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The seasoned journalist Mariana Van Zeller and acclaimed chef Michael Voltaggio travel into conflict zones to get the story behind the story. Together, they have a unique and challenging goal: To gather people from both sides of the conflict to break bread and explore the issues that divide them. Each episode take the viewers on a journey through a different country, (Israel/Palestine, Northern Ireland, Egypt, Lebanon, the Mexico-US border, Cambodia, Rwanda, Cyprus, Cuba and more). where they meet people affected by the conflict. As Mariana digs deeper into the issues, Michael goes on a culinary adventure, collecting ideas and ingredients to create an unbelievable meal inspired by the people he has met.

**PRODUCED BY:** My Tupelo Entertainment LLC for Travel Channel The terrorists in the so-called Islamic State (IS) look down on women. They enslave, rape and sell women for next to nothing, but fear fighting female soldiers. In this documentary we follow the battle of two extraordinary women who fearlessly fight the brutal extremists. Vian (21) is the commanding officer at an all-female training base close to the frontline. We get a rare insight into the everyday life on base with many surprises. Few will guess what the young girls do before they go into battle. In neighboring Iraq we meet Bahar Munzir (42), a Norwegian citizen born in the Kurdistan-region in northern Iraq and fighting the same enemy, but differently. She's been a women's activist for over 20 years. That also comes with a price; she has faced numerous death threats.

### PRODUCED BY: TV2 Norway



For many, online dating is the preferred way to find a partner, and it's developing into the world's biggest swindle. Is this a lucrative new field for the trafficking- and drug-lords? In many eastern European countries, not only a few girls finance their studies by posting fake love letters. Those who reply find that to open a letter from a prospective partner, they have to pay, with the result that conning credulous western men in search of love has evolved into an industry. Men are not the only victims. West African criminal networks exploit vulnerable women too. One woman was ruined and forced to sell her house, while another ended up in prison - both because of a man promised he loved them. Can we know who we are dating on the Internet?

**PRODUCED BY:** NRK

We follow the Norwegian tv-host/comedian Truls Svendsen as he is training for and completes **PRODUCED BY**: a crossing of Greenland. His mentor is the world famous polar expedition and climbing expert Cecilie Skog. The series follows the progress and training during the year prior to, and of course the expedition. Truls, currently weighing in at 120 kg, is not in great shape, but has set himself the goal of crossing Greenland and wants to explore his own mental and physical limits. On the expedition (600 km/27 days) we follow the life of Truls and Cecilie closely. Even though they are good friends there is tension on the ice. And what Truls does not know is that Cecilie is pregnant. Something she found out a few days before the start. This exiting series shows the beauty of Greenland, and what you can do if you really set your mind to it.

Plan B for TV2 AS

# THE SECRET(S) OF MOUNT ARARAT

# BIGGEST 8 x 40'

PRODUCED BY:

Triumviratu B.V.

A glimmer of hope to reveal one of the most iconic secrets in the world, the mountain of pain where the remains of Noah's Ark should rest. This mythical story entagled us in a web of secrecy, intrigues, accusations, greed and deceit. In the footsteps of NAMI - or Noah's Ark Ministries International from Hong Kong - who, together with a local guide, claimed to have discovered the ark with 99,9 % certainty in 2010, we went up the mountain with this very same guide in full secrecy and got into a rollercoaster of conspiracy. We visited people involved in the search for the Ark to hear their personal, exciting stories. Scientists, religious, fanatics and locals appeared for our camera. We still feel that our journey hasn't come to an end yet. Join us in this exciting adventure!

Our host Peter Ingemann takes us to the largest man-made places on the planet. Peter comes from a small country but through his eyes we will experience the fascination with the people and the forces behind the big creations that ought to belong among giants. In the first episode Peter goes to Dubai where the world's largest man-made island is located. An island, populated by millionaires living in wild luxury hotels and guarded by extreme security. In each program Peter visits a new place and meet the people who have dedicated their lives to some of the world's largest workplaces, buildings and dreams. His travel brings him to America's largest private home, the worlds biggest restaurant in China, the world's largest diamond mine in Botswana and the world's biggest star observatory in Chile, and more.

