

Entertainment

Drama

The Border

The fast-paced, hard-driving action/drama series about the elite Immigration and Customs Security Unit (ICS) returns for a second hit season with riveting storylines reflective of current world issues. This season, Major Kessler (**James McGowan**) investigates stop-loss war deserters, pharmaceutical trafficking, oil exports, cross-border polygamist sects, the issue of Arctic sovereignty, and the changing relations between Canada and America during a national U.S. election year. Kessler and his team of elite security agents, including Gray (**Graham Abbey**) and Layla (**Nazneen Contractor**), will take on an American/Russian double agent and a mysterious MI6 agent, as well as other new characters who will raise the stakes for the entire ICS team.

As Major Kessler fights the good fight on the job, he also battles his own insecurities and conflicts at home. His personal life will be front and centre in the second season along with that of Layla and Gray. A breakout success after the first season debut, ***The Border*** has been licensed internationally in Belgium, Luxembourg and France. **James McGowan, Sofia Milos, Graham Abbey** and **Nazneen Contractor** return, along with supporting cast members **Jonas Chernick, Catherine Disher, Mark Wilson, Jim Codrington, Nigel Bennett** and **Sarah Gadon** as Kessler's daughter, Zoe.

The Border was created by Peter Raymont, the late Lindalee Tracey, Janet MacLean and Jeremy Hole. Consulting producer John Fawcett directs and Brian Dennis is the supervising producer. Creative producers and writers are MacLean and David Barlow, Denis McGrath and Sarah Dodd. It is a White Pine Pictures Production produced in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Coronation Street

Coronation Street, one of the world's most popular and longest-running soap operas, continues to be a huge hit with Canadian fans—and they have much to cheer about. The CBC has concluded a deal with Granada International, part of ITV Worldwide, to continue airing the long-running British drama series in Canada. In addition, Granada and the CBC will launch a dedicated ***Coronation Street*** website that will be available exclusively to Canadian viewers. The new online portal will provide access to IPTV catch-ups, interviews with the cast and a range of in-depth facts and information about the series.

The series telecasts Monday through Friday with an encore presentation of the week's episodes on Sunday mornings. It follows the lives of the residents of a typical street in Manchester in the North of England. Citizens of the working class

neighbourhood of Weatherfield continue to share their ups and downs, triumphs and tribulations and successes and failures at the Rovers Return Inn.

This season, among many story lines, romance is in the air. Are wedding bells in Liam's (**Rob James Collier**) future? Is Michelle (**Kym Ryder**) meant to be with Steve (**Simon Gregson**) and will Liz (**Beverley Collard**) re-unite with Jim (**Charles Lawson**) now that he is back in Weatherfield? And, what about Sarah's (**Tina O'Brien**) wedding? Will her brother David (**Jack P. Shepherd**) try and destroy her impending nuptials? Corrie fans are in for a frothy and exciting season!

Doctor Who

Hot on the heels of the acclaimed third series, **Doctor Who** returns for a fourth instalment with a familiar face alongside the Doctor (**David Tennant**). Award-winning comedienne **Catherine Tate** (*The Catherine Tate Show, Big Train*) returns as the Doctor's new companion, revisiting her role as Donna Noble. She was featured in the 2006 Christmas special **The Runaway Bride**, mysteriously vanishing as she prepared to marry her boyfriend in a glittering ceremony on Christmas Eve. She reappeared, much to her astonishment, in the Tardis with the Doctor. The episode ended with the Doctor inviting Donna to travel with him—an invitation that, at the time, was declined...

Martha Jones, (**Freema Agyeman**), who left the Doctor at the end of series three to break the unrequited circle of love she felt for him, also returns to the Doctor's side mid-way through the season, setting up an intriguing love triangle.

Season four promises more thrilling adventures, scary monsters and a whole host of guest stars.

Heartland

The Sunday night family-audience hit series about life on a horse ranch returns for another 18-episode season. With a balance of comedy and drama, adventure and romance, set against the stunning vistas of the foothills of the Alberta Rocky Mountains, the series tells real stories about real people, people who the audience has grown to love and welcome into their homes.

Amy (**Amber Marshall**) continues to keep her mother's dream alive by healing abused and neglected horses, but life gets complicated when Ty returns after four months to find a new stable hand has taken his place, both at Heartland and maybe even in Amy's heart. Amy's sister Lou (**Michelle Morgan**) and local vet Scott (**Nathaniel Arcand**) continue to flirt with emotions from the past, but Lou's true love is her new business venture, an Equine Corporate Retreat, or as the others less than affectionately call it, the Dude Ranch. **Shaun Johnston** returns as Jack Bartlett, the rock of Heartland who quietly holds everything together.

And he has his job cut out for him as the family struggles to find a place in their life for Amy and Lou's estranged father Tim (**Chris Potter**). The series will also expand to give a glimpse into the exciting arena of professional rodeo and the exclusive, moneyed world of Polo.

Heartland was recently honoured as Best Dramatic Series at the 2008 Rosies (The Alberta Film & Television Awards). It is adapted from Lauren Brooke's best-selling *Heartland* novels, a series of 21 books created in the UK by Working Partners and published by Scholastic Inc. Over 6.5 million copies have been sold worldwide.

Heartland is helmed by show-runner Heather Conkie. Executive Producers are Michael Weinberg of Olympia Films and Tom Cox and Jordy Randall of Seven24 Films. Produced by Tina Grewal.

Heartland is available in HD.

The Tudors

After a wildly successful first season of critical and audience acclaim, **The Tudors** ramps up the palace intrigue and dramatic tension in its second season. **Jonathan Rhys Meyers** returns as King Henry VIII, a role that gained him international kudos including a 2008 Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series.

Season Two portrays one of the world's most famous and controversial marriages: that of Henry VIII to his second wife, the ambitious and alluring Anne Boleyn (**Natalie Dormer**). The King's forbidden passion for Anne leads him to change the course of world history forever.

Henry is frustrated at every turn by the Vatican in his bid to annul his marriage to Katherine of Aragon (**Maria Doyle Kennedy**) and marry the younger Anne. His motives are multiple—part vanity, part sexual desire, part bold individualism—but they centre on one unshakable ambition: to father a son and heir to the Tudor dynasty. Henry takes on the Catholic Church and initiates an unthinkable break with Rome. Respected “man for all seasons” Thomas More (**Jeremy Northam**) refuses to accept Henry's new self-appointed role as Supreme Head of the Church of England and pays a heady price. Anne, meanwhile, discovers that being Queen is a dangerous game of power, politics and sex... one she cannot afford to lose.

Legendary actor **Peter O'Toole** (*Lawrence of Arabia, Venus*) takes on the formidable role of Henry's Papal nemesis. Genie Award-nominated actor **David Alpay** (*Ararat, Slings and Arrows*) also joins the cast as musician Mark Seaton, confidante to Anne Boleyn and perhaps more. Other new Canadian actors this season include **James Gilbert** as William Brereton, and **Krystin Pellerin** as

Elizabeth Darrell. **Henry Cavill** returns as Charles Brandon while **Anita Briem** introduces Jane Seymour.

Celebrated Canadian director **Jeremy Podeswa** (*Six Feet Under*, *Dexter*, *Fugitive Pieces*) helms the season's first two episodes. Additional directors include **Colm McCarthy**, **Ciaran Donnelly**, **Dearbhla Walsh** and **Jon Amiel**.

