



## CANADA'S MOST WATCHED DRAMA MURDOCH MYSTERIES RENEWED BY CBC FOR SEASON 12

The celebrated series took home the CSA Golden Screen Award for  
Most Watched series for the second year in a row

**TORONTO, March 11, 2018** – Canada's #1 homegrown drama, *Murdoch Mysteries*, has been renewed by **CBC** for **Season 12** (18 x 60), as just announced by **Shaftesbury CEO Christina Jennings** at tonight's Canadian Screen Awards Broadcast Gala. The series, which won the **Golden Screen Award for TV Drama or Comedy** given to the most-watched series, is watched around the world and draws an average of **1.2 million** viewers per week\* on CBC.

Season 11 continues tomorrow night with the season's penultimate episode, "Shadows are Falling." In the episode, Murdoch and Ogden must put aside dealing with a personal matter when an old friend is charged with murder. The episode airs tomorrow night at 8:00pm/8:30pm NT on CBC.

The current season of *Murdoch Mysteries* concludes next week with "Free Falling." In the intense finale, an argument leads Murdoch to help a man search for his missing wife, while Crabtree considers his future with Nina, and the Station House No. 4 team work to solve a grisly murder.

*Murdoch Mysteries* stars **Yannick Bisson, H el ene Joy, Jonny Harris** and **Thomas Craig**, and airs Mondays at 8:00pm/8:30pm NT on CBC.

One of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas, *Murdoch Mysteries* (12 seasons; 186 x one-hour episodes; 3 x two-hour specials) 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 130,000 likes on [Facebook](#) and 146,000 followers for the series and its cast on [Twitter](#).

*Murdoch Mysteries* is based on Maureen Jennings's popular Detective Murdoch series of novels and 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, Total Canada, CBC Total, Sept. 25, 2017 - Feb. 5, 2018, 2+ AMA, Confirmed Audience Data, original airings only, Generated by InfoSys+TV.

**Cast on Twitter:** [@yannick\\_bisson](#), [@helene\\_joy](#), [@jollyharris](#), [@lachmeup](#), [@Daniel\\_Maslany](#), [@arwenhumphreys](#), [@ErinAgostino](#),

### **Murdoch Mysteries Series Social Channels:**

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