



## CANADA'S MOST-WATCHED DRAMA *MURDOCH MYSTERIES* STARTS PRODUCTION ON SEASON 11

**TORONTO, June 14, 2017** – Number-one Canadian drama *Murdoch Mysteries* has begun production on **Season 11**. After celebrating the long-running series' 150th episode in the season 10 finale, filming is now underway on 18 new one-hour episodes. The most-watched Canadian scripted television series in Canada with an average of 1.3 million viewers per week\* on **CBC**, the ever-popular homegrown hit series will continue to delve into murder, mystery, and Canadian history in a powerhouse eleventh season. The series will film on location in Ontario until December 2017 and premiere on CBC this fall, followed by international rollout in early 2018.

The twist-filled season 10 finale saw the futures of Detective Murdoch (**Yannick Bisson**) and the heroes of Station House No. 4 in jeopardy amidst a corruption investigation gone awry. Season 11 will pick up with the aftermath of the finale's events that left the lives of Murdoch's beloved Dr. Julia Ogden (**Hélène Joy**), Inspector Brackenreid (**Thomas Craig**) and Constables George Crabtree (**Jonny Harris**), Henry Higgins (**Lachlan Murdoch**), and Slugger Jackson (**Kristian Bruun**) at stake and their fates unknown. Can Murdoch rely on Rebecca James (**Mouna Traoré**) or Detective Watts (**Daniel Maslany**) to help crack the case? Will Brackenreid make it out alive and home to his wife Margaret (**Arwen Humphreys**)? Season 11 storylines will feature a number of Canadian and international historical figures including physician William Osler and Helen Keller, the return of artist Tom Thomson, President Theodore Roosevelt, and Alexander Graham Bell and feature a roster of new guest stars including **Tamzin Outhwaite** (*Eastenders*, *New Tricks*), **Colin Mochrie** (*Whose Line is it Anyway?*), and **Elise Bauman** (*Carmilla*, *Below Her Mouth*), as well as returning guest stars including **Peter Keleghan** (*Workin' Moms*) and **David Hewlett** (*Incorporated*, *Stargate: Atlantis*).

"We're proud to continue bringing the adventures of Detective Murdoch to viewers at home and around the world week after week. Coming off of a formidable tenth season during which we celebrated big award wins, 150 episodes and the expansion of the brand into new realms including an escape room game in Toronto, we are now looking ahead to a thrilling season 11 and beyond," said **Christina Jennings, Executive Producer, *Murdoch Mysteries* / Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury**.

Season 11 episodes will be directed by showrunner **Peter Mitchell, Megan Follows, Leslie Hope, Gary Harvey, Sherren Lee, Eleanor Lindo, Laurie Lynd, Don McCutcheon, and Alison Reid**. Mitchell also writes episodes this season, along with **Paul Aitken, Graham Clegg, Noelle Girard, Natalia Guled, Simon McNabb, Mary Pedersen, Robert Rotenberg, Lori Spring, Dan Trotta, and Maureen Jennings**, author of the Detective Murdoch series of novels.

One of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas, *Murdoch Mysteries* (11 seasons; 168 x one-hour episodes) has become a staple for CBC and broadcasters around the world with its winning formula that brings together compelling mysteries, unique slices of turn-of-the-century history, ingenious inventions and personal moments for each character. The series is licensed to broadcasters in 110 countries and territories including the U.S., U.K., France, Finland and China.

With millions of fans worldwide, *Murdoch Mysteries* also boasts one of the most engaged fan communities in the world, including over 120,000 likes on [Facebook](#) and 132,000 followers for the series and its cast on [Twitter](#).

The *Murdoch Mysteries* brand continues to grow and evolve. Brand licensing deals include an all-ages immersive game experience, [The Murdoch Mysteries Escape Series](#), a collaboration between Shaftesbury and Company & Co. that launched in early 2017 in Toronto, as well as a collection of customizable pendants and rings inspired by the series and its characters from [Jewlr.com](#). Series companion book [Investigating Murdoch Mysteries](#) was published in Canada, the U.S. and the UK by Titan Books in October 2015. Shaftesbury has also partnered with Segal on an exclusive line of series merchandise including a *Murdoch Mysteries* holiday ornament, beer stein, mugs, police notepad and chalkboard, and a global online store, [www.murdochworld.com](http://www.murdochworld.com), launched in April 2016.

*Murdoch Mysteries* has brought dozens of historical figures to life including Mark Twain, Nikola Tesla, Thomas Edison, Harry Houdini, Winston Churchill, Bat Masterson, and H.P. Lovecraft, and featured more than 100 guest stars including, William Shatner, Brendan Coyle, Ed Asner, Victor Garber, Rémy Girard, David Hewlett, Tom McCamus, Mary Walsh, musician Alan Doyle, Samantha Bond, Leah Pinsent, Nicholas Campbell, Steven Ogg, *Dragons' Den* judges Arlene Dickinson and David Chilton, Canadian opera singer Measha Brueggergosman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario David C. Onley, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

*Murdoch Mysteries* was initially adapted for television from Maureen Jennings's popular Detective Murdoch series of novels as three made-for-TV films produced by Shaftesbury and broadcast in Canada in 2004 and 2005. The series first premiered in Canada in January 2008.

*Murdoch Mysteries* is developed and produced by Shaftesbury, in association with CBC, ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment and UKTV, and with the participation of the Canada Media Fund, the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit, the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit and the COGECO Program Development Fund. Shaftesbury Sales Company and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment hold worldwide distribution rights for the series. The series is executive produced by Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Yannick Bisson and Peter Mitchell, who also serves as showrunner, and produced by Stephen Montgomery and Julie Lacey.

*\*Source: Numeris TV Meter, Oct. 10, 2016 - March 19, 2017, CBC Total, A2+, Mon 8-9pm, Total Canada, AMA, generated by InfoSys+TV*

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