



MAKE NO BONES ABOUT IT: #1 CITYTV ORIGINAL SCRIPTED SERIES HUDSON & REX RENEWED FOR SEASON TWO

Season one episodes return June 13 on Citytv

TORONTO, May 30, 2019 – Shaftesbury and Pope Productions are thrilled to announce freshman hit series **HUDSON & REX** has been renewed for **season two** by **Citytv** (16 x 60), just six episodes into its 16-episode first season. **HUDSON & REX** is Citytv's highest-rated original scripted series since 2015, reaching more than 2.5M viewers during its first six debut episodes*. Season 1 of the series returns from a mid-season hiatus on **June 13**, with episodes moving to **Thursdays at 8 ET/PT** on **Citytv**.

"We are so thrilled that viewers have fallen in love with **HUDSON & REX** – what's not to love about a cop and a dog solving crimes in beautiful St. John's? It has been a delight to adapt the *Inspector Rex* format and build upon its worldwide success with our Canadian talent, in front of and behind the camera. We look forward to starting production on a second season and working together with our incredible partners at Rogers Media to continue growing this series and fandom," said **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury / Executive Producer, HUDSON & REX**.

Inspired by *Inspector Rex*, one of the most successful international television franchises airing for a total of 18 seasons in 125 countries, **HUDSON & REX** has been acquired by Italy's TV powerhouse RAI for primetime. Additional territory deals to be announced in the coming weeks.

HUDSON & REX is an action-packed police-procedural drama set in St. John's, Nfld. The series follows the partnership between cunning Major Crimes detective, Charlie Hudson (John Reardon; *Van Helsing, Continuum*), and his partner, Rex (canine Diesel vom Burgimwald), a German Shepherd with heightened senses and formerly with the K-9 police unit. Based on the Austrian drama *Inspector Rex*, **HUDSON & REX** also stars Mayko Nguyen (*Killjoys*) as Doctor Sarah Truong, Kevin Hanchard (*Orphan Black*) as Superintendent Joe Donovan and Justin Kelly (*Wynonna Earp*) as Tech Analyst Jesse Mills.

HUDSON & REX is produced by Shaftesbury and Pope Productions Ltd., in association with Citytv, a division of Rogers Media, and Beta Film GmbH. **HUDSON & REX** is executive produced by Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, and Ken Cuperus; co-executive producers are Derek Schreyer, John Callaghan, and Jessie Gabe. Paul Pope and Julie Lacey are producers. Friedemann Goetz and Oliver Bachert are executive producers for Beta Film GmbH. Produced with the participation of the Newfoundland and Labrador Film Development Corporation, the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit, and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. Beta Film GmbH holds worldwide distribution rights.

* Numeris: Citytv Total, Total Canada, AMA(000), Ind. 2+ - Consolidated; Total Canada, City Total, 3/25 – 4/29/2019

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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.

About Pope Productions

Pope Productions is a St. John's based media production company, helmed by producer Paul Pope. Recent features and MOWs include the CBC comedy *A Christmas Fury* and festival favourites *Hunting Pignut*, *Beat Down* and *Grown Up Movie Star*, which scored a Special Jury Prize at Sundance for Tatiana Maslany. Documentaries include *It's Mental*, *Heavy Weather Presents*, the multi award winning *My Left Breast*, *Legends and Lore of the North Atlantic* and *Going the Distance*. From the historical dramatic miniseries *Above and Beyond*, to the classic comedy *Rare Birds* and the outrageous series *Drunk and on Drugs: The Happy Funtime Hour*, Pope's rich repertoire reflects its deep commitment to a vibrant production industry both in Newfoundland and nationally.

About Citytv

Citytv offers viewers intensely-local, urban-oriented, and culturally-diverse content through its seven television stations in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, and Montreal, plus the award-winning Citytv Video app and Citytv NOW. A distinct alternative to other conventional television stations, Citytv delivers an entertaining mix of Canadian and acquired prime-time programming, news, and local-interactive formats with influential brands such as Cityline, CityNews, and Breakfast Television. Citytv is part of Rogers Media, which is a subsidiary of Rogers Communications Inc. (TSX, NYSE: RCI). Visit [Citytv.com](https://www.citytv.com).

About Beta Film

Beta Film based in Munich/Germany is one of Europe's leading distributors of licenses rights for TV, HV, new media and theatrical with a portfolio of over 15.000 hours of program and established itself as a producer and co-producer of national and international high end drama. While the *Beta Cinema* portfolio comprises many Academy Award-nominated and -winning films, *Kineos* is responsible for licensing German-language rights to 12,000 titles. In the classical-music domain, *Unitel* is the global leader in the production of audiovisual music recordings, with a film stock of around 1,500 productions. The corporate group also has stakes in several national and international production companies as well as special interest channels. Founded in 1959, Beta Film has been part of Jan Mojto's company group since 2004.

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