

africa

BBC One leads the BBC Africa initiative with drama, arts, entertainment, news, documentary, natural history, sport and children's programmes providing different opportunities for audiences to build up a broader picture of the continent. There will also be complementary programmes across the other television channels, from documentaries to international films and from music to art.

BBC Radios 1, 1Xtra, 2, 3, 4, Five Live, 6 Music, BBC 7 and the Asian Network will also feature a spectacular range of African-themed programmes, including live music events, documentaries and features, plus news and current affairs.

bbc.co.uk will host the website for the *Africa 05* series of events and exhibitions. The online service will provide a central point for viewers and listeners to find out more about the BBC season and to engage with interactive content about Africa.

The BBC's global audience will see the output via BBC Prime and BBC World which will broadcast much of the output to the African continent during BBC One's week. And 1000 African Schools will be twinned with UK counterparts as part of the BBC's World Class project.

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holby city

Dr Ric Griffin (Hugh Quarshie) leaves behind his colleagues at Holby City and travels to Ghana. Staying with his brother's family and working in a charity hospital makes him question his return to Holby. Diane (Patricia Potter) travels to Ghana to bring him back but she can see what a difference his work is making to the local community.

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hugh quarshie:

"Ric was born in Ghana and trained there as a doctor and was always meant to return at some point, so I think there will be interesting issues involving his family and on a domestic level. Although in Ghana there is still much emphasis on hierarchy and status, there is also a focus on hospitality, food and warmth."

worlds apart

A British family pack their bags and head for a new life in Northern Namibia. Staying with a family of the Himba tribe they find that their new lifestyle means more than simply giving up the comforts of their UK home. The family find everything is now about sheer survival, from keeping warm and getting enough food to coping with the challenges of the natural environment.

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Five celebrities of African origin are each paired with an African dance troupe for intensive training before performing a traditional African dance.

They will dance to live music, while a panel of African dance experts judge their skills, and viewers at home vote for their favourites.

As the novice dancers rebuild links with their heritage, viewers learn about the culture in which they are immersed. The celebrities learn about the significance of their dances, traditional values, as each tribe teaches them steps that have been passed down from generation to generation.

