

FACT SHEET

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PROGRAM SUPPLIER: Portman Film & Television

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Martin Clunes (*Men Behaving Badly*) returns for the third season of **DOC MARTIN** as the brash doctor Martin Ellingham, whose blunt opinions and tactless manner causes mayhem in a small Cornish community. The series follows the celebrated London surgeon, Ellingham, whose truculence and tactless manner causes mayhem in a small Cornish community. After retraining as a general practitioner, he gets a job in the beautiful but sleepy village of Portwenn replacing their deceased local doctor. But his abrasive personality doesn't exactly mesh with the pace of life in Cornwall.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: Use above description for guide listings. A press release will be posted to PBS Connect and APTonline.org. Color photography will be available via email and will also be posted on APTonline.org.

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BROADCAST HISTORY: U.S. Television Premiere

RELATED MERCHANDISE: Viewers: DVD is not available.

Pledge: No specific arrangements have been made for pledge merchandise. If you're interested in pledging this program, please contact Kerry Taylor at 617-338-4455, ext. 121.

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The Brash, Brilliant Doctor Martin Ellingham Makes a Return Visit in DOC MARTIN III

What happens when a gruff physician flees big-city life to work as a general doctor in a sleepy, picturesque English coastline town? The cultures clash and the sparks fly in the second season of the American Public Television-distributed series **DOC MARTIN**, a catchy, funny comedy-drama mixing elements of classic British sitcoms with sharp medical drama and a quirky, lovable cast of characters. **DOC MARTIN III**, airing on public television stations nationwide beginning March 1, 2009, won the Best Comedy Drama award at 2007's British Comedy Awards; the third-season finale was watched by more than 10 million English viewers and netted the program's highest-ever ratings.

Martin Clune (*Men Behaving Badly*, *Jeeves and Wooster*) stars in this acclaimed series. Clune's brash, brilliant Dr. Martin Ellingham (nicknamed Doc Martin, much to his discontent) was once a renowned London surgeon, until a sudden phobia leaves him paralyzed at the sight of blood. Leaving his old life behind, Ellingham departs for his childhood town of Portwenn in Cornwall, where his terse manner leads to some tense—and hilarious—encounters with the quiet community.

In this third season, "Doc Martin" continues to deal with the strange cases and stranger

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personalities of Portwenn. He deals with the mysterious illnesses and odd events that plague the town, including a bout of acute food poisoning, a car vandal, a hyperactive young girl and a dangerous kidnapping and smuggling scheme that ensnares the hapless Doctor.

The town also boasts a narcoleptic and agoraphobic police officer (John Marquez), a heavysset, affable plumber attempting to break into the restaurant business (Ian McNeice) and Martin's spirited Aunt Joan (Stephanie Cole), a link to his past in Portwenn. There's also his burgeoning romance with the town's beautiful schoolteacher (Caroline Catz), a relationship sabotaged by Martin's continuing case of foot-in-mouth disease.

A humorous, hearty glimpse into the culture clash between big-city and small-country living, **DOC MARTIN III** is destined to become a classic of British comedy.

DOC MARTIN III, executive produced by Mark Crowdy and produced by Philippa Braithwaite, was acquired from Portman Film & Television by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS

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Episodes #301 & #302 - "On the Edge" Parts 1 & 2

Having failed to restart his relationship with Louisa Glasson, Martin is forced out of the picture with the arrival of her dad, Terry Glasson. Terry has hatched a scheme with a colleague, Jonathan Crozier, to smuggle in some explosives which they want to use to help them in a robbery. Terry decides to back out of the smuggling, and things get even worse for Doc Martin. As he finds himself held hostage, along with Louisa, by a paranoid Jonathan as he attempts to force Terry to carry out their plan.

Episode #303 - "The Apple Doesn't Fall"

Portwenn has a new police officer following the departure of PC Mark Mylow after his doomed marriage. His replacement is PC Joseph Penhale, who appears to have an odd affliction which causes him to fall asleep suddenly at strange times. The doctor discovers that he has narcolepsy brought on by a kick to the head from a horse suffered two years earlier. Village plumber Bert Large is having a midlife crisis. His son Al has left the village on his travels round the world and Bert feels left out in the cold. Doc Martin offers no help.

Episode #304 - "Movement"

In a life-changing decision, Bert Large abandons his plumbing business to open his own restaurant. The opening of Large's restaurant is far from a success, when Doc Martin, who has a phobia about blood, finds a spot of blood on his plate. To make matters worse for Bert, the following day, the doctor's office is inundated with patients with symptoms of food poisoning, and all claiming to have eaten at his restaurant.

Episode #305 - "City Slickers"

The Oakwoods, a family of city slickers seeking a new life by the sea, set out to disrupt the tranquility of Portwenn. They manage to gatecrash an intimate dinner Louisa has prepared for her and Martin. With their romantic dinner plans ruined, the disgruntled doctor decides to make a hasty exit leaving Louisa to deal with the neighbors from hell. A car vandal is on the loose in Portwenn. Cars belonging to the doctor, his Aunt Joan and Bert Large have all been damaged. The doctor reports the vandalism to PC Penhale, but he seems strangely reluctant to investigate. He has to confess he is suffering from agoraphobia and can't leave the police station.

Episode #306 - “The Admirer”

Portwenn looks set to become a hotbed of passion. Louisa Glasson is furious to discover she has a rival for Doc Martin’s affections: glamorous divorcee and hotel owner, Carrie Wilson. Can Louisa contain her jealousy and claim Martin as her man before Carrie’s flirty tactics take effect? On his way to PC Penhale’s birthday party, Martin accidentally reverses his car into Carrie’s dog, killing him. Carrie is distraught by the death of her dog and slaps Martin across the face when he hands her the dog, and tries to apologize.

Episode #307 - “The Holly Bears a Prickle”

It has taken three seasons, but Doc Martin and Louisa are finally going on their first date. However, in typical fashion, the clumsy doctor manages to ruin the moment with an inappropriate remark, and Louisa ends their affair, leaving Martin shell shocked. The break-up hits Martin harder than he anticipated. But there’s one more chance to redeem himself when he gets an urgent call for help from Louisa to treat her friend Holly. As Martin leaves Louisa’s house, he realizes he could lose her forever. He pauses on the doorstep and asks her to marry him.

Episode #308 - “Nowt So Queer”

Portwenn is buzzing with the news of the engagement of Dr. Martin Ellingham and Headmistress Louisa Glasson. Mushrooms are the cause of an outbreak of aspergillosis in the village. Bert Large, postman Dave and restaurant chef Mick Mabley are among the victims. Bert Large’s ill health is not his only problem. His restaurant is in financial trouble. Son Al decides it is time to take action to save the business.

Episode #309 - “Happily Ever After”

Martin manages to offend the local vicar who is due to conduct Martin and Louisa’s wedding ceremony by suggesting he has a drinking problem. In a struggle over a bottle of whisky, the vicar stumbles and fractures his pelvis. As the ambulance takes the vicar to hospital, Martin is left with the dilemma of finding a replacement vicar with just three hours to go to the wedding. With less than an hour to go to the ceremony, pregnant bridesmaid Isobel goes into labor. Martin is summoned by Louisa, and on a windswept hill top above Portwenn he delivers a healthy baby boy. Now it’s a race against time for Martin and Louisa to get to the church on time....

PROGRAMMING NOTE:

Episodes #301 and #302 were originally formatted as a 2-hour special that aired in the UK between Series II and Series III.