

# WHAT'S WORTH WATCHING

## Tonight's TV Best Bets

### Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings: Holiday Magic

**Freeform, 8pm**  
Explore how Disney turns holiday engagements and weddings at Disney destinations around the world into unforgettable, magical memories. Follow lucky brides and grooms as their big days turn from "once upon a dream" into "happily ever after."

### The Voice

**NBC, 8pm**  
With the Top 8 competing tonight, we look back on the best performances of the season so far.

### NFL Football: New England at Miami

**ESPN, 8:15pm Live**  
Tom Brady leads the New England Patriots to South Florida's Hard Rock Stadium for an AFC East *Monday Night Football* matchup against the Miami Dolphins.

### Man Among Cheetahs

**Nat Geo Wild, 9pm**  
Nat Geo Wild's Big Cat Week continues as acclaimed wildlife cinematographer Bob Poole tracks an elusive family of cheetahs in Kenya's sprawling Maasai Mara, taking viewers along on an unforgettable journey into



### American Pickers: "Ripe for the Picking"

**History, 9pm**  
Mike and Frank are in Napa Valley, but rather than picking grapes, they pick one of the largest wine-related collections in the world before the owner shouts "Last call."

the realities of life in the African wilderness and the challenges the planet's big cats face.

### A Gray State

**A&E, 10pm**  
German cinema icon Werner Herzog (*Grizzly Man*) executive produced this true-crime doc about Minnesota-based antigovernment activist David Crowley, who shot his wife and 4-year-old daughter before killing himself in 2015. The faint of heart should probably stick to *SVU*.

### Robert Kirkman's Secret History of Comics

**AMC, 10pm**  
**Season Finale!**  
The season finale explores a band of unhappy artists who in 1992 founded

Image Comics, where creators like Robert Kirkman could keep creative control of their characters.

### The Healer: "It's Been So Long"

**TLC, 10pm**  
As his journey winds down, Charlie meets a media personality named Shay, whose life and career are put on hold due to pain that travels throughout her body. Comedian Gary Owen calls on Charlie to help him with his chronic knee pain resulting from a botched surgery, and Dr. Weitzman has Charlie return to his office so that he can work on a father of two whose shoulder pain has brought day-to-day activities to a grinding halt.



### The Gifted

**FOX, 9pm**  
**Midseason Finale!**

Teen mutants Andy (Percy Hynes White) and Lauren (Natalie Alyn Lind) recently learned that their great-grandpa was a terrorist and their grandpa managed to genetically suppress their father's powers. In tonight's fall finale, they will end up in grave danger — and it's up to their parents, Caitlin and Reed Strucker (Amy Acker and Stephen Moyer), to save them. Mysterious telepath and refugee mutant Esme (Skyler Samuels) may be important to their rescue, but let's just say her methods and her motivation for helping out could end up being more than the Struckers bargained for.

## The Knights Templar's Greatest Quest Is History's Latest Drama

By Ryan A. Berenz, Channel Guide Magazine

Long ago, an order of monastic warriors fought battles in distant lands, until a wealth- and power-grabbing ruler betrayed them and led to their demise. Sound familiar?

They're not the Jedi of a galaxy far, far away, but rather the Knights

Templar of Europe in the Middle Ages. The Templars were a mysterious order of Catholic warriors who were active in the 12th, 13th and early 14th centuries. Some legends have them also protecting sacred relics like the Holy Grail.

Stories of the Templars have spawned new mythologies for centuries, inspiring everything from old Arthurian legends to modern tales like *Star Wars*, *The Da Vinci Code* and the epically hilarious *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Now the Templars get to be the tragic heroes of their own story in History's action drama *Knightfall* (Wednesdays) starring Tom Cullen (*Downton Abbey*) as Landry, a disgruntled Templar who becomes the unlikely leader of the order at a crucial point in its history.

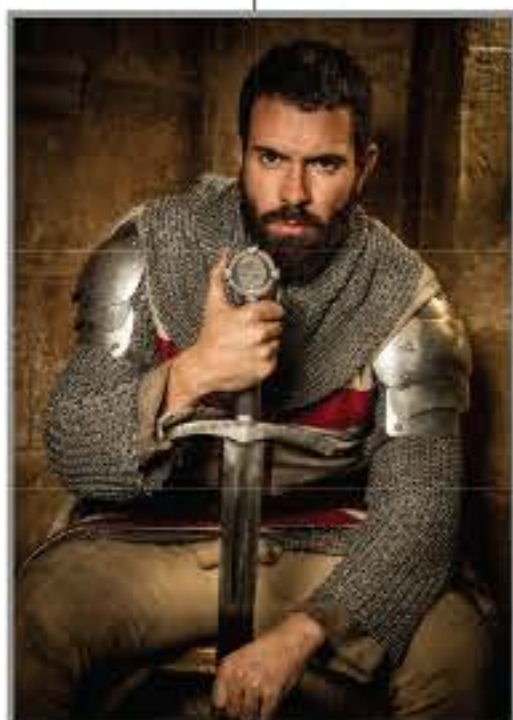
"I think he's always been kind of a headstrong maverick," Cullen says of Landry. "He is a guy who's been a warrior since the age of 12 years old. It's sort of all he knows. And

when we meet him in Paris 16 years after his last battle, he's this caged animal."