The Tudors is an Ireland-Canada co-production produced in association with Showtime Networks and Peace Arch Entertainment. It is executive produced by Morgan O'Sullivan; Benjamin Silverman and Teri Weinberg for Reveille Productions; Eric Fellner and Tim Bevan for Working Title Films, and Sheila Hockin. It is created, written and executive produced by Michael Hirst.

Comedy

Royal Canadian Air Farce

Canada's longest-running weekly comedy series launches its farewell Tour de Farce on Friday, Oct. 5, 2008, and wraps up with the series finale New Year's Eve Special, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008—capping 16 years on CBC Television, and marking 35 years since the troupe's debut on CBC Radio.

Headline humour, comic commentary and current characters continue to be Air Farce's key attraction. In addition, special guests and featured flashback clips will celebrate the countdown to the Farce's farewell. The original cast of Roger Abbott, Don Ferguson and Luba Goy and newer stars Jessica Holmes, Craig Lauzon, Alan Park and Penelope Corrin will return, along with a quirky Farce Film each week.

Royal Canadian Air Farce is available in HD and 5.1 surround sound.

Little Mosque on the Prairie

The world-renowned comedy series **Little Mosque on the Prairie** is back with the original cast and 20 new episodes. The third season continues its light-hearted look into the lives of the beloved characters of the town of Mercy with storylines that reflect current events and everyday occurrences.

This season love and romance abound in the Muslim community of Mercy. Yasir and Sarah (**Carlo Rota** and **Sheila McCarthy**) have big dreams for their daughter's betrothal as does our handsome newcomer, JJ (**Stephen Lobo**) and Amaar (**Zaib Shaikh**), the mosque's conflicted Imam.

Baber takes a plunge into the dating world with the "help" of his daughter Layla (**Aliza Vellani**) and the Internet.

Meanwhile, Fred (**Neil Crone**) is still rabbleroxing at every opportunity, including an attempt to topple his archrival, the fun loving Mayor Popowicz (**Debra McGrath**). At her diner, Fatima (**Arlene Duncan**) dishes out spicy curry and strong opinions to the whole town, while Reverend Magee (**Derek McGrath**) continues to try to figure out where Christianity and Islam converge.

Little Mosque on the Prairie is created by Zarqa Nawaz. Producers are Colin Brunton and Michael Snook. Executive producers are Mary Darling and Clark Donnelly. Co-executive producers are Al Magee and Robert Sheridan. It is a production of WestWind Pictures in association with CBC Television

Rick Mercer Report

Golfing with Anne Murray, leaf-pressing with Conrad Black, braving the rapids with Bob Rae, book-selling with Jean Chretien, kite-skiing in Quebec, riding with our Olympic team, mushing in a dog-sled derby, ice racing on Lake Superior, taking a Polar Bear dip in Lake Ontario, diving in a mini-submarine, test-driving a made-in-Canada electric car, and practicing with Toronto's FC soccer team -- that's just a fragment of Rick Mercer's agenda last season. He's back for a new season of ***Rick Mercer Report*** with all the surprises, entertainment, and humour that audiences have come to relish when Canada's top political satirist is at the helm.

In season six of ***Rick Mercer Report***, the host will once again take audiences on weekly jaunts across Canada as he meets famous, controversial, or just down-home people and joins them in their jobs, hobbies, or other feats. Mercer won't hesitate to partake in some of the oddest or most risky ventures, check in with special events on university campuses or sally up to newsmakers. Expect parodies of television commercial campaigns, names from the news who will be skewered on The Front Page, and, of course, Rick's weekly rant. It's all part of the fast-paced, singular show that has become a weekly staple for more than a million viewers every week.

Sophie

Sophie is a contemporary comedy about a single mother trying to balance work, friends and motherhood. While her work life is going well, her private life falls apart. When she meets someone with whom she can have a relationship, the demands of the rest of her life get in the way. Somehow, through it all, Sophie (**Natalie Brown**) manages to hold it together enough to pay her bills, spend time with her friends, and feed the baby. But wait... she did remember to feed the baby, right?

In its debut season, viewers were introduced to a very pregnant Sophie and an eccentric psychic who told her that she was in for the worst year of her life. Subsequently, she found out that her fiancé and business partner, Rick

(**Sebastian Spence**), was having an affair with her best friend and best client, Melissa (**Amy Lalonde**), and that her baby, whom she believed to be Rick's child, was not. The season ended with a cliff-hanger when Andre (**Lyriq Bent**), the mystery man from New York, surprised Sophie with a visit and she in turn surprised him with the news that he is the father of her baby.

If last year was the worst year of Sophie's life, this year will be her most challenging. Through it all, she is going to do her best to be a better mother to Robbie, a better boss to Bridget (**Catherine Bérubé**), a better daughter to Judith (**Mimi Kuzyk**), and a better friend to Matt (**Jeff Geddis**). But there's only so much a girl can do. This season, Sophie will be faced with the toughest decisions of her life as she grapples with her feelings for Andre—the perfect man, whom she knows nothing about. Will he stay with Sophie? Will she go back with him to New York? Will their child keep them together?

The stellar cast also includes **Sara Botsford** as Estelle, Sophie's late father's mistress, and **Chantelle Chung** as Estelle's adopted teenage daughter Ophelia.

Co-executive creative consultants are Howard Busgang and Howard Nemetz. Executive producer is Jocelyn Deschênes. **Sophie** is a production of Sphère Média Plus in association with CBC Television.

This Hour Has 22 Minutes

The award-winning hit comedy series ***This Hour Has 22 Minutes*** returns to CBC Television for a 16th season with favourite cast members **Gavin Crawford**, **Mark Critch**, **Geri Hall** and **Cathy Jones**.

This Hour Has 22 Minutes features the social commentaries of **Mrs. Enid**, political analyses of **Rex Murphy**, adolescent insights of teen-correspondent **Mark Jackson** and the adventures of our roving correspondent **Nathan Fielder**. Armed with satire, ambush, sketch comedy and parody, **22 Minutes** has been a long time favourite of CBC viewers.

This Hour Has 22 Minutes is produced by Halifax Film, a DHX Media company in association with CBC Television.

Movies and Miniseries

Céline

Céline is about the power of a dream, chronicling the rise to fame of the world's greatest pop star as it tells the unforgettable love story of one of the most compelling celebrity couples of all time.

The youngest of 14 children, young Céline Dion grows up in a working class family in Charlemagne, Québec. The Dion family is blessed with musical talent and Céline, though an awkward young girl, has a voice that shines. By the age of 12, Céline is the star attraction at her parents' pub, The Old Barrel. When the pub burns down, Céline is doubly devastated. Her family has lost its livelihood, and she has lost her stage.

The Dion family decides to pursue Céline's dream of becoming a professional singer. Her mother and her brother make a demo tape and send it to René Angélil, the Montreal talent wrangler who manages Quebec superstars Ginette Reno and René Simard. Overwhelmed by Céline's talent, René, a born gambler, risks everything to get the little girl with the grown-up voice the fame and fortune he believes she deserves.

Starring in this brand new biopic, which includes performances of some of Céline Dion's most memorable songs, are **Christine Ghawi** (*The Rise of the Ghosts, Flamoussé!*) as Céline, **Enrico Colantoni** (*Veronica Mars, Just Shoot Me*) as René, **Jodelle Ferland** (*Tideland, Kingdom Hospital*) as the young Céline, **Louise Pitre** (*MVP, Mamma Mia!*) as Thérèse Dion and **Peter MacNeill** (*A History of Violence, Queer as Folk*) as Adhémar Dion.

