

SOUTH AFRICA IN FILM

25. 11. 08 DVD1 FILM : Red Dust [2004] BBC1 23. 25 - 01 20 A South African politician faces his past when his one - time torturer confesses his crimes to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor

7. 12. 08 DVD2 LOUIS THEROUX: L&O IN JOHANNESBURG BBC2 21. 00 - 2200 Described as ‘a city in fear’ where the inhabitants have so little faith in the police and justice system that they prefer to pay private security firms to protect them. However, *as is shown*, that isn’t always reliable either. Witness the punishment metered out to a suspect thief. However before long the locals weary of the brutality and soon the real police are called in to disperse the angry mob. *Also shown is LH’s meeting with a director of a company that reclaims ‘hijacked’ buildings.* **YEP programme notes**

31. 1. 09 DVD 3 Mandela at 90 : This World BBC2 21. 00 - 22. 00 following Nelson Mandela from 2007 to 2008 as he globetrots from London to Monte Carlo to Paris, hanging out with the Queen and Gordon Brown and raising awareness of his HIV foundation in South Africa. Then it’s back home to visit hospitals, welcome celebrities and statesmen, and get ready for his 90th birthday. Not a bad way to spend “retirement” really ... Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mandela’s wife Graca Machel and his ever present personal assistant Zelda La Grange round off this portrait of an astonishing life.

4. 4. 09 DVD 4 Film : Endgame Channel 4 21 00 - 23 05 This dashing political thriller by Paula Milne premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 1/09 depicts the last throws of apartheid in South Africa and dealings with a British mining firm who want a stable country to work in. Thabo Mbeki [Chiwetel Ejiofor] and representatives of Botha’s failing government led by philosophy professor Willie Esterhuyse [William Hurt] In the backdrop to these secret talks is the imprisonment and moves to release Nelson Mandela [Clarke Peters].

The facilitator for these secret talks, which took place during the latter part of the 1980’s, was Michle Young [Jonny Lee Miller] who was employed by Consolidated Gold Fields

7. 12. 09 DVD 5 Inside Sport : South Africa’s World Cup Journey BBC 23. 20 - 23. 50 This programme visits the country and explores the issues that will affect the tournament and its players and spectators.

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15. 1. 10 White Boy, Black Nanny Channel 4 19. 30 - 20. 00 Mark Rossiter left the country when he was 10 years of age. On this visit he returns to seek out his former surrogate mother, and to find what it was like working for a white family. As he visits his old neighbourhood he begins to wonder how much has changed - black domestics are still there looking after children - and what difference the end of apartheid made. *Missed by the authors own stupidity*

25. 1. 10 DVD 6 FILM : Mrs Mandela BBC4 21. 00 - 22. 30 First lady in the struggle against apartheid Sophie Okonedo is superb as Winnie as events move back and forth between 1964 and her husband Nelson’s arrest and his release in 1990.

25. 1. 10 The Real Winnie Mandela BBC4 22. 30 - 23. 30 The political

life of Winnie Mandela, as seen through the eyes of the journalists - both British and South African - who related the happenings of her life and her determination to continue the struggle against apartheid. *Missed by the authors own stupidity*

1. 3. 10 DVD 6 Panorama : More Than Just a Game 20. 30 - 21. 00 a report looking at the likely impact of this years World Cup.

25. 4 10 DVD 7 The Tu Tu Talks : Is Africa About To Become Rich BBC4 22.00 - 22. 30 the most challenging issue facing Africa is discussed over dinner with the Nobel Prize winning cleric. Uppermost in the minds of academics, Gummede from Witsvatersrand University is the role that China - a major investor - throughout the continent wants in return.

27. 4. 10 DVD 8 South Africa in Pictures BBC4 21.00 - 22. 00 An examination of the role that photography has played in the documenting the history of South Africa.

27. 4. 10 DVD 9 The Tu Tu Talks : Are Women Strong Enough To Lead Africa BBC4 20. 00 - 20. 30 a debate on why women in Africa still lack the same rights as men.

28. 4. 10 DVD 10 The Tu Tu Talks BBC4 : 22 00 - 22. 30 Is Africa better off Without Help from The West? Is foreign aid actually benefiting African counties?

29.4. 10 DVD 11 The Tu Tu Talks BBC4 22. 00 - 22. 30 : Is God a Help or a Hindrance in Africa? This programme features, among others Ronnie Kasrils and the Anglican Bishop of Rustenberg.