## PRODUCED BY: TV2 DK

# THE DREAM OF EUROPE 1 x 75' & 4 x 40'

In a world beset by war and conflict, EU's agency for external border security, Frontex, PRODUCED BY: is striving to regulate and control an ever-rising flood of refugees. Schengen member countries play an important role in guarding the Union's borders. In this programme, we accompany two Norwegian police officers on assignment to the Schengen area's most exposed external borders. We also make the acquaintance of an Italian human rights activist, who documents the brutal treatment of migrants to Europe. Feelings run high on both sides as a result of this explosive situation.

# NRK

Tradition is up against the trend in food culture, in four countries by the North Atlantic Ocean. Who would have belived that the best kept secret in the Nordic Gastronomy might be found in Greenland? Or that in the Faroe Islands we had the best and the worst food, and that in Iceland old tradition includes a blood pudding desert, and that Norway has a meat soup police force? Taste the north Atlantic, Sagafilm's new food culture series, has opened a surprising new window to innovative gastronomy in the North and to the deep dark secrets of the past when it comes to ingredience in these countries. Taste the North Atlantic has already aired in Iceland and recieved great ratings and a lot of attention and was widely praised.

TASTE THE NORTH ATLANTIC

8 x 23′

# **PRODUCED BY:** Sagafilm

# ICE WARRIORS SEASON 1 & NEW SEASON 2 36 x 25'

The region of the Nile consists of 10 countries and nearly half a billion people. The area has experienced some of the world's most barbaric conflicts in recent years: the genocide in Rwanda, the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda, the war in Darfur, and the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea. Nothing will influence the future of the entire region more than whether they will be able to succeed in managing the only thing that they have in common – the Nile River.

THE NILE QUEST

3 x 45′

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## PRODUCED BY: Panopticon AS

Blood, sweat and hockey!

An entertaining realityseries about the real side of professional sports. This series follows Norways most winning icehockey club through a long grueling season both on and off the ice. Vålerenga I.F. is a 100 year old club where tradition and pride are highly valued. The cameras have been given unlimited access to the professional players, coaches and leaderships professional and private lives. PRODUCED BY: TV2 AS

# IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

# THOR HEYERDAHL - THE LEGEND AND THE MAN

The Northern Lights have intrigued and mystified mankind since the dawn of time. Nowhere are they brighter and more spectacular than in the north of Norway. In this documentary we join romantic couples and enthusiasts from all over the world as they converge on Tromsø, one of Norway's northernmost towns, to marvel at this awesome sight. This mini-series is lavishly illustrated with imposing views of the Lights never before seen on television.

### PRODUCED BY: NRK

Thor Heyerdahl, born in 1914, was one of Norway's most famous sons and and original scientist/explorer/adventurer.

Fortunately, his extraordinary life of discovery and adventure did not die with him in 2002. On all his major expeditions he always had cameras with him to make record of events as they happened. This centenary film makes a unique record of the life of a great man, and summarise the underlying themes that were the driving force behind Thor Heyerdahls many adventures.

The film will also place him in history as scientist and a visionary thinker providing the viewers with his own unique and challenging theories.

PRODUCED BY: NRK

8 x 29'

# **MISSION NORTHERN NORWAY**

Join Norway's best extreme sport athletes on their trip down the most extraordinary and beautiful coast of northern Norway. For two months ten adventurers sail along the coast, constantly looking for new challenges.

PRODUCED BY: Flash Studios ANS

The visual experience become spectacular when risk sports are practiced in the most beautiful scenery Norway has to offer. A unique documentary series where the pictures are breathtaking and the stunts are wild and dangerous.