Céline is written by Donald Martin and directed by Jeff Woolnough. It is produced by Tashi Bieler; executive producers are Laszlo Barna and Steven Silver. It is a Barna-Alper production.

Everest

In October 1982, Laurie Skreslet and Pat Morrow became the first Canadians to set foot on the highest point on earth—the summit of Mount Everest. Now, a quarter of a century later, their story has been recreated in the four-hour miniseries **Everest**.

Filmed in the Rocky Mountains, in and around Calgary and Nepal, Jason **Priestley** (*Don't Cry Now, A Side Order of Life*), **Leslie Hope** (*Never Back Down, 24*) and **William Shatner** (*Star Trek, Boston Legal*) headline an ensemble cast, telling the drama, tragedy and triumph of that 1982 expedition. The journey was the first Everest summit attempt by climbers ever to be broadcast live via satellite.

Eric Johnson (*Smallville, Flash Gordon*) stars as Laurie Skreslet, **Gord Rand** (*Mayerthorpe, Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye*) as Pat Morrow, **John Pyper-Ferguson** (*Brothers & Sisters, Highlander*) as Roger Marshall, **Vincent Gale** (*Last Wedding, Firewall*) as John Amatt and **Zachary Bennett** (*The Border, Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion*) as Blair Griffiths.

Everest is written by Keith Ross Leckie (***Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion***, *The Arrow*) and directed by Graeme Campbell (*Instant Star*, *The Eleventh Hour*). It is produced by Heather Haldane and Randy Bradshaw. Executive producers are Mary Young Leckie and Jason Lee. ***Everest*** is produced by Toronto-based Screen Door Productions and Calgary-based Alberta Filmworks in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

The Flood

A raging storm and high seas unleash a colossal surge, which travels mercilessly down England's East Coast and into the River Thames. Overwhelming the city's flood defences, torrents of water pour into the city. The lives of millions of Londoners are at stake. Top marine engineers and barrier experts Rob (**Robert Carlyle**, *Human Trafficking*), his ex-wife Sam (**Jessalyn Gilsig**, *Nip/Tuck*) and his father Leonard Morrison (**Tom Courtenay**, *Doctor Zhivago*), have only a few hours to save the city from total devastation.

The Flood, Tony Mitchell's feature film directorial debut, is produced by Power's Justin Bodle and independent producer Peter McAleese. Co-producers are Michael Prupas of Muse Entertainment and Philip Key and Genevieve Hofmeyr of Moonlighting Films. It is a co-production between Power (UK), Moonlighting Films (South Africa) and Muse Entertainment Enterprises.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Harry (**Daniel Radcliffe**) must contend with being mysteriously selected to compete in the prestigious Triwizard Tournament, a thrilling international competition that pits him against older and more experienced students from Hogwarts and two rival European wizarding schools.

Meanwhile, supporters of Harry's nemesis, the evil Lord Voldemort (**Ralph Fiennes**), send a shockwave of fear throughout the wizard community when their Dark Mark scorches the sky at the Quidditch World Cup, signalling Voldemort's return to power. But for Harry, this is not the only harrowing news causing him anxiety...he still has yet to find a date for Hogwarts' Yule Ball dance.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Captain Jack Sparrow (**Johnny Depp**) is doomed to an afterlife of eternal servitude and damnation if he can't find his way out of a debt to the legendary Davey Jones, ruler of the ocean depths and captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. While trying to work his way out of this problem, Sparrow throws a wrench into the wedding plans of Will Turner (**Orlando Bloom**) and Elizabeth Swann (**Keira Knightley**). The young couple comes to his aid, joining him on the high seas.

The Rocket

Maurice Richard (**Roy Dupuis**, *Shake Hands with the Devil*), a shy and self-conscious 17 year-old, has one thing on his mind: playing hockey. Each night, after spending his days working hard at the factory, he laces up his skates and gives it his all on the ice in pursuit of his dream—to become a national hockey league player.

More than his talent and agility, it is his burning passion that will propel him into the hockey hall of fame. Dick Irnin, coach of the Canadiens Hockey Club, knows how to capitalize on this profound obsession to win and will push Maurice to become a true scoring machine. Throughout the seasons, Maurice will surpass numerous records and each one of his exploits will resonate in the hearts and souls of French Canadians. In the process and against his wishes, he is heralded a hero for generations to come.

The Rocket is directed by Charles Binamé. Daniel Louis and Denise Robert are the producers of this Alliance Atlantis film.

Arts, Performance and Variety

Canadian Country Music Awards

The annual **Canadian Country Music Awards** (the CCMAs) celebrate the best in country music. The awards honour singers, writers, musicians, producers and the behind-the-scenes experts who have contributed to the flourishing Canadian country music scene. The star-studded gala pays tribute to, and features performances by the best country artists in the nation. The 2008 gala will be broadcast live from the MTS Centre in Winnipeg, Man., Monday, Sept. 8.

Stars on Ice 2008

Where else can you see this many champions on the ice at one time? A veritable who's who of top Canadian and international skating stars perform on the **2008 Stars on Ice**. Freshly-minted World Champion, Canada's own Jeffrey Buttle is joined by four-time World Champion Kurt Browning who brings his unique style and charm. New parents and 2002 Olympic Gold Medallists, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier are joined by American Gold Medallist and Olympic Silver Medallist Sasha Cohen.

Holiday Programming

Dr. Seuss: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

A classic holiday story that has captivated generations of readers, **Dr. Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas!*** comes to life starring **Jim Carrey** as The Grinch. In a teeny tiny land located inside a snowflake, residents of Whoville cherish Christmas. But lurking outside, The Grinch is scheming to ruin this special day. In the wild world of Dr. Seuss with a wacky cast of characters, The Grinch comes to learn that not even his evil ways can prevail over the spirit of Christmas.

Elf

In **Elf**, baby Buddy (**Will Ferrell**) is mistakenly stowed away in one of Santa's Christmas sacks, making his way to the North Pole to be raised by elves. In a search of his real father, Buddy journeys through New York City spreading laughter, hilarity and, of course, the true spirit of Christmas. Even Buddy's father, a modern day Scrooge, cannot resist the joys of the holiday season now that he has met his new elf son.

Frosty Returns

In a plight to save winter in the town of Beansboro, young Holly is joined by Frosty the Snowman in a celebration of the snowy season. They go head-to-head with Mr. Twitchell and his "Summer Wheeze" aerosol spray that instantly makes snow disappear. **Frosty Returns** will have everyone praising the joys of the Christmas season.

Frosty the Snowman

Everyone's favourite snowman and the magical hat that brings him to life return for the winter season. Enchanted with **Frosty the Snowman**, a young girl does everything she can to keep Frosty alive. Unknowingly chased by the magician who owns Frosty's special top hat, the pair *thumpety thump thump* along, sharing the joys of friendship in an animated winter adventure.

It's a Wonderful Life

No holiday season is complete without **It's A Wonderful Life**. This 1946 classic follows George Bailey (**James Stewart**) on Christmas Eve as his guardian angel Clarence (**Henry Clavers**) reveals what the town of Bedford Falls would be like without his generous spirit. In this inspirational film, George discovers the joys of giving to one's family, friends and community. Seeing how he makes a positive difference in the world, George believes that his truly is a wonderful life.

The Little Drummer Boy

Based on the legendary Christmas song of a poor boy's precious gift to baby Jesus, the animated film ***The Little Drummer Boy*** follows Aaron as he overcomes despair and follows a star to meet the newborn king. The power of music and the spirit of giving bring Aaron happiness in this Christmas tale.

