



## SHAFTESBURY EXPANDS CREATIVE TEAM WITH APPOINTMENT OF LESLEY GRANT AS CREATIVE PRODUCER

**TORONTO, May 7, 2019** – Leading producer **Shaftesbury** continues to grow its creative team with the appointment of **Lesley Grant** to the role of **Creative Producer**. In the past, Grant worked at Shaftesbury as Director of Creative Affairs and most recently served as Temple Street Productions' Senior Development Producer. Grant will be responsible for Shaftesbury's expanded creative slate and will report in to Julie Lacey, VP, Creative Development.

"We are thrilled to welcome Lesley back to Shaftesbury. She has strong relationships with writers and talent, as well as great expertise in producing primetime series. She will be a strong member of the team as we continue to grow our development slate and productions," said **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury**. "First up will be working on *Hudson & Rex* as we complete filming and post on Season 1 for Rogers."

Grant started her career as an editor at Random House Canada until 1999, when she joined CTV as a drama development executive. She has held similar positions at CBC and at independent production houses Barna-Alper, Shaftesbury, White Pine Pictures, and most recently at Temple Street where she was Supervising Producer on the one-hour drama *X Company* and the half-hour comedy *Cavendish*. Lesley has also served on the boards of a number of non-profit arts societies and has provided mentoring for various organizations including the Canadian Film Centre, the National Screen Institute, and Women in the Director's Chair.

In addition to Canada's #1 Drama *Murdoch Mysteries* (CBC) and multi-CSA-nominated *Frankie Drake Mysteries* (CBC), Shaftesbury's expanding roster of content includes three new and upcoming series for Spring 2019: *Hudson & Rex* for Citytv/Rogers, *Departure* for Global/Corus Entertainment and NBC Universal, and the third season of anthology series *Slasher* for Netflix.

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### **About Shaftesbury**

Shaftesbury is an award-winning creator and producer of original content for television, film, digital, and brands. Shaftesbury's current slate includes 13 seasons of *Murdoch Mysteries* for CBC, UKTV, and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment, three seasons of detective drama *Frankie Drake Mysteries* for CBC, UKTV, and Kew Media, three seasons of critically acclaimed thriller series *Slasher* for Netflix, as well as new primetime series *Hudson & Rex* for CityTV/Rogers Media, and *Departure* for Global/Corus Entertainment. Shaftesbury's digital arm produces original digital, convergent, and branded entertainment projects including the global phenomenon and MIPTV Brand Content of the Year award winner *Carmilla*. Shaftesbury's branded entertainment division drives profitable engagement with millennials using scripted series, turning brands into executive producers. Recent brand partners include Nokia, Walmart, Interac, U by Kotex®, and RBC.

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