That caged animal is released at a critical time for the Templars. There is evidence that the Holy Grail, thought to be lost forever, may be in France. A growing feud

between the French monarchy and the church threatens to split the Templars' loyalties. And Landry's own heart is torn between his order's chaste ideals and an illicit romantic affair that could endanger his life and the Templars' existence. "When Landry's made leader, his

entire life is thrown into question," Cullen says. "He's the kind of guy who's incredibly loyal to his brothers, yet he's lying to them all about the fact that he's having an affair with a woman. He's somebody who's incredibly pious, yet he's somebody who is exercising his lack of faith and exploring his humanity. He's somebody who's fiercely brave and headstrong, yet he's afraid of dying. He's somebody who's really polarized. Throughout the series, he's constantly battling with himself back and forth trying to figure out who he is. It's a hell of a journey to watch, and it's a hell of a journey to play."



## REMINDE REWIND

### "Star Trek" Turns 50

By Eric Kohanik, ReMIND Magazine



William Shatner

*Star Trek* began a monumental journey half a century ago. And it has had a major impact by exploring "space, the final frontier."

Created by Gene Roddenberry, the original *Star Trek* premiered on NBC in September 1966, delivering 79 episodes over three seasons. Chronicling the adventures of James T. Kirk (William Shatner) and his crew aboard the USS *Enterprise*, the series was notable for having one of TV's first interracial casts, featuring such stars as Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley, Nichelle Nichols, James Doohan, George Takei and Walter Koenig.

After the show ended in June 1969, the adventures of the *Enterprise* crew were revived in an animated NBC series in September 1973. And although it was the first *Star Trek* series to win an Emmy Award, it lasted only 22 episodes, ending its run in October 1974.

The next revival came on the big screen, with the cast reuniting for 1979's *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. Five other films followed — *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* (1982), *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* (1984), *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* (1986), *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* (1989) and *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country* (1991).

In the TV universe, meanwhile, new frontiers were being explored with spinoffs. *Star Trek: The Next Generation* was a syndicated series that premiered in September 1987, featuring a new Starship *Enterprise* manned by Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) and a crew populated by such stars as Jonathan Frakes, LeVar Burton, Denise Crosby, Michael Dorn, Gates McFadden, Marina Sirtis, Brent Spiner, Wil Wheaton and Whoopi Goldberg. The series lasted for 178 episodes over seven seasons. After it ended in May 1994, the cast reunited in four theatrical films — *Star Trek: Generations*

(1994), *Star Trek: First Contact* (1996), *Star Trek: Insurrection* (1998) and *Star Trek: Nemesis* (2002).

A trio of other TV spinoffs also surfaced during that era. *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* was a syndicated series that premiered in January 1993, setting stories aboard a space station instead of a starship. The show also featured Benjamin Sisko (Avery Brooks) as the first black commanding officer in *Star Trek* series history. The series served up 176 episodes, ending in June 1999.

Meanwhile, *Star Trek: Voyager* premiered in January 1995 as the first series on the UPN television network. It was also the first *Star Trek* incarnation with a female commanding officer: Kathryn Janeway (Kate Mulgrew). The rest of the cast featured such actors as Robert Beltran, Roxann Dawson, Robert Duncan McNeill, Ethan Phillips, Robert Picardo, Tim Russ, Garrett Wang and Jeri Ryan. *Voyager* ended its mission in May 2001, chalking up 172 episodes.

*Star Trek: Enterprise* was another series on UPN. Premiering in September 2001 and designed as a prequel to the original TV show, this rendition centered its 98 episodes around Jonathan Archer (Scott Bakula) and the crew aboard the first Starship *Enterprise*. The series was canceled after four seasons, ending in May 2005.

After that TV show wrapped, it took four years for another incarnation to surface, again on the big screen. The 2009 reboot of *Star Trek* resurrected the original characters, with new actors playing the core roles of Kirk (Chris Pine), Spock (Zachary Quinto), McCoy (Karl Urban), Uhura (Zoe Saldana), Scotty (Simon Pegg), Sulu (John Cho) and Chekhov (Anton Yelchin). Two follow-ups featured the same cast — 2013's *Star Trek Into Darkness* and 2016's *Star Trek Beyond*.

Throughout its 50 years, *Star Trek* has had a huge influence on pop culture, spawning video games, novels, comics and toys. The franchise has also been credited for inspiring the creation of cellphones, computer tablets and other technology.

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