Merry Christmas Mr. Bean

The spectacularly accident-prone Mr. Bean (**Rowan Atkinson**) embraces the holiday spirit—and nearly crushes it to death—in this 30-minute comedy special, comprised of three interrelated sketches. In "Christmas Shopping," Bean purchases a balky string of tree lights before making a shambles of a department store toy section; in "Christmas Eve," he manages to acquire a free turkey and a free tree and then attempts to conduct a Salvation Army band; and in "Christmas Dinner," Bean has quite a surprise in store for his long-suffering girlfriend.

Miracle on 34th Street

Will the real Santa Claus please stand up? Set in mid-twentieth century New York City, Kris Kringle (**Edmund Gwenn**) is hired to be Santa in Macy's flagship store on 34th Street. His warm heart convinces many, including six-year-old Susan (**Natalie Wood**), that Santa may actually exist. While some want Kris committed to a mental hospital, others see his promotional value for the business. The truth is that believing in Santa can be the most precious gift of all.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Chevy Chase is joined by an all-star cast featuring **Julia Louis-Dreyfus**, **Randy Quaid**, **Juliette Lewis**, **Beverly D'Angelo**, **Dianne Ladd** and **Doris Roberts** for a hilarious holiday calamity, Griswold style. In ***National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation***, the Christmas spirit is driving Clark Wilhelm Griswold, Jr. (**Chevy Chase**) to extremes. With the entire family, including his unruly cousins, at the house, Clark battles against a runaway squirrel, a stingy boss and snotty neighbours in his quest for the perfect Christmas.

Polar Express

For any disbelievers in the true spirit of Christmas, ***The Polar Express*** arrives just in time for the holidays. On a pajama-clad ride directly to the North Pole, a doubting boy discovers the meaning of Christmas and the joys of the season. Escorted on his adventure by an all-knowing train conductor (voice of **Tom Hanks**), this child receives an extraordinary gift that only those who still believe in Santa Claus can experience.

Polar Express is based on the classic Christmas story by Chris Von Allsburg.

Ron James New Year's Eve Special – *Manitoba Bound*

Other than knowing this is the province The Guess Who and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers hail from, most Canadians could tell you more about the mountains on Mars than Manitoba. In ***Manitoba Bound***, airing on New Year's Eve, it's what they *don't* know about Manitoba that makes this show so interesting.

Capitalizing on the critical and ratings success of last year's *Back Home*, **Ron James** returns with a fifth national special. The one-hour show incorporates road-tested comedic observations on everything from eco-conscious composting to mid-life moose encounters. James' own customized material embraces the mythology of a province where ghosts of history sing a bittersweet soul note from Winnipeg street corners to fur trade forts of Hudson Bay. It's about a hard luck place that refused to buckle under when progress passed them by. It's about how eight months of winter and four of mosquitoes can sire a desire in artists to pull gold from straw with an alchemist's zeal. It's about a place perpetually stuck in the middle with answers to its future lying neither east nor west but in itself.

Royal Canadian Air Farce – New Year's Eve Special (Series Finale)

Canada's longest-running weekly comedy series ends with a bang on the series finale New Year's Eve Special, airing Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008.

Along with headline humour, comic commentary and current characters, be prepared for surprises and laughs befitting the culmination and celebration of the troupe's 16 years on CBC Television and also marking the 35 years since the troupe's debut on CBC Radio.

Air Farce is available in HD and 5.1 surround sound.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Animated)

Join Santa's ninth reindeer in an animated adventure like no other. ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*** follows Rudy and his glowing nose after he is kicked out of the reindeer games. Never alone, Rudolph meets a cast of characters including Hermey the elf, Yukon Cornelius the prospector, and the Abominable Snowman. Rudolph discovers the heart of Christmas when he returns to the North Pole and leads Santa's team out of the fog into the Christmas Eve skies.

The Santa Clause

Fearing his six-year-old son may no longer believe in Santa Claus, divorced father Scott Calvin (**Tim Allen**) attempts to rekindle the spirit of St. Nick in his son. But he goes too far when he finds himself contractually bound to become Santa himself. After a voyage down chimneys around the world, Scott's unexpected weight gain and suddenly white beard leave him wondering: how will he keep this Christmas secret from his disbelieving family?

The Santa Clause 2

It's been eight years since Scott Calvin (**Tim Allen**) took on a secret identity as Santa Claus. The North Pole is humming with happy elves and proud reindeer. But there are two major problems—Scott's son has landed on the naughty list and Mr. Claus needs a Mrs. Claus before he loses his belly and his white hair. Heading south, Scott must take care of his family situation so that Christmas won't be ruined for children around the world.

The Secret of the Nutcracker

Based on the Christmas classic, *The Secret of the Nutcracker* is a dramatic retelling of the imagination of a young girl, Clara, and her adventures with a toy Nutcracker. Directed by Eric Till, with a distinguished cast headed by Brian Cox (*Match Point*, *Deadwood*) and members of Ballet Alberta, this new version takes place during the Second World War. Clara lives with her mother and brothers in the sleepy town of Snowy Valley, and as they prepare for Christmas, she longs for her absent father, who is languishing in a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

A spectacular Christmas movie for the whole family, *The Secret of the Nutcracker* is set to the music of Tchaikovsky and is presented in HD.

The Wonderful World of Disney

Bridge to Terabithia

From the producers of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* comes a fantasy adventure of friendship, family and the power of imagination.

Jess Aarons (**Josh Hutcherson**) is an outsider at school and at home. Leslie Burke (**Annasophia Robb**, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) is the new girl at middle school. These two outsiders quickly become best friends as Leslie opens a new world of imagination for Jess and together they create the secret kingdom of Terabithia, a magical place only accessible by swinging on an old rope over a

stream. It is there that the friends rule the kingdom, fight the Dark Master and his creatures and plot against the school bullies.

Eloise and the Plaza

Hollywood legend **Julie Andrews** stars in this two-hour movie based on the best-selling illustrated children's books written by the late Kay Thompson. One of the most adored and recognizable characters in children's literature, Eloise (**Sofia Vassilieva**) comes to life in this action film. **Andrews** plays Nanny, the "rawther" British guardian to Eloise, the precocious but lovable six-year-old resident of New York's Plaza Hotel. Eloise endlessly roams the landmark in search of adventure along with her pug dog Weenie and turtle Skipperdee, causing mischief and mayhem and dragging the beleaguered Nanny along for the ride!

Invincible

Invincible is inspired by the true story of a man with nothing to lose who defied the staggering odds to make his dream come true. When the coach (**Dick Vermeil**) of Vince Papale's (**Mark Wahlberg**) beloved hometown football team held an unprecedented open tryout, the public consensus was that it was a waste of time—no one good enough to play professional football was going to be found this way. A man like Papale, a down-on-his-luck, 30 year-old substitute teacher and part-time bartender who never even played college football, was certainly not cut out for a football career. But against these odds, Papale made the team and soon found himself living every fan's fantasy and moving from his cheap seats in the upper deck to standing on the field as a professional football player.

Nancy Drew

Charming and beloved sleuth Nancy Drew (**Maggie Lawson**, *Model Behaviour*) heads off to Riverdale University with a major in journalism and a natural curiosity. Armed with confidence, charisma and her signature great fashion sense, the young detective seeks the coveted freshman spot on the student newspaper. When she is tipped-off to a possible conspiracy involving a revered football coach and performance-enhancing drugs, Nancy jumps at the chance to put her sleuthing skills to work. Though her investigation puts her academic career in jeopardy, Nancy is not about to give up a chance for a good story... or justice.

