

# #1 Canadian drama *Murdoch Mysteries* renewed for Season 11

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Fan's Choice Winner, *Carmilla*'s Natasha Negovanlis, to guest star in new episode of *Murdoch Mysteries* tonight on CBC

**TORONTO, March 13, 2017** – As announced by **Shaftesbury CEO Christina Jennings** at last night's Canadian Screen Awards Broadcast Gala, Canada's #1 drama, ***Murdoch Mysteries***, has been renewed for Season 11. The series won a total of five CSAs including Best TV Movie and Best Writing for "A Merry Murdoch Christmas" and the Golden Screen Award for TV Drama or Comedy, given to the most-watched series based on data provided by Numeris.

"We are committed to creating great shows that people love to watch – and, just as importantly, building engaged audiences and fandoms. Both the Golden Screen Award and the fact that each of the Top 3 Fan's Choice nominees are part of our Shaftesbury/Smokebomb family are a testament to that commitment and our success," said Christina Jennings, Chairman & CEO, Shaftesbury/Smokebomb.

**Natasha Negovanlis**, star of ***Carmilla***, took home the Fan's Choice Award. *Carmilla* is a hit YouTube scripted series that puts a modern spin on the cult classic gothic vampire novella by Sheridan Le Fanu, available on Shaftesbury/Smokebomb and shift2's **KindaTV**. Funded by the U by Kotex® brand, three seasons of *Carmilla* have generated more than 55 million views, and a *Carmilla* feature-length film is entering production later this year for a 2017 release.

Negovanlis guest stars in tonight's episode of *Murdoch Mysteries*, "Hot Wheels of Thunder". In the episode, Murdoch's investigation into the death of a roller-skating champion takes him into a world of aggressive and ruthlessly competitive young women. The episode airs tonight at 8:00pm/8:30pm NT on CBC.

Season 10 concludes next week with “Hell to Pay”. In this explosive cliffhanger, the Station House No. 4 team find themselves embroiled in conspiracy and unforeseen danger. The action-packed season finale airs Monday, March 20 at 8pm/8:30pm NT on CBC.

Full list of *Murdoch Mysteries* CSA wins:

**Golden Screen Award for TV Drama or Comedy**

**Best TV Movie or Limited Series, “A Merry Murdoch Christmas”**

Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Peter Mitchell, Yannick Bisson, Julie Lacey, Stephen Montgomery

**Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series, “A Merry Murdoch Christmas”**

Michael McGowan

**Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series, “A Merry Murdoch Christmas”**

Peter Mitchell

**Best Original Music Score for a Program, “A Merry Murdoch Christmas”**

Robert Carli

One of Canada’s most successful and longest-running dramas, *Murdoch Mysteries* (11 seasons; 168 x one-hour episodes; 3 x two-hour specials) 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.

*Murdoch Mysteries* was initially adapted for television from Maureen Jennings’s popular Detective Murdoch series of novels as three made-for-TV films produced by Shaftesbury and broadcast in Canada in 2004 and 2005. The series first premiered in Canada in January 2008 and aired on Citytv for five seasons, before moving to CBC in September 2012.

*Murdoch Mysteries* is developed and produced by creator and producer 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.

### **About Shaftesbury/Smokebomb**

Shaftesbury is an award-winning creator and producer of original content for television and digital platforms. Shaftesbury's slate includes 11 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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