23 .5. 10 DVD 12 DISPATCHES CHANNEL 4 The Lost Children of South Africa

The Chinese are Coming BBC2 21. 00 - 22. 00 : in Angola, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo presenter J Rowlatt looks at what the Chinese are doing it and how they are doing it.

22. 2. 11 DVD 13 TOO FAST TO BE A RUNNER BBC2 1900 – 1950 the hardships of Casta Semenya.

7. 11 DVD 14 DISPATCHES : Murder on Honeymoon CHANNEL 4 20.00 – 21. 00 days before a decision is made, in a London court over the extradition of the husband of Anni Dewwani, questions are asked.

8.10. 11 missed SKIN : BBC2 23.15 – 00. 100 A black South African woman born to white parents in apartheid SA experiences the countries racial divisions. Fact based drama starring Sophie Okonedo

20. 3. 12 missed The Honeymoon Murder Panorama : BBC1 21. 00 – 22. 00 a report drawing on CCTV images to examine the killing of Annie Dewani while on honeymoon in Cape Town in 2010.

6. 12 unobtainable Falls the Shadow Sky Arts a documentary by Tony Palmer who notes the programmes subject, Athol Fugard, has done more than any other play write to expose the evils of apartheid

3 7.12 missed Imagine; Graceland Under African Skies BBC1 22.35 – 00. 05 Paul Simon recalls the making of his 1986 album and returns to South Africa to be reunited with musicians who played on the controversial record.

14 8.12 DVD 15 Extraordinary People; The Man with No Legs C 5 20 00 – 20. 58 documentary following the South African runner Oscar Pistorius as the amputee fights to be allowed to compete against able bodied athletes.

11 3.13 Oscar Pistorious: What Really Happened BBC3 21. 00 – 2200 an examination of the events that led to the fatal shooting of model Reeva Steenkemp in the paralympian's home on 14/2.

24 4.13 missed South Africa: The Massacre That Changed The Nation BBC2 21. 00 – 2200 last Augusts gunning down of dozens of striking miners by the nations police may have confirmed widespread impressions of a corrupt and poorly governed country, but little that has occurred since has dispelled them. Labour MP Peter Hain, who as a young man campaigned valiantly against apartheid, speaks to families of dead miners and to ANC veterans, before putting his findings to President Jacob Zuma.

19. 9. 2013 The Honeymoon Murder: Who Killednni BBC1 21. 00 – 22 00 The death of Anni Dewani in South Africa nearly three years ago was instantly shocking; a young bride on her honeymoon, murdered in an apparent car jacking that her husband, a Bristol businessman Shireen appeared lucky to survive.- G2 programme notes page 22 also the 2012 television investigation of 20/3 -

27. 2015 missed First Humans; The Cave Discoveries Channel 4 20 .00 – 2100 When fossilised bones and teeth were found in a remote cave system near Johannesburg, the sites cramped access necessitated slim archaeologists. The 1, 500 bone fragments discovered, dating back 2m years may indicate that the development of humans went through one other phase than was originally thought.

24. 6 2016 missed Oscar Pistorius; The Interview ITV 21. 00 – 22. 00 The former athlete gives his account on what happened on Valentines Day 2013 when he shot and killed Reeva Steenkamp. Speaking while awaiting sentencing after being convicted of murder, Pistorius takes questions and discusses his relationship with his former girlfriend, allegations of previous abuse and his firearms. The Steenkamp declined to take part.

27. 8 missed The Good Terrorist Channel 4 20. 00 – 21 00 The only white terrorist executed, in the struggle against apartheid, John Harris, was a peaceful campaigner – until he left a suitcase full of dynamite and petrol in Johannesburg station, in doing so killing an elderly women and maiming her grand daughter.

This film uses recently discovered home movies to tell Harris 's story while his son – a baby at the time of his fathers hanging – has an emotional meeting with one of the key figures in the story.

19.6. 2018 missed Trevor McDonalds Return to South Africa ITV 21. 00 to 22. 00 Nelson Mandela would have turned 100 next month. By the way of fanfaring that century McDonald, who was the first journalist to interview Mandela upon his release from prison - returns to South Africa to compare it with his memories of visits dating back to the grim days of apartheid.