# PORTRAIT OF A MALL TERRORIST

Hassan came to Norway from Somalia when he was only eight years old. In September 2013 he made his way to Nairobi, where he took an active part in the cold-blooded slaughter of some 67 innocent people in the Westgate shopping mall. PRODUCED BY: NRK

What prompted Hassan to turn his back on a peaceful little town in Norway to become a terrorist? And when did he become radicalized? We retrace Hassan's steps from his birth in Somalia to his death in Nairobi twenty-three years later.



Ninety-year-old Paul Smith looks back on an extraordinary spy story from the era of the Cold War, a story well documented with the aid of contemporary photographs.

PRODUCED BY: NRK

For three dramatic weeks Paul and his companion drove round and about in the Soviet Union. On more than one occasion they 'inadvertently' took a wrong turning, only to be stopped at checkpoints by armed guards and sent back the way they had come.

See the real and unfiltered lives of blogging stars. Many of us are sharing increasingly more of our lives through social media online. But what are the lives of the real superstars of the internet like? PRODUCED BY: TV2 AS

In #Nofilter we follow four girls who daily share their lives online to thousands of people every day. In this series we step inside their lives as they share their innermost thoughts, feelings and insecurities. We get to see how they each struggle with challenges like sex, romance and insecurities about their body.

# Best of the best is an entertainment program where 10 of Norway's most famous athletes from different sports meet to compete to be the best of the best! We follow 5 men and 5 women through 8 programs containing a variety of exiting competitions.

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**BEST OF THE BEST** 

8 x 46

PRODUCED BY: TV2 AS

It's also heartwarming to see how top athletes bond with each other when they're from completely different sports and rarely meet on a daily bases.

Best of the best is a competition-driven, celebrity-filled, feelgood program!

The feeling of being a girl trapped in the body of a boy can hardly be described in words. Imaging being a female and terrified of entering male puberty and scared of developing a deep voice, and a visible Adam's apple as well as growth of beard.

**BORN IN THE WRONG BODY** 

6 x 45'

PRODUCED BY: Merkur Filmproduksjon

In this series you will meet 14 persons between 8 and 70 years of age, all at different stages in the process which today is known as "confirming your gender."

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DOCUMENTARY



Aleksander Gamme is one of Norway's most versatile and resourceful adventurers. In this programme he crosses the last remaining Antarctic frontier, making his way to the South Pole and back alone, with no back-up service to help him. By chance, two Australians, Cas and Jones, have embarked on the same journey, so it looks like being a breathtaking race for the honour of being first across the finishing line – until its surprising conclusion. PRODUCED BY: NRK

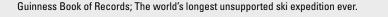
cargo on board: 69 small children. Some injured, others orphaned, all were innocent victims of the Vietnam War.

In the autumn of 1968 a plane landed at Oslo's Fornebu Airport with a very special

PRODUCED BY: NRK

It is now almost fifty years since the children first set foot on Norwegian soil. This is their story.

THE CHILDREN FROM VIETNAM





1 x 58′

A pair of white-tailed eagles – sea eagles - have successfully hatched two chicks in their tree-top nest - blissfully unaware of the threat that has hung over them since the eggs were laid.

PRODUCED BY: NRK

Outwardly, the situation is idyllic, but in reality the little family is threatened by an insidious, unseen enemy. Recent generations of Norway's white-tailed eagles have been forced to live with environmental toxins in their systems – and new poisons are constantly appearing.

In major cities across the world, the work of police officers includes murder, drugs and gang wars on a daily basis. The police officers' methods are different in each country and certain types of assignments are unique to each city. Cops Worldwide follows police officers on the job in Manila, Mexico City, Bangkok, Vilnius, Prague, Reykjavik, Rio de Janeiro and Naples. PRODUCED BY: TV2 Denmark



They prefer not to be called everyday heroes, because they only do their job. To the rest of us, however, their effort can mean the difference between life and death. In the documentary series "Emergency 112", we follow the ambulance men, nurses, paramedics and medicals, who take responsibility when it is most needed.