The Pacifier

In this family-friendly comedy from Walt Disney Pictures, a tough guy in the American military faces a challenge that he may not be up for—looking after four kids in soccer-mom suburbia. Shane Wolf (**Vin Diesel**) was assigned to protect a scientist working on a top-secret defence project for the government, but despite his efforts, an assassin slipped past him and murdered the man he was guarding.

The inventor's project is still being stored in his home, and as a result, Wolf has been stationed in the scientist's home with his widow Julie (**Faith Ford**) and her four children, Zoe (**Brittany Snow**, *Nip/Tuck*), Seth (**Max Thieriot**, *Nancy Drew*), Lulu (**Morgan York**, *Hannah Montana*) and baby Peter (**Kegan Hoover**, *Queer as Folk* and **Logan Hoover**). Wolf has served in some of the most dangerous places on Earth, but he soon discovers that keeping a child's hunger at bay is sometimes as strenuous as fighting off the enemies.

Stick It

After a run-in with the law, rebellious 17-year-old Haley Graham (**Missy Peregrin**, *Heroes*) is forced to attend an elite gymnastics academy run by legendary hard-nosed coach Burt Vickerman (**Jeff Bridges**). Haley's rebellious spirit and quick-witted banter quickly shake things up at the strict school, making her both close friends and bitter foes along the way. She surprises herself as she discovers an unexpected ally in the form of her new coach, and learns respect is a two-way street. Haley, Vickerman and a group of his elite athletes band together to partake in a major championship and prove that loyalty, friendships and team spirit matter more than rules, judges or scores.

Factual Entertainment

Canadian Antiques Roadshow

Canadian Antiques Roadshow, with host **Valerie Pringle** (*Midday, Canada AM*), returns with all new episodes. The popular series offers Canadians a rare opportunity to have their most prized possessions evaluated by some of the nation's top appraisers. From thrift store finds to family heirlooms, and from coast to coast, Canadian people share the stories behind their objects, reflecting our diverse and multi-textured culture. Ultimately, the treasure trove of Canadian stories is as important as the appraisals themselves.

Dragons' Den

The wildly popular series **Dragons' Den** heats up for the third season with 10 new one-hour episodes and a daring new dragon.

W. Brett Wilson, co-founder and non-executive chairman of Calgary based FirstEnergy Capital Corp., joins the panel of ruthless tycoons – the Dragons. Is this philanthropic playboy willing to donate his cash for the next “big idea”?

Dragons' Den lets cash hungry entrepreneurs face off against the Dragons to try to seal a deal that could make their wildest business dreams come true. The prize is cold, hard cash—real investment from the Dragons' own coffers. The fire-breathing, business savvy people with the power to make entrepreneurial dreams

come true are the ruthless **Kevin O’Leary**, the sensitive **Robert Herjavec**, cowboy **Jim Treliving**, and marketing maven **Arlene Dickinson**.

But this is not a game of chance—the contestants will need all their powers of persuasion, insight, and business acumen to convince our five cut-throat investors that theirs is an idea worth investing in. The Dragons know a good investment when they see one—it’s up to the contestants to make their best case for the cash or they’ll walk away with nothing but shattered egos and failed entrepreneurial dreams.

CBC Television’s **Dianne Buckner** returns to host the series.

Fashion File

Fashion File host **Adrian Mainella** dives into the international fashion scene bringing viewers the hottest trends, reviews and interviews from the catwalk to the sidewalk. From the runways of New York, Paris, London and Milan, to the biggest designers, models and couture houses in the world, **Fashion File** is an up-to-the-minute, behind-the-scenes look at the latest and hottest news in the world of international fashion and celebrity style. Each week viewers see the latest collections, the coolest places, and the most beautiful new faces on the scene. **Fashion File** also breaks down the biggest runway trends, highlights the must-haves for the season and provides useful shopping and dressing tips for the real world.

The Hour

Hosted by **George Stroumboulopoulos**, **The Hour** returns for its fifth season, weeknights at 11 p.m. on CBC Television.

Canada's only late night talk show, **The Hour** is unlike any other program on television. It delivers an unconventional, never predictable connection to the world and those making the headlines - all served up in **George’s** unique style.

The Hour has featured some of the most influential newsmakers and hottest celebrities on the planet: from big thinkers like; Al Gore, Naomi Klein and Deepak Chopra, to establishment shakers like; Sir Richard Branson, Jane Goodall and Bono, even world-renowned musicians; Coldplay, Foo Fighters, Kid Rock, Sheryl Crow and Michael Bublé. Throw in a bunch of A-list actors; Samuel L. Jackson, Ricky Gervais, Ryan Reynolds, Jenny McCarthy and Matt Damon. Add some international politicians and policy makers; the former Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chrétien, the former President of Mexico, Vicente Fox and NATO spokesperson James Appathurai into the mix, and you have incredible, in-depth conversations you're not going to see anywhere else on TV.

The Hour is the most successful multi-platform show and the most popular show

site at the CBC. iTunes voted **The Hour**, the Top Video Podcast of The Year in Canada, and the show is one of the top 100 You Tube Channels in the world.
www.cbc.ca/thehour

The Hour also airs at 8 p.m. ET Monday - Thursday on CBC Newsworld.

Jeopardy!

"I'll take 'Canadian Television' for \$500 please, Alex."

Hosted by Ontario native **Alex Trebek**, **Jeopardy!** will make its debut on CBC Television this fall- marking its 25th season on the air.

Attracting nearly 39 million viewers weekly, **Jeopardy!** is the most honoured quiz show in television history with 27 Daytime Emmy Awards since its debut in 1984. The game show follows its signature format whereby players must give a response in the form of a question. The "clues" are sorted by varying degrees of difficulty and are matched by increasing dollar values

The half-hour syndicated series is a test of knowledge, covering topics such as literature, history and pop culture. Each game consists of three rounds: *Single Jeopardy!*, *Double Jeopardy!* and *Final Jeopardy!* In each round, three competing contestants are given a "clue" in the form of an answer on a computerized game board.

Steven and Chris

Returning for their second season on CBC Television, **Steven Sabados** and **Chris Hyndman** find fun and easy ways to add a little bit of fabulous to your life. With years of design experience Steven and Chris give you the inside tips and tricks to make your home beautiful. If fashion trends make your head spin, worry not, they're here to tell you what you need to know to look stylish. And if you're out of ideas for what to feed your family and friends, they've got you covered with simple and delicious recipes for every occasion. Weekly segments include the celebrity-driven "*Fabulist*", tours of our viewers' gorgeous homes in "*House Proud*", and the best of Canadian shopping in "*What's in Store*". There's also the popular daily segment "*Ask Steven and Chris*" where viewers can get the boys expert advice on their décor, fashion or lifestyle questions. *Steven and Chris* is all about fabulous made easy. And most importantly it's about having fun along the way!

Test the Nation: Canada, Eh?

So you think you know Canada, eh?

Fellow compatriots **Wendy Mesley** and **Brent Bambury** host as we **Test The Nation**... about itself.

Canadians discovered insulin, invented basketball, the paint roller and the stubby beer bottle.

We also throw wicked kitchen parties, make a mean poutine, and say 'sorry' a lot.

Canada breeds superstar actors and comedians like nobody's business. Not to mention music stars, athletes, scientists, writers and... well, we could go on and on.

Canadians have done a lot of great things, but how much do we REALLY know about our Native Land?

Find out by taking the quiz, along with six in-studio teams of Johnny and Jane Canucks: Weathercasters, Reach-For-The-Toppers, New Canadians, Canadian Forces, Tour guides, and American-Canadians.

