

Shaftesbury/Smokebomb honoured with 15 Canadian Screen Awards nominations

TORONTO, January 17, 2017 – Leading creator and producer **Shaftesbury/Smokebomb** has received 15 nominations for the 2017 Canadian Screen Awards, as announced earlier today by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, including nods for Canada’s # 1 scripted series*, ***Murdoch Mysteries***, thriller series ***Slasher*** and supernatural web drama ***Inhuman Condition***.

“Today’s nominations highlight some of our achievements this year in television and digital media, recognizing the tremendous efforts of our very talented and dedicated cast and crew. We are so proud to work with the best in the business and look forward to celebrating with our colleagues across the country in March,” said **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury/Smokebomb**.

Full list of Shaftesbury/Smokebomb nominations:

***Murdoch Mysteries* Holiday Special, “A Merry Murdoch Christmas” – 5 nominations**

Best TV Movie or Limited Series

Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, Yannick Bisson, Julie Lacey, Stephen Montgomery

Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Michael McGowan

Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Peter Mitchell

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Hélène Joy

Best Original Music Score for a Program

Robert Carli

Murdoch Mysteries, Season 9 – 4 nominations

Best Performance in a Guest Role, Dramatic Series

William Shatner
“Marked Twain”

Best Achievement in Make-up

Deb Drennan, Shirley Bond
“Summer of ‘75”

Best Costume Design

Alexander Reda
“Unlucky in Love”

Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Fiction Program or Series

Armando Sgrignuoli, Kent McIntyre
“24 Hours til Doomsday”

Slasher – 5 nominations

Best TV Movie or Limited Series

Aaron Martin, Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Greg Phillips, Jonathan Ford

Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Craig David Wallace

Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Aaron Martin

Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series

Steve Byers

Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Series

Wendy Crewson

Inhuman Condition – 1 nomination

Best Original Program or Series produced for Digital Media – Fiction

Christina Jennings, Jay Bennett, Stephanie Ouaknine, Melanie Windle, RJ Lackie

About **MURDOCH MYSTERIES**

Nearly two million (1.969M) Canadians watched “A Merry Murdoch Christmas”, making it the highest-rated *Murdoch Mysteries* ever. Overall, it reached 3.5 million Canadians – or 10% of the population – over the course of the two-hour broadcast.**

One of Canada’s most successful and longest-running dramas, *Murdoch Mysteries* (10 seasons; 150 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. Season 9 boasted an average audience of 1.4 million each week in Canada in Season 9.*** Season 10 premiered October 10 on CBC and airs **Mondays at 8pm**.

About **SLASHER**

A young woman returns to the small town where she was born, only to find herself the centrepiece in a series of horrifying copycat murders based on the brutal killing of her parents. From writer/creator/executive producer Aaron Martin, *Slasher* stars Katie McGrath (*Supergirl*, *Jurassic World*, *Merlin*), Brandon Jay McLaren (*Ransom*, *Graceland*), Steve Byers (*Reign*, *The Man in the High Castle*), Wendy Crewson (*Saving Hope*, *Revenge*), and Dean McDermott (*Ecstasy*, *CSI*). *Slasher* is currently available on Netflix Canada.

About **INHUMAN CONDITION**

Therapist Dr. Michelle Kessler (Torri Higginson, *This Life*, *Stargate: Atlantis*) provides support to beings with supernatural abilities. Her patients – werewolves, zombies, succubi – all struggle to lead normal lives, but are scorned and persecuted because of their afflictions. As society is forced to find a new normal and a civil rights battle for “otherhumans” rages on, Kessler finds herself trapped between two worlds and wonders if she will be able to save the “inhuman” patients... without losing herself along the way. **Season 1** of *Inhuman Condition* is available on YouTube channel **KindaTV**.

About Shaftesbury/Smokebomb

Shaftesbury is an award-winning creator and producer of original content for television and digital platforms. Shaftesbury's slate includes 10 seasons of *Murdoch Mysteries* for CBC, UKTV, and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment; David Shore's *Houdini & Doyle* for Sony Pictures Television, Corus Entertainment, ITV, and Fox; thriller series *Slasher* for NBCUniversal's Chiller; and Kids' CBC series *The Moblees*. Shaftesbury's digital arm, Smokebomb Entertainment, produces original digital, convergent, and branded entertainment projects including the hit YouTube series *Carmilla*, funded by U by Kotex®; mystery series *V Morgan Is Dead*, brought to life by RBC; fashion comedy series *MsLabelled*, produced in partnership with Shaw Media and Tetley Tea; supernatural drama *Inhuman Condition*; and the *Slasher VR* app for iOS, Android, and Oculus Rift. In June 2014, Shaftesbury/Smokebomb launched shift2, a branded entertainment agency that drives profitable engagement with millennials using scripted series, turning brands into executive producers.

**Source: Numeris TV Meter, Jan. 4 – Dec. 4, 2016, CBC Total, A2+, Monday-Sunday 7-11 p.m., Total Canada, AMA, generated by InfoSys+TV*

***Source: Numeris TV Meter, Dec. 21, 2015, CBC Total, A2+, Mon 8-10pm, Total Canada, AMA & Reach, generated by InfoSys+TV*

****Source: Numeris TV Meter, 2015/16 season (wk 6-30), CBC Total, A2+, Mon 8-9 p.m., Total Canada, AMA, generated by InfoSys+TV – first-run episodes only*

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