PRODUCED BY: B-Film Aps

A Journey in the Future of Water, written and presented by Professor Terje Tvedt, is the most comprehensive series on the future relationship between man and fresh water ever been. It is filmed in more than 25 countries. It addresses the major challenges in what it calls the future "Age of the Insecurity of Water", and shows why the world's political leaders have repeatedly declared that to secure water will be one of the most daunting issues in the decades to come. It shows how fear of climate change and the struggle to manage water will determine power relations, economic development, the relationship between rich and poor, and the destiny of countries and whole continents. Based on professor Tvedt's many books on water-society issues.

PRODUCED BY: Panopticon AS





Experience the drama and suspense of thrilling rescue footage featuring the RAF Search and Rescue Force in Helicopter Rescue.

Helicopter Rescue gains exclusive access to follow the crews based at RAF Valley on Anglesey and RMB Chivenor in Devon. Along the coastline and up in the mountains of Wales, the RAF's iconic yellow Sea King helicopters are a familiar and comforting sight. In 2012, the two RAF Search and Rescue bases covering Wales were scrambled 566 times, making them the busiest in Britain, with more than 470 people being rescued.

### PRODUCED BY: CWMNI

Antarctica is known as the last continent it is twice as big as Australia and only 500 people live there for more than four months at a time. With temperatures reaching minus 80 degrees Celsius and frequent storms, Antarctica, is known to be the most extreme environment on the planet. A hundred years after one of the greatest battles of all time, 6 teams will compete in the highest and driest area of the world. They will ski 900 km through hell and beauty to reach the magnetic South Pole. Follow the inexperienced Norwegian team as they battle against Olympic gold medalists and polar experts.

Will they be able to follow the legacy after Roald Amundsen?

1 x 46′

PRODUCED BY: Toothfairy AS



# CHASING THE WORLD'S LARGEST NUMBER

1 x 22'

Robert Graham, the man behind the largest number ever to be used in a mathematical proof. Graham's number is so unfathomably huge that it's difficult to explain how insignificant the universe is in comparison. Chasing the world's largest number is a 22 minute mathematics short film/documentary, made up of six 3-4 minute episodes. This collaboration between director Christian Holm-Glad and Norwegian mathematician, musician and cult TV show host Dr. Jo Røislien guides the viewer through the mental journey it is to grasp Graham's number, via the universe, human cells, travel planning and paradoxes of the infinite. It's an associative journey, an art-meets-science short film. where stimulating the curious mind is just as important as presenting all the answers.

# PRODUCED BY: Bulldozer Film AS

THE NORTHERN PASSAGE - TOURING THE TOP OF THE WORLD 2 x 49'

Intrepid adventurers Børge Ousland and Thorleif Thorleifsson set out on board their trimaran Northern Passage to chart the dramatic changes that have taken place in the Arctic and to circumnavigate the North Pole in the course of a single summer. Never before had anyone sailed all the way round the North Pole in the course of one summer. In their 30-foot trimaran, the two companions set out to explore both the North-East and the North-West Passages. In Roald Amundsen's day it would have taken six years to penetrate these two channels. But that was before the ice began to melt ...

### PRODUCED BY: NRK



In this documentary we follow the adventures of four cheerful, life-affirming and dauntless young women who set out to challenge snow, ice and bitter cold, conditions made worse by the stresses and strains imposed by cramped living guarters, on an 80-day journey through the varied landscape and awe-inspiring scenery of Baffin Island.

**PRODUCED BY:** NRK

# THE WORLD'S FORGOTTEN FORESTS 1 x 52′

The trees of a forest absorb carbon dioxide (CO2), cleanse air and water and help towards climate stabilization. Norway contributes NOK2.4bn annually to conservation of tropical forests, notwithstanding the fact that the nation's own forests absorb more carbon than those in the tropics. Opinions in Norway are divided, however, as to what should be done at home to stabilize the climate.