So grab a double-double or a couple o' pops, park yourself on the chesterfield, and tune in to CBC's ***Test The Nation***.

The True North A, B, C or D...

Wheel of Fortune

Will it be a catchphrase, a famous old saying or modern slang? Whether vowel or consonant, viewers can't get enough of making words to win big on the wildly popular ***Wheel Of Fortune***, which will enter its 26th season in Canada on CBC Television.

Veteran host **Pat Sajak** and his long-time letter-spinning sidekick **Vanna White** return to keep the wheel in motion.

The show has ranked as television's #1 syndicated series every year since its premiere has an impressive 47 million viewers tuning in every week.

Wheel Of Fortune's contestants go head to head to solve word puzzles and take home big prizes. Even after 25 years, ***Wheel of Fortune*** also appears to be immune to inflation: the \$250 price tag for a vowel remains unchanged since 1975.

Children's & Youth Programming

Kids' CBC puts families first with a groundbreaking roster of commercial-free preschool programming created by Canadians for Canadians. CBC Television's

weekday mornings are tied together with ***Kids' Canada*** hosted interstitials - which celebrate the geographic and cultural diversity of our country. ***The Outlet***, weekend programming block for school-aged children, features highly entertaining, age-appropriate shows that engage and stimulate young minds. ***The Outlet*** also allows our viewers to create their own fun clips that transform from online to on-air.

CBC Television works with the finest producers of children's programming from across Canada to create original, unforgettable programs that become part of the next generation's cultural landscape. Our shows are created to mirror a child's world, as well as to open a window to new worlds of discovery and imagination. They encourage children to feel great about themselves, celebrate their accomplishments and nurtures their most important friendship – the one they have with themselves.

Preschool Programming – Kids' CBC

Kids' Canada

Continuing on CBC Television this season is ***Kids' Canada***, hosted interstitials that air throughout Kids' CBC weekday mornings. ***Kids' Canada*** re-imagines our country with lively puppet characters, engaging music and popular hosts Patty Sullivan and Sid Bobb, who appear in five iconic settings based on famous Canadian places.

Kids' Canada is firmly rooted in a balanced curriculum for two to six year-olds. Kids get to learn about food in Toronto's Kensington Market, sing along in French with a saucy francophone salmon, dance along with a dinosaur skeleton in the Alberta Badlands, tell stories with a seafaring lobster in Peggy's Cove, and make friends around a British Columbia mountain campsite. It's preschool with Canadian cool!

In the tradition of Sesame Street, ***Kids' Canada*** exposes young viewers to a variety of musical genres and artists by showcasing performances from some of Canada's top musicians. Featured artists include Barenaked Ladies, Sarah Harmer, Ron Sexsmith and Amy Milan. The ***Kids' Canada*** theme song is "When the Night Feels My Song", from Canadian pop sensation Bedouin Soundclash. While most kid's shows feature musicians lip-synching, ***Kids' Canada*** live-to-tape music performances are great opportunities to expose kids to performance and different musical genres.

New Shows:

Animal Mechanicals

Meet the Animal Mechanicals - Rex, Unicorn, Komodo, Sasquatch and Mouse. ***Animal Mechanicals*** is an action/adventure series where mechanical mythical animals make amazing transformations and go on cool quests in a fantastic world.

Animal Mechanicals live and play in a place unlike any other: a colourful "snap-together-take-apart" world that can also transform like the characters. Things are always popping up, changing shape and most of all presenting challenges to the characters.

In each adventure the ***Animal Mechanicals*** get their new mission from Island Owl, who displays simple pictogram images on his "screen-face". Each adventure has a variety of small challenges to overcome on the road to "Mission Accomplished". The challenges vary, requiring the ***Animal Mechanicals*** to use a wide array of their unique "Mechana" abilities. It is up to The Mechanicals (and the audience) to decide who should face each challenge.

Animal Mechanicals is produced by Halifax Film, a DHX Media Company in association with CBC Television.

Mighty Jungle

What if kids' stories could magically transform into a fantastic new television show? ***Mighty Jungle*** is a collaboration from Halifax production company Halifax Film and scores of kids, whose stories are magically woven together to create a series of tales about a group of jungle friends – Babu, Rhonda and Bruce.

Thanks to gifted storytellers, puppet friends Babu, Rhonda and Bruce explore life at home and in unexpected places – from a beehive disco to an ice cream castle in the sky. This groundbreaking, colourful new series is sure to delight and inspire storytelling among kids and their caregivers alike.

New Episodes:

Bo on the Go!

Using motion capture technology and computer graphics (CG) ***Bo on the GO!*** promotes an active lifestyle and an active mind for preschoolers. It has been created by a dedicated group of artists, broadcasters and educators to instil a love of movement in children while linking their activity to a plot-driven story.

Bo is a positive, super-energetic and inquisitive young heroine who, along with her young friend Dezadore dragon, 'Dezzy', encourages children at home to go on amazing adventures by actively joining her in a variety of movements that assist her on her quest. Like all heroes, Bo faces challenges and obstacles and receives small rewards and achieves victories along the way. Bo's 'Bo-Buddies' - the young viewers - must move along with her. Cheerful and determined to solve all problems she encounters Bo will lead the way for kids at home to get 'on the go'. Maximum Bo power! **Bo on the GO!** is produced by Halifax Film, a DHX Media Company in association with CBC Television.

Gofrette

Each **Gofrette** episode follows a day in the life of a delightfully eccentric cat, Gofrette and his friends in the colourful world of Zanim. Serendipity, enthusiasm, and completely unexpected twists and turns are story hallmarks in this whimsical series targeted at 4-8 year olds. The TV series is based on the four **Gofrette** books, written and illustrated by Doris Brassset and Fabienne Michot and published by Quebec-Amerique. It is produced by Zoe Mae Productions Inc. and Subsequence Entertainment, in association with CBC Television.

See the Sea

This exciting series provides viewers with a glimpse of featured undersea creatures as they interact in their native marine environment to achieve their basic needs.

Each episode introduces young onlookers to the behaviours of a featured underwater creature and its relationship with other marine wildlife. Fun character voices are used throughout each episode to give human attributes to the undersea creatures.

See the Sea is produced by Hugh & Debra Beard of Force Four Films in partnership with Lesley Sutherland of Fresh Air Studios. The editing and underwater photography are by Hugh Beard. **See the Sea**'s theme song, character voices and narration are written by Sutherland and recorded at Fresh Air Studios.

Super Why!

Super Why! is the first superhero program for preschoolers that helps children learn to read through interactive fairytale adventures. The adventures take place in Storybrook Village, a magical three-dimensional world behind the shelves in your library, where all of your favourite fairytale characters live, including four best friends: Red Riding Hood, The Littlest Pig, Princess Pea and Whyatt

Beanstalk, the younger brother of Jack & the Beanstalk. Calling all Super Readers! When there is a problem in Storybrook Village, Whyatt calls his fairytale friends to the Book Club where they transform into SUPER READERS and fly into a book to find the answer to their question and save the day.

While in the book, Super Why and the Super Readers, including the Home Viewer, go on a reading adventure. Using the “Power to Read”, they talk to characters from the story, play reading games and activities to overcome obstacles, and even change the ending of stories! As Super Readers, they experience books as never before and use special reading powers, including the alphabet, words, spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension skills! The Super Readers fly back to the Book Club to decode the Super Story Answer, or theme, of the episode. With the answer to our question at hand, we go back to Storybrook Village to solve our problem. Hip Hip Hurray, the Super Readers save the day!

