



## THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, SEE MURDOCH MYSTERIES ON THE BIG SCREEN

*Special advance screenings of Murdoch Mysteries: Home for the Holidays at Cineplex theatres across Canada on Saturday December 16*

*Home for the Holidays premieres Monday December 18 at 8/8:30 NT on CBC*

**TORONTO, ON – December 4, 2017 – Shaftesbury, CBC, and Cineplex Events** today announced advance screenings of *Murdoch Mysteries'* third annual holiday special, "**Home for the Holidays**", on **Saturday, December 16** across Canada. Free tickets for the special event screenings, taking place in 11 cities across Canada including Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Victoria, Winnipeg, and Halifax, **will be available Tuesday, December 5 at 12p.m. ET** via [Eventbrite](#). As a Cineplex Events exclusive, screenings of "Home for the Holidays" will feature additional footage with cast and crew.

"We are so fortunate to have such loyal fans. We frequently hear from our fans about how they've made friendships through the series; these screenings give fans across the country a chance to meet each other and celebrate the show and the holidays together. We are so pleased to work together with Cineplex and CBC to bring this year's holiday special to the big screen," said **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury / Executive Producer, Murdoch Mysteries.**

"We are excited to partner with Shaftesbury and Cineplex to offer Canadians these free advance screenings of the latest *Murdoch Mysteries* holiday special," said **Sally Catto, General Manager, Programming, CBC.** "Millions of viewers across the country have made it an annual tradition to watch the *Murdoch* holiday special on CBC each year, and we know that fans will enjoy coming together in their communities for this special event."

*Murdoch Mysteries: Home for the Holidays* premieres **Monday December 18 at 8/8:30 NT on CBC.** On Christmas Day, CBC will air a **marathon of the three Murdoch Mysteries holiday specials** back-to-back with "A Merry Murdoch Christmas" at 2/2:30 NT, "Once Upon a Murdoch Christmas" at 4/4:30 NT, and a re-broadcast of "Home for the Holidays" at 6/6:30 NT.

In "Home for the Holidays," Detective Murdoch (**Yannick Bisson**) and Dr. Ogden (**Hélène Joy**) travel to Victoria to visit Murdoch's brother, RCMP officer Jasper Linney (**Dylan Neal, Arrow, Cedar Cove**). There, they investigate a murder connected to an archaeologist (**Megan Follows, Reign, Heartland, World Without End**) who has uncovered an ancient Indigenous settlement, leading to a trek through the rugged beauty of British Columbia and encounters with the Songhees and Haida nations. Meanwhile, Inspector and Mrs. Brackenreid (**Thomas Craig, Arwen Humphreys**) are offered a surefire investment opportunity that may not be all it seems, and Constables Crabtree (**Jonny Harris**) and Higgins (**Lachlan Murdoch**) plan a ski chalet holiday with their gal pals Nina Bloom (**Erin Agostino**) and Ruth Newsome (**Siobhan Murphy**), but learn it may be more dangerous than expected. Also guest starring **Wayne Baker (Indian Horse, Blackstone)**, **Trevor Carroll (Strange Empire, Blackstone)**, **Simon R. Baker (Strange Empire, Into the West)**, **Jake Epstein (Designated Survivor, Deglassi: The Next Generation)**, and featuring cameos by **Jim Treliving (Dragon's Den)**, **Julie Nesrallah (Tempo)**, and **Sangita Patel (ET Canada)**. Haida/Cree artist [Kristi Lane Sinclair](#) served as consulting producer.

One of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas, *Murdoch Mysteries* (11 seasons; 168 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.

With millions of fans worldwide, *Murdoch Mysteries* also boasts one of the most engaged fan communities in the world, including almost 130,000 likes on [Facebook](#) and 146,000 followers for the series and its cast on [Twitter](#).

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, as well as a collection of customizable pendants and rings inspired by the series and its characters from [Jewlr.com](#). Series companion book [Investigating Murdoch Mysteries](#) was published in Canada, the U.S. and the UK by Titan Books in October 2015. Shaftesbury has also partnered with Segal on an exclusive line of series merchandise including a *Murdoch Mysteries* holiday ornament, beer stein, mugs, police notepad and chalkboard, and a global online store, [www.murdochworld.com](#), launched in April 2016.

*Murdoch Mysteries* has brought dozens of historical figures to life including Mark Twain, Helen Keller, Alexander Graham Bell, Nikola Tesla, Thomas Edison, Harry Houdini, Winston Churchill, Bat Masterson, and H.P Lovecraft, and featured more than 100 guest stars including William Shatner, Brendan Coyle, Ed Asner, Victor Garber, Colin Mochrie, Rémy Girard, David Hewlett, Tom McCamus, Mary Walsh, musician Alan Doyle, Samantha Bond, Leah Pinsent, Nicholas Campbell, Steven Ogg, former WWE star Jay Reso, *Dragons' Den* judges Arlene Dickinson and David Chilton, Canadian opera singer Measha Brueggergosman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario David C. Onley, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

*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.

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

***Murdoch Mysteries* Social Channels:**

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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 11 seasons of *Murdoch Mysteries* for CBC, UKTV, and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment, detective drama *Frankie Drake Mysteries* for CBC and UKTV, and two seasons of critically acclaimed thriller series *Slasher* for Netflix. Shaftesbury's digital arm produces original digital, convergent, and branded entertainment projects including the global phenomenon *Carmilla*, scripted comedy *Upstairs Amy* for Walmart and Interac®, supernatural drama *Inhuman Condition*, and the *Slasher VR* app for iOS, Android, and Oculus Rift. 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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