



**SLASHER, WRITTEN AND CREATED BY AARON MARTIN,  
NOW AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX CANADA**

**Eight-part psychological thriller nominated for five Canadian Screen Awards including Best Series, Best Writing, Best Direction and Performance Nods for Steve Byers and Wendy Crewson**

**TORONTO, January 19, 2017** – Hot on the heels of its **five Canadian Screen Awards [nominations](#)**, the critically acclaimed psychological thriller **[Slasher is now available on Netflix Canada](#)**. The series has also been newly released on Netflix around the world including France, Italy, Australia and pan-regionally in Latin America and Asia, including Japan, and will be released in the U.K. and Germany this spring. Produced by **Shaftesbury**, the eight-part series is created and written by **Aaron Martin** (*Saving Hope, Being Erica, Deglassi: The Next Generation*) and features an all-star cast led by **Katie McGrath** (*Supergirl, Jurassic World, Merlin*), **Brandon Jay McLaren** (*Ransom, Graceland*), **Steve Byers** (*Reign, The Man in the High Castle*), **Dean McDermott** (*Ecstasy, CSI*), and **Wendy Crewson** (*Saving Hope, Revenge*).

“With *Slasher*, I wanted to tell a modern-day monster story – but instead of a mythological creature, the ‘monster’ in our series is all too human,” said **Aaron Martin, creator, writer and executive producer, *Slasher***. “Humans have a limitless propensity for good... and, sadly, for evil. *Slasher* is able to tap into a very deep well of the darker side of human nature, in the same way that one of my favourite authors, Agatha Christie, spent a lifetime writing about human crimes.”

*Slasher* is nominated for the following 2017 Canadian Screen Awards:

Best TV Movie or Limited Series

Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series - Aaron Martin

Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series - Craig David Wallace

Best Performance, Actor, Leading Role, Dramatic Program or Limited Series - Steve Byers

Best Performance, Actress, Featured Supporting Role, Dramatic Program or Series - Wendy Crewson

When Sarah Bennett returns to the small town where she was born – and where her parents were brutally murdered – she is determined to make a fresh start. But it’s not long before history starts to repeat itself, and she is plunged into the midst of a new, even bloodier mystery as the town of Waterbury is shaken by a series of horrifying copycat murders based on the brutal killing of her parents. As the grisly murders escalate and long-buried secrets are revealed, everyone is either a suspect...or a victim. Sarah finds herself questioning everything and everyone around her. When she uncovers some soul-shattering revelations about her own life, Sarah discovers that the truth may be more dangerous than any serial killer could ever be.

Additional *Slasher* cast include Mary Walsh (*This Hour Has 22 Minutes*), Euka Okuma (*How to Get Away With Murder, Rookie Blue*), Erin Karpluk (*Rookie Blue, Being Erica*), Patrick Garrow (*Pure, Killjoys*), Christopher Jacot (*Rogue, Eureka*), Mayko Nguyen (*Killjoys, Cracked*), Rob Stewart (*Incorporated, Killjoys, Suits*), Hannah Endicott-Douglas (*Good Witch*), Shawn Ahmed (*MsLabelled, Paranormal Investigators*), Jessica Sipos (*Dark Matter, UnREAL*), Jefferson Brown (*The Perfect Stalker, Rookie Blue*), Mark Ghanimé (*Reign, Helix*), Dylan Taylor (*Pure, Rogue, Covert Affairs*), Booth Savage (*Mr. D.*), Victoria Snow (*Taken, Cra\$h & Burn*), Sabrina Grdevich (*Kim’s Convenience, Skins*) and Rainbow Sun Francks (*Eyewitness, Murdoch Mysteries, The Listener*).

Developed and produced by Shaftesbury in association with NBCUniversal's Chiller, *Slasher* is written and created by Aaron Martin and directed by Craig David Wallace (*Todd and the Book of Pure Evil*). Aaron Martin, Christina Jennings and Scott Garvie are executive producers. Content Media Corporation is the distributor. *Slasher* is funded with the participation of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the COGECO Program Development Fund, the Bell Fund, Music and Film in Motion/Federal Government of Canada, the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit and the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit.

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Shaftesbury is an award-winning creator and producer of original content for television and digital platforms. Shaftesbury's slate includes 10 seasons of *Murdoch Mysteries* for CBC, UKTV, and ITV STUDIOS Global Entertainment; David Shore's *Houdini & Doyle* for Sony Pictures Television, Corus Entertainment, ITV, and Fox; thriller series *Slasher* for NBCUniversal's Chiller; and Kids' CBC series *The Moblees*. Shaftesbury's digital arm, Smokebomb Entertainment, produces original digital, convergent, and branded entertainment projects including the hit YouTube series *Carmilla*, funded by U by Kotex®; mystery series *V Morgan Is Dead*, brought to life by RBC; fashion comedy series *MsLabelled*, produced in partnership with Shaw Media and Tetley Tea; supernatural drama *Inhuman Condition*; and the *Slasher VR* app for iOS, Android, and Oculus Rift. In June 2014, Shaftesbury/Smokebomb launched shift2, a branded entertainment agency that drives profitable engagement with millennials using scripted series, turning brands into executive producers.

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