Returning Favourites:

Arthur

A is for **Arthur**, the world’s favourite aardvark. This Emmy Award-winning half hour animated program is designed to promote reading and writing. Based on Marc Brown’s popular children’s books, the series follows the adventures and misadventures of an irresistible eight-year-old aardvark whose charm is simple—he’s just a regular kid. Whether facing down the school bully, worrying about a new teacher, or babysitting the Terrible Tibble Twins, Arthur, his little sister D.W., and their friends manage to solve their third-grade dilemmas with imagination, kindness and a lot of humour. **Arthur** is produced by Cookie Jar Entertainment.

Bruno

The star of this 1-minute show is **Bruno**, a playful little monkey who inspires preschoolers to learn through active exploration and discovery. With his gentle blend of humour and warmth, Bruno plants the seeds for future learning with lively activities exploring colour, numbers and physical movement. Each spot is thematically reinforced with a live-action segment featuring real children monkeying-around, just like Bruno.

Narrated by British children's television icon Brian Cant and featuring music by award-winning composer Adam Goddard, this whimsical series will inspire and delight both children and parents alike. **Bruno** is produced by Cuppa Coffee Studios.

Bruno and the Banana Bunch

Bruno and the Banana Bunch is an 11-minute animated program that invites children to explore and discover the world of numeracy through imaginative play. Bruno loves to learn new things about the world around him and has a fascination with numbers, shapes, sizes and all things math-related! He knows that in this world you can make anything fun if you just look around with an open mind and active imagination. Sharing the spotlight is a colourful cast of animal friends known as The Banana Bunch. They're Bruno's best friends and playmates; always there to cheer Bruno on and get in on the fun. ***Bruno and the Banana Bunch*** is produced by Cuppa Coffee Studios and CBC Television.

Busytown Mysteries (Hurray for Huckle!)

Curiosities are everywhere in Busytown and so are Huckle Cat, Lowly Worm, Sally Cat, Hilda Hippo, Pig Will and Pig Won't. Each episode is an innovative blend of humour and learning based around six unforgettable friends and many other colourful characters from the amazing world of Richard Scarry's books. Viewers follow the friends as they scour Busytown looking for the answer to the episode's mystery. Every time looking for fun and adventure and, with everyone driving their own unique vehicle, getting there is half the fun! ***Busytown Mysteries*** encourages young viewers to help solve life's little mysteries as they ask questions, find clues and discover answers all from their own unique kid point-of-view!

Adding to the fun will be a website featuring the colourful world of Huckle and friends in Busytown so that "little fans" can discover more about everyday mysteries, learn how to solve them and join the fan club. ***Busytown Mysteries*** is produced by Cookie Jar Entertainment in association with CBC Television.

Curious George

For nearly 65 years, generations of young children have been charmed by the literary adventures of Curious George. Now George is preparing for his next big adventure—a new daily television series! Based on the best-selling Curious George books by Margret and H.A. Rey, and narrated by Emmy award-winning actor William H. Macy, this series expands George's world to include a host of colourful new characters and original locales, while maintaining the charm of the beloved books. It's a fantastic new animated program that fosters a deep sense of curiosity and wonderment in children, and encourages them to eagerly investigate the world around them. New episodes beginning Fall 2007! ***Curious George*** is produced by Imagine Entertainment, WGBH Boston, and Universal Studios Family Productions.

The Doodlebops

The Doodlebops combines music and dancing, with fun stories to help preschoolers increase their self-confidence and encourage physical activity. The

show reinforces significant pro-social values such as cooperation, teamwork, trying one's best, and facing fears – all conveyed in the fast and fun Doodlebops style by band members Deedee, Rooney and Moe. Season three includes dance instruction, encouraging kids to get up and move along with the band. The popular "Doodlebops Dance of the Day" segment focuses on movement and dance steps that preschooler viewers can easily master. Season three also continues to include stories that impart simple age-appropriate life lessons on such topics as reluctance to trying something new; envy/sibling rivalry; learning to ask for help and discovery of new cultures and languages. **The Doodlebops** is produced by Cookie Jar Entertainment, in association with CBC Television.

Lunar Jim

Lunar Jim™ is a stop-motion animation series that transports preschoolers into an exciting world of discovery, fun and adventure. Lunar Jim lives in Moona Luna - a place much like any other, but with one huge difference - it's on the moon! Focusing on the fun of exploration and inquiry, **Lunar Jim™** promotes the active learning of such important life skills as persistence, creativity and cooperation with an inherent emphasis on 'pre-science' skills. Above all, **Lunar Jim™** is about taking delight in discovery. **Lunar Jim™** is a co-production between DHX Media's Halifax Film unit and Alliance Atlantis, which distributes the series worldwide, and is produced in association with CBC Television.

Nanalan'

Created by the internationally acclaimed puppet troupe The Grogs, **Nanalan'** invites viewers to join a delightful three-year-old girl named Mona on exciting adventures at her Nana's house. With her best friend Russell the dog, Mona explores, discovers and learns what it's like to be three and free. **Nanalan'** is a show that celebrates the sensory world of preschoolers, instantly connecting with their heightened sense of wonder and amazement at all that surrounds them. With a hug and a kiss, Mona's mother drops Mona off at her Nana's in the morning and picks her up at the end of the day. In between, life is one great adventure for Mona, Russell, and the ever nurturing Nana. **Nanalan'** is a show designed to foster children's curiosity and love of learning, with the hope that they will carry it with them as they grow. Produced by 3J's Productions Inc., Lenz Entertainment and CBC Television.

Poko

Poko is a Gemini Award-winning, internationally broadcast children's series with a unique focus on comedy and emotional intelligence. **Poko** is a stop-motion animation preschool show that will have young children glued to their seats and laughing out loud, while at the same time learning simple strategies to help them cope with everyday childhood frustrations and mishaps. **Poko** is a light-hearted, fun loving preschooler who, together with his favourite stuffed animal, Mr.

Murphy, and his mischievous canine pal, Minus, his best friend, Bibi, and her stuffed lamb, Lambert, actively explores and discovers the world around him. **Poko** makes children laugh, while providing the coping skills and attitudes that will help prepare them for first steps and first friendships. **Poko** is produced by The Halifax Film Company Ltd. in association with CBC Television.

Wilbur

Wilbur is designed to promote emergent literacy and nurture a love of reading in children aged two to five. **Wilbur** stars an enthusiastic, loveable, fun-loving and funny eight-year-old calf whose barnyard serves as a launching pad for adventure, stories, songs, play, laughter and a liberal sprinkling of the unpredictable. Along with his barnyard buddies, Wilbur is eager to introduce everyone to the exciting world of books and reading. In his words, “Books are mooovvelous!”

This highly innovative television series showcases a combination of several media. The magic of Wilbur and his barnyard world is captured by utilizing state-of-the-art technology that blends puppetry and CGI (computer-generated imagery). The storybooks that Wilbur and his friends journey into will closely replicate the look and feel of real picture books with the presence of actual print on the screen as well as colourful 2D animation that helps to illustrate the story. The episodes also contain energetic live action segments involving real kids. **Wilbur** is produced by Mercury Filmworks and Chilco Productions in association with CBC Television.

