigious American Ballet Theatre, one of the top institutions for ballet in the United States. Since then, the self-described “unlikely ballerina” has dominated the ballet scene, both on and off stage. Copeland has written books, fronted big brands and inspired countless young boys and girls both in and outside the world of ballet.

Talk Asia meets Copeland in Hong Kong, where she headlined Asia’s first production of the ballet “Whipped Cream”. CNN asks Copeland about her journey to success, the challenges of overcoming stereotypes and her experiences performing in some of the most coveted roles in ballet.

SUPERCHARGED



Saturday 22nd December at 0730 GMT and 2230 GMT
Sunday 23rd December at 0600 GMT and 1730 GMT
Monday 24th December at 0230 GMT and 0930 GMT

This December, *Supercharged* reports from the inaugural race of Formula E's fifth season and looks ahead to what the sport will bring in 2019. The programme discovers what's new in Formula E - new cars, new rules, new teams, and new drivers.

Presenter Nicki Shields catches up with team Venturi in Monaco and finds out how they are preparing to make season five a success. The team tells the programme that they have hired Susie Wolff and Felipe Massa and have also worked with the Prince of Monaco on an electric research vehicle for Antarctica.

The programme also spends time in the garage with Jean Eric Vergne, who starts season five as top dog.

QUEST'S WORLD OF WONDER



Saturday 22nd December at 1230 GMT
Sunday 23rd December at 0630 GMT and 1930 GMT
Wednesday 26th December at 1030 GMT and 1730 GMT
Saturday 29th December at 0630 GMT and 1930 GMT
Sunday 30th December at 1230 GMT

Istanbul is uniquely poised across the European and Asian continents. Over 8000 years, it has been an imperial capital to three empires, shaped and reshaped by a wholly unique mix of migrant cultures spanning from Eastern Europe into North Africa and the Middle East.

This December, Richard Quest immerses himself into the life of the city to discover the true character of Istanbulites, their passions and unique food culture. *Quest's World of Wonder* explores how the city's history of cycles of economic boom and urban sprawl make Istanbul a vibrant place, an inspiration for local artists, and a fertile ground for entrepreneurs.

DESTINATION BUDAPEST



Wednesday 26th December at 0230 ET/ 0730 GMT

Saturday 29th December at 1900 ET/0000 GMT and 2200 ET/ 0300 GMT

Sunday 30th December at 0100 ET/ 0600 GMT

Monday 31st December at 0830 ET/ 1330 GMT

Destination Budapest explores the best of the Hungarian capital at the busiest time of the year. CNN explores the city's famous Christmas Markets and Europe's biggest outdoor ice rink, which is open once more for the festive season.

As the State Opera is rehearsing for their Christmas shows, CNN catches up with the ballet dancers and singers. CNN also gets an exclusive tour of the city's most famous piece of architecture, the Parliament Building. And finally, *Destination Budapest* takes the viewer hunting for the most precious ingredients of the Hungarian cuisine: truffles!