geldof in africa

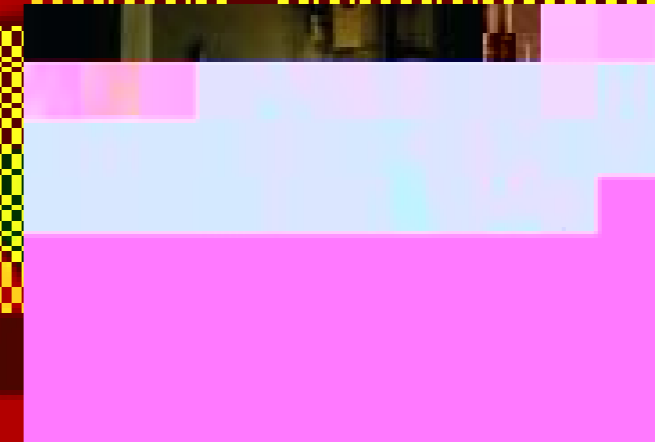
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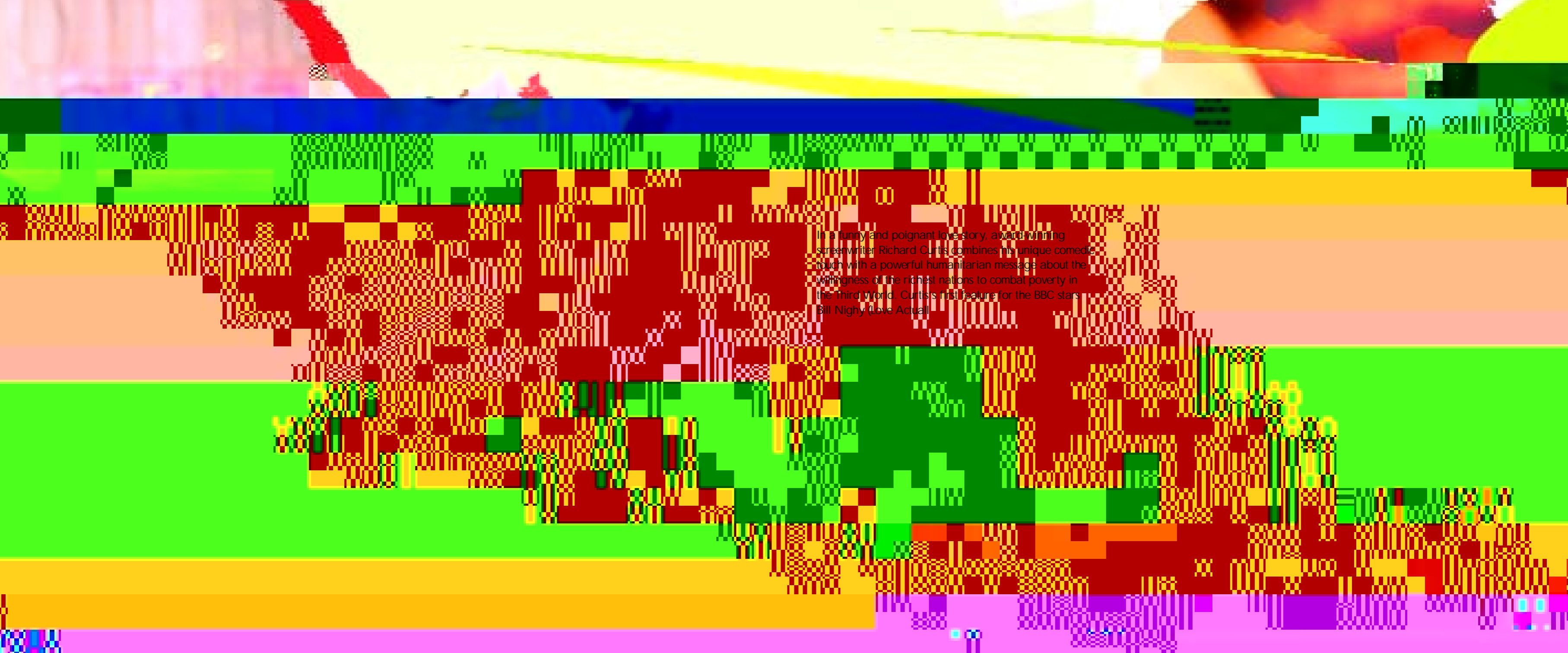
"In Europe we live in effect East to West across one vast temperate climate zone. Africa on the other hand, with North to South has the lot, desert with its vast seas of sand, tropical with its jungles, equatorial with its rainforest, savannah and coastal with its animal and fish. In fact practically everything except Arctic. And within this immense continent more

Leaving Live Aid and politics to one side, Bob Geldof makes a personal journey through Africa to learn more about the culture and, through people's experiences, understand the forces that make the continent what it is.

Travelling through West Africa (Ghana, Benin and Mali); Central Africa (DR Congo and Uganda); and East Africa (Ethiopia, Tanzania and Somalia), Geldof explores the continent that the rest of the world seems to be leaving behind.

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In a funny and poignant love story, award-winning screenwriter Richard Curtis combines his unique comedic touch with a powerful humanitarian message about the willingness of the richest nations to combat poverty in the Third World. Curtis's first feature for the BBC stars Bill Nighy (*Love Actually*)



bbc news and current affairs

BBC News will play a full part in the Africa season with live broadcasts from the continent and special editions of news and current affairs programmes dedicated to African issues.

There will be a special edition of *Question Time* from South Africa debating the issues that matter to people from across the continent. Natasha Kaplinsky will present *BBC Breakfast* from Africa, and George Alagiah will present a series of special reports for the BBC Six and Ten O'Clock News bulletins.

production credits

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