### PRODUCED BY: NRK

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"On The Edge" is a documentary about 33 year old Eskil Ronningsbakken from Norway - the world's most daring extreme balancing artist, praised for his various stunts around the globe. It is the story of a man who literally lives life on the edge, as he performs death defying acts of balancing on formidable mountain tops and hovering over canyons – all without using harnesses or safety nets. We follow Eskil through spectacular landscapes and beautiful nature as he performs on some of Norway's most famous mountain locations, high above the fjords. He bears all about the dangers, the art and being on a lifelong quest to push his own boundaries.

## **PRODUCED BY:** Filthy Frames

Aksel Lund Svindal is the greatest alpine skier in Norway. Aksel has been through many highs and lows during his career, from the near fatal accident in Beaver Creek, to victory in the same race in the same hill the following year. During three episodes we follow Aksel around the world. We travel with him to Hawaii to visit his ex-girlfriend, Julia Mancuso. We also join him in Argentina to get an exclusive insight into the Norwegian National alpine team, a team that is permanent rivalry with Switzerland and Austria. Last but not least we will travel to Canada, where Aksel gets ill before the season's first speed races. Will Aksel get ready for the Olympics in Sochi? Aksel Lund Svindal has possible Norway's most extreme winning mentality. PRODUCED BY: Globus Media



The Fjord Cowboys is a documentary that follows a pair of "dynamite buddies" and cider-makers living on the shores of the Hardanger Fjord. Lothepus is a top excavator, expert on everything from drilling rigs to dynamite, and Joar (or, to give him his nick-name, "the Hardanger Casanova"), his apprentice. We accompany them from the time of apple harvest right through to cider-pressing in late autumn, and share in the various adventures they have along the way. We watch them as they experience challenges and setbacks, successes and failures, and we discover their joys and their dreams.

PRODUCED BY: Flimmer Film AS The Norwegian forces were among the first to leave their positions in Afghanistan, leaving more than 100.000 NATO troops behind, all scheduled to withdraw by the end of 2014. As the first documentary of its kind; "Exit" refers to one of the most important issues of our time: how to retract peacefully from war. International troops are now faced with the possibility of leaving the country without ensuring the security of the population against the strong Taliban forces and other criminal groups. Development in Afghanistan presupposes peace yet has not seen peacetime for decades. "Exit" displays unique footage, dramatic material as well as personal, captivating stories from war-torn Afghanistan. PRODUCED BY: NRK



Norwegian Karina Hollekim was one of the greatest free skier and BASE jumper in the world, until she in 2006 had a near-fatal parachute crash. She was predicted a life in wheel chair, but she refused to accept her conditions. During the past years Karina has fought her way back to life. PRODUCED BY: Jubafilm AS

In May 2012 she participated in "The Haute Route", a high leveled skiing tour from Chamonix in France to Zermatt in Switzerland.

In an attempt to change history, in December 2011/January 2012, 17 contestants from 6 countries battled it out in the toughest endurance race known to man. They took on the most remote and hostile environment on the planet to compete in a race that has been a 100 years in the making.

### PRODUCED BY: Urban Brew Studios



Over 50.000 people in Denmark get ill from food consumption every year. "Razzia" follow The Danish food ministry as they travel across the country to localize the sources of food condemnation. The financial government strikes to reveal private persons who cheat on their taxes, and organizations that bend the rules.

PRODUCED BY: Doceye Dexpedition is a satirical and chaotic comedy travel program showing different destinations around the world through the eyes of Dex Carrington and his partner in crime, Fab. The host of the show is Dex, the loveable sociopath who's weapon of choice is his ability to see the world from the eyes of a crazy person. They travel all over the world to meet local youngsters and study the things young people like about a location such as sex, drugs, fashions and nightlife.

PRODUCED BY: Expect Entertainment AS

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