



## **MORE MYSTERIES TO COME AS SHAFTESBURY'S HIT PERIOD DRAMAS *MURDOCH MYSTERIES* AND *FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES* BOTH RENEWED**

**Station House No. 4 and the Drake Detective Agency are back in business with production commencing this spring**

**TORONTO, March 25, 2019** – #MysteryMondays will return in 2019, as **Shaftesbury** celebrates renewals announced today by **CBC** for Canada's #1 drama ***Murdoch Mysteries*** and top-rated ***Frankie Drake Mysteries*** for **season 13** (18 x 60) and **season three** (10 x 60), respectively. Production on both series will begin this spring.

Starring Canadian Screen Award nominee Yannick Bisson, ***Murdoch Mysteries*** is one of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas and 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 120 countries and territories including the U.S., U.K., France, Finland and China.

Season 12 of the series had each member of Station House No. 4 facing both professional and personal obstacles, with Murdoch (Bisson) and Dr. Ogden (Helene Joy, *Durham County*) working together on a ground-breaking book of forensic science, Brackenreid (Thomas Craig, *Coronation Street*) facing secrets from his past, Crabtree (Jonny Harris, *Still Standing*) facing a choice in his love life, and cases bringing the characters face to face with aliens, pirates, axe murderers and more. With guest appearances by *Downton Abbey's* Sophie McShera, comedian Colin Mochrie, French actress Louise Monot, and figure skating legend Elvis Stojko, Season 12 brought appearances by historical figures including Nikola Tesla, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Florence Nightingale Graham, a.k.a. Elizabeth Arden. Season 13 will see more mysteries to solve as we delve further into the characters fans have grown to know and love.

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

***Frankie Drake Mysteries*** stars Lauren Lee Smith (*The Shape of Water, The Listener*) as Frankie Drake, the private eye with the mysterious past, Chantel Riley (*Pearson, Wynonna Earp*) as Frankie's fearless and clever partner Trudy Clarke, and Canadian Screen Award nominees Rebecca Liddiard (*Alias Grace, Departure*) and Sharron Matthews (*Mean Girls, Odd Squad*) as keen police morality officer Mary Shaw and spirited morgue attendant Flo Chakowitz, respectively. Season two brought new cases and excitement to the characters' lives, including appearances by Frankie's occasional-con-woman mother, played by Wendy Crewson (*Saving Hope, On The Basis of Sex*). The second season also included guest stars Lara Jean Chorostecki (*Hannibal, Designated Survivor*), and British comedian Alan Davies (*Johnathan Creek, BBC QI*), and appearances by historical characters including Coco Chanel, mob boss Bessie Starkman, and civil rights leader Marcus Garvey.

Set in 1920s Toronto, **Frankie Drake Mysteries** follows the city's only female private detectives as they take on the cases the police don't want to touch. In a time of change and hopefulness, their gender is their biggest advantage as they defy expectations and rebel against convention. Their cases take them through every cross-section of Toronto, meeting people of all backgrounds and means, as well as historical characters, along the way. Frankie and Trudy's fearless sense of adventure gets them into all kinds of trouble, but they always manage to find a way out. They are new detectives for a new world – but is the world ready for them?

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

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