



LUCKY 13! CAMERAS ROLL ON SEASON 13 OF #1 CANADIAN DRAMA *MURDOCH MYSTERIES* FOR CBC AND UKTV

Series to celebrate 200-episode milestone in Season 13

TORONTO, May 21, 2019 – Shaftesbury announced today that **#1 Canadian drama*** **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** has begun production on Season 13, for **CBC** and **UKTV**, distributed by **ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment**. With 18 new one-hour episodes, Season 13 will see the beloved series celebrate its 200th episode. Starring **Yannick Bisson**, **Hélène Joy**, **Jonny Harris**, and **Thomas Craig**, the internationally acclaimed series averaged 1.1 million viewers each week on CBC in Season 12,** and in the U.K. remains one of **Alibi**'s top-performing shows. **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** Season 13 will film on location in Ontario until November 2019, and premiere on CBC this fall, with international dates to follow.

With personal and professional changes for some of the Station House No. 4 team last year, Season 13 will continue to explore new developments in the lives of Detective William Murdoch (**Bisson**), Dr. Julia Ogden (**Joy**), Inspector Thomas Brackenreid (**Craig**), Constables George Crabtree (**Harris**) and Henry Higgins-Newsome (**Lachlan Murdoch**), and Detective Llewelyn Watts (**Daniel Maslany**) as they tackle Toronto's toughest mysteries, from the serious and historic to the comical and unusual. Returning cast also include **Shanice Banton**, **Arwen Humphreys**, and **Siobhan Murphy**. Season 13 guest stars include **Colm Feore** (*The Umbrella Academy*, *House of Cards*) and **Claire Goose** (*The Coroner*, *Casualty*).

Yannick Bisson returns to the director's chair for a Season 13 episode. Other episodes will be directed by showrunner Peter Mitchell, Harvey Crossland, Gary Harvey, Mars Horodyski, Sherren Lee, Mina Shum, and Craig David Wallace. Season 13 episodes are written by Mitchell, Paul Aitken, Noelle Girard, Maureen Jennings, Simon McNabb, Mary Pedersen, and Dan Trotta.

"MURDOCH MYSTERIES continues to draw passionate audiences in Canada and around the world – a testament to the talented team in front of and behind the camera. We're thrilled to deliver more of the mysteries and characters viewers love as we head into production on our thirteenth season," said **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury / Executive Producer, MURDOCH MYSTERIES**.

One of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas, **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** (13 seasons; 207 total episodes – 204 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 150+ countries and territories including the U.S., U.K., France, Finland and China.

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, and recently relocated to historic Casa Loma in Toronto.

MURDOCH MYSTERIES is based on Maureen Jennings's popular Detective Murdoch series of novels and premiered in Canada in January 2008.

MURDOCH MYSTERIES is executive produced by Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Yannick Bisson, H  l  ne Joy, and Peter Mitchell, who also serves as showrunner, and produced by Stephen Montgomery and Julie Lacey. For CBC, Sally Catto is General Manager, Programming; Trish Williams is Executive Director, Scripted Content; Helen Asimakis is Senior Director, Drama, Scripted Content; and Nicole Mendes is Executive in Charge of Production. **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 IPF's COGECO Television Production Fund, the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit, and the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit. Shaftesbury Sales Company and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment hold worldwide distribution rights for the series.

Cast on Twitter: [@yannick_bisson](#), [@helene_joy](#), [@jollyharris](#), [@lachmeup](#), [@Daniel_Maslany](#), [@arwenhumphreys](#)

Murdoch Mysteries Series Social Channels:

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* Source: Numeris PPM TV, Total Canada, Total TV English Station Grouping, Sept. 17, 2018 to Apr. 7, 2019; Only includes regularly scheduled telecasts (3+ airings) 2+ AMA Confirmed Audience Data, generated by InfoSys+TV.

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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 Walmart, Interac, U by Kotex®, and RBC.

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Part of ITV PLC, which includes the UK's largest commercial broadcaster, ITV Studios Global Entertainment has offices in London, Hong Kong, Paris, Los Angeles and Sydney.

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