



THE WOMEN OF FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES JUMP BACK IN ACTION AS FILMING ON SEASON THREE BEGINS FOR CBC AND UKTV

TORONTO, May 16, 2019 – Shaftesbury today announced that production is underway on the **third season** of the award-winning drama series [FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES](#), for **CBC** and **UKTV**, distributed by **Kew Media Distribution**. A top-rated drama for CBC and **Alibi**, the 10 x one-hour episode third season of the hit series set in 1920s Toronto kicked off production with a shoot in London, U.K. in April; the series will film on location in Ontario through to the fall. The third season sees Frankie face a family secret while episodes bring her and the Drake Private Detectives team into the world of British aristocrats, illegal boxing, the supernatural, and political fundraisers.

“Audiences have fallen in love with the bold heroines of *Frankie Drake Mysteries*, and we are thrilled to be back in production on a third season. There will be more history, fashion, and action for our characters as they tackle murder, mystery, and mayhem on their cases – all the while toeing the line of society’s expectations of women. This is a series that has resonated with a global audience and garnered international award nominations since its first season – we look forward to continuing to tell these stories,” **Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury / Executive Producer, FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES.**

Nominated for “Best Debut Drama Series” at the 2018 Content Innovation Awards, **FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES** was nominated for five 2019 Canadian Screen Awards including Best Drama Series. One of CBC’s most-watched dramas since it first launched in Canada in 2017, the series launched on UKTV’s Alibi channel in January 2018 and season two remains one of Alibi’s top-performing shows of the year alongside Shaftesbury’s *Murdoch Mysteries*.

FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES stars **Lauren Lee Smith** (*The Shape of Water, The Listener*) as the private eye with a mysterious past, Frankie Drake; **Chantel Riley** (*Wynonna Earp, Pearson*) as Frankie’s fearless and clever partner, Trudy Clarke; **Rebecca Liddiard** (*Departure, Alias Grace*) as morality officer, Mary Shaw; and **Sharron Matthews** (*Mean Girls, Odd Squad*) as morgue attendant, Flo Chakowitz. Returning guest stars include **Wendy Crewson** (*The Detail, Slasher, Saving Hope*) as Frankie’s occasional-con-woman mother, Nora; and **Grace Lynn Kung** (*Mary Kills People, The Carmilla Movie, Star Trek: Discovery*) as café and speakeasy owner, Wendy Quon; new guest stars this season include **Honeysuckle Weeks** (*Foyle’s War, The Five*) as Agatha Christie.

Set in 1920s Toronto, **FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES** follows the city’s only female private detectives, Frankie Drake (Smith) and her partner Trudy Clarke (Riley) as they fight crime with the help of keen police morality officer Mary Shaw (Liddiard) and spirited morgue attendant Flo Chakowitz (Matthews). In a time of change and hopefulness, their gender is their biggest advantage as they defy expectations and rebel against convention. The Drake Private Detectives take on cases that explore every cross-section of Toronto, from gospel church choirs, bathing beauties and the early cinema scene, to the homes and private parties of the city’s elite. 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?

Created by Carol Hay and Michelle Ricci, **FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES** is executive produced by Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, and Carol Hay; Peter Mitchell also serves as showrunner. John Callaghan and Julie Lacey are co-executive producers, and Teresa Ho serves as producer.

A CBC original series, **FRANKIE DRAKE MYSTERIES** is developed and produced by Shaftesbury in association with CBC and UKTV, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund, the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit, and the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit. Kew Media Distribution is the global distributor of the series.

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Frankie Drake Mysteries Series Social Channels:

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Death in Paradise, Father Brown and Silent Witness. Plus, the original crime scene detective Doctor William Murdoch in the channel's popular co-production, *Murdoch Mysteries*.

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