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## **MURDOCH MYSTERIES MOVES TO A NEW HOME ON CBC TV** **Season 6 of the popular drama series greenlit by CBC**

TORONTO, Nov. 16, 2011 – CBC and leading producer Shaftesbury today announced that a sixth season of the popular one-hour drama series ***Murdoch Mysteries*** has been greenlit by CBC, with production targeted to commence in spring 2012. Drama channel Alibi in the UK and ITV Studios Global Entertainment will remain production partners on the new season of the internationally successful series, which has been sold in more than 100 countries.

Trevor Walton, Executive Director Scripted and Commissioned Programming at CBC said "We are delighted to welcome *Murdoch Mysteries* to the network. It is very exciting to have this much loved, quality, Canadian drama at the CBC. It complements our programming and continues our commitment to Canadian produced drama."

"With so many stories left to tell, we look forward to finally bringing *Murdoch Mysteries* to a national audience and growing our passionate fan base in partnership with the team at CBC," said Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury.

Based on Canadian author Maureen Jennings's popular *Detective Murdoch* novels set in late 1890s Toronto, ***Murdoch Mysteries*** explores the intriguing turn-of-the-century world of William Murdoch (Yannick Bisson), a detective who pioneers radical forensic techniques for the time in his quest to solve the city's crimes. Murdoch's colleagues are coroner Dr. Julia Ogden (Hélène Joy, *Durham County*), a staunch ally who shares the detective's fascination for forensic science; Constable George Crabtree (Jonny Harris, *Hatching, Matching, Dispatching*), Murdoch's eager but sometimes naïve right-hand man; and Inspector Brackenreid (Thomas Craig, *Coronation Street*), Murdoch's skeptical yet reluctantly supportive boss. ***Murdoch Mysteries*** has also featured a line up of prominent guest stars across five seasons including actors Gordon Pinsent and Victor Garber, opera singer Measha Brueggergosman, *Dragons' Den* mogul Arlene Dickinson and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Since 2003, *Murdoch Mysteries* has created more than 5000 jobs for actors, writers, directors, producers, crew, extras and technical and production services. ***Murdoch Mysteries*** was initially adapted for television as three made-for-TV films produced by Shaftesbury, which were broadcast in Canada in 2004 and 2005. Following the success of the three movies, the series premiered in 2008, and five seasons (65 hours) have been produced since that time. The series is shot in and around Toronto and Southern Ontario as well as additional locations across Canada including Dawson City and Ottawa, where season five will wrap production.

***Murdoch Mysteries*** is executive produced by Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie and Peter Mitchell; and produced by Jan Peter Meyboom, Julie Lacey and Stephen Montgomery. Season six of the series will be developed and produced by Shaftesbury in association with CBC, UKTV's Alibi and ITV Studios Global Entertainment.

## About CBC/Radio-Canada

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## About Shaftesbury:

Founded in 1987, Shaftesbury is an award-winning creator, producer and distributor of original content for television and multiple platforms, with programming available in more than 120 countries worldwide. Recent productions include three seasons of *The Listener* for CTV and Fox International Channels; five seasons of *Murdoch Mysteries* for Citytv, UKTV and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment; and two seasons of *Good Dog*, an irreverent comedy from acclaimed writer and producer Ken Finkleman (*The Newsroom*) for HBO Canada. Shaftesbury's slate of programming for kids and families includes the global hit series *Life with Derek* and the movie follow-up to the series, *Vacation with Derek*. Shaftesbury's divisions include Shaftesbury U.S., located in Los Angeles and focused on development for the U.S. market; Shaftesbury Factual, dedicated to non-fiction storytelling across a broad spectrum of genres; Smokebomb Entertainment, Shaftesbury's digital media branch responsible for the development and production of original multiplatform series and companion web experiences; and Shaftesbury Sales Company, which manages international sales and distribution for the company's content. [www.shaftesbury.ca](http://www.shaftesbury.ca)

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