School-Aged Programming

The Outlet

The Outlet gives kids a chance to make content, control the airwaves, and rule the internet. Saturday mornings on CBC Television and online in **The Outlet** video gallery community, **The Outlet** looks to give kids an outlet for their creativity, opinions and talent by featuring video submissions from kids across Canada. These animations, dramas and stop-motion videos are shown between regularly scheduled school-aged programming on Saturday mornings and online at www.cbc.ca/theoutlet. We’re giving kids a creative *Outlet* and a chance to really shine. Check out the Outlet and Get Plugged In!

New Episodes:

Magi-Nation

Magi-Nation follows the adventures of Tony Jones, a boy from Earth who finds himself mysteriously transported to the magical world of Magi-Nation. In these

Moonlands Tony befriends two young Magi heroes-in-training who join him on a journey to defeat the evil Shadow Magi who are out to rule their world. Along with their trusty collection of Dream Creatures, these new friends must solve riddles, battle evil and discover the secrets hidden in each region on the Moonlands. During their adventures, they just might discover some secrets about themselves!

Twenty six half hour episodes of season one will debut this fall. This series is based on the popular trading card game. **Magi-Nation** will offer kids a unique online experience to enhance the collection, competition and discovery from the TV series at magi-nation.com. **Magi-Nation** is a Cookie Jar Entertainment and Daewon Media (South Korea) co-production, in association with CBC Television.

Returning Favourites:

Dragon Booster

Dragon Booster™ is a mythic, good versus evil struggle set in a timeless world where humans and dragons co-exist. Our hero is Artha Penn, an ordinary teenager who is plunged into an incredible adventure when he is chosen to ride Beucephalis, the dragon of legend. When teamed with Beau, Artha is transformed into a mythical hero known as the Dragon Booster™, a hero charged with the task of saving the world from an impending war, and uniting humans and dragons for once and for all. **Dragon Booster™** is high-octane adventure set against the backdrop of dragon racing, where 12-ton reptiles chew up the asphalt at over 200 miles per hour. Produced by Alliance Atlantis Entertainment Group in association with CBC Television.

My Goldfish is Evil

My Goldfish is Evil chronicles the hilarious adventures of a young boy named Beanie and his pet Admiral Bubbles – a talking goldfish that wants nothing less than to conquer the entire world. Although at first it may sound absurd, Beanie has come to realize in fact the tiny fish is a criminal genius able to construct diabolical devices even out of everyday objects, and that he is easily capable of achieving his nefarious goal. And since no criminal genius would let a mere kid stand in his way, Beanie must risk his life to try and thwart him at every turn! It is produced by Sardine Productions in association with CBC Television.

Mr. Meaty

Mr. Meaty is a hilarious half-hour puppet series for tweens featuring two nitwit brothers as they slave away at their tasteless job at the food court. The series has a laugh at low wages, first crushes, and teen rebellion, while throwing in the occasional green alien or singing chicken for good measure. **Mr. Meaty** is

created by the internationally acclaimed puppet troupe The Grogs, and produced by Lenz Entertainment and CBC Television.

Naughty, Naughty Pets

Each episode of this quirky animated series centers on Windywoo, a little girl who looks after all of the Naughty Naughty Pets after school. But these are not your ordinary pets. Each pet has his own special trait or quirk. Dig Ivan Dig is always digging into a scene, popping out of a hole and then digging back down again. Kiefer leaves trails of presents, wrapped with a bow. They all live with their owners in their own apartments but when left alone they cook in the kitchen, use the telephone and rollerblade. Most of the time, the pets are up to no good and it is Windywoo who must sort things out and help them to see the error of their naughty ways. ***Naughty Naughty Pets*** was created by New York based artist Wendy Gardner and is based on her brand of hip, quirky plush characters that are available around the world.

Yam Roll

The Very Good Adventures of Yam Roll in Happy Kingdom is an entertaining and offbeat account of the love-struck, sushi super-hero ***Yam Roll***, a good-natured yet misguided, cowboy-clad, taxi-driving piece of tempura yam maki, who resides in a land called 'Happy Kingdom'. Featuring a kooky cast of animated sushi-inspired characters, ***Yam Roll*** is the creation of Vancouver artist Jon Izen, Jono Howard and Dan Sioui. Originally from Vancouver, and now based out of March Entertainment's Sudbury, Ontario animation and production facility, Izen is renowned in animation and alternative art circles. In 2005, the dynamic trio of Izen, Howard and Sioul teamed up with March Entertainment to produce a short Yam Roll episode for CBC's animated idol-type competition, Maple Shorts. The short ended up winning the competition and a sushi superhero was born. ***Yam Roll*** is produced by March Entertainment in association with CBC Television.

Youth Programming

New Shows:

Breakout

Breakout is a 360-degree feedback loop encompassing the ***Breakout TV*** series on CBC, its viewers, the ***Breakout Online*** web experience, and its participants. Aimed at tweens and teens, ***Breakout's*** goal is to increase awareness of real global issues through play, instilling Canadian youth with empathy for others without being pedantic or preachy. The TV series accomplishes this by demonstrating solutions to issues affecting children in different parts of the world:

even kids in Canada can do something to make a difference on the other side of the globe.

On launch and as the series progresses, **Breakout TV** will inspire kids to visit **Breakout Online**, a series of 12 Flash games based on themes and starring animated characters featured in the show. **Breakout TV** solicits viewer-created video submissions to CBC's The Outlet web destination for a chance to appear on-air or inside **Breakout Online's** Video Challenge game.

Returning Favourites:

Make Some Noise

Make Some Noise is a show about people with abnormally large hearts and big-time guts. It is about people tired of hearing how crappy the world is, and who are actually doing something to change it. Tyler Bradley makes a snowboard wax that's smoother for the planet. The Future Group risks their lives going undercover to expose the sex trade in Southeast Asia. Eva Vertes searches for a cure for cancer. Along with 30 other activists, ninjas, eco-warriors, politicians, jedi knights, musicians, artists, filmmakers, freedom-fighters, tree-huggers, culture-jammers, idealists, dreamers: these are the stories of young Canadian human beings using their heads, hearts and bodies to better this planet and its 6 billion+ tenants. **Make Some Noise** is produced by Omni Film Productions in association with CBC Television.

Street Cents

You can count on **Street Cents** to deliver the goods. Empowering Canadian youth and helping young consumers make good decisions, the Emmy Award-winning **Street Cents** has earned the respect of viewers and critics alike. **Street Cents** provides current information for teens on how to survive in the marketplace, in school and on the job. The program is produced in Halifax, with field reports from across the country. **Street Cents** is produced by CBC Television.

Sports

CBC'S HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA

The tradition continues! **CBC's Hockey Night in Canada** drops the puck on its 56th season during the first week of October featuring coverage of all the Canadian NHL teams and exclusive Canadian coverage of the 2009 Stanley Cup Final. Scotiabank Hockey Tonight (the pre-game show) and After Hours (the post-game show) both return for the 2008-09 season as well as the popular segments Coach's Corner, The Hotstove and Behind the Mask. Rounding out

CBC's Hockey Night in Canada schedule are **CBC's Hockey Day in Canada**, the 2009 NHL All-Star Weekend on January 24 and 25 in Montreal featuring the Super Skills Competition, the 56th NHL All-Star Game and the 2009 NHL Awards in June.

CBC's Hockey Day in Canada has been saluting our great frozen game since 2000 and returns for its ninth annual telecast on February 21, 2009. Hosted by **Ron MacLean**, **CBC's Hockey Day in Canada** is headlined by an action-packed NHL tripleheader, featuring all of the Canadian NHL teams. CBC personalities will be on location across the country to celebrate our favourite national pastime at a grassroots level. **CBC's Hockey Day in Canada** has received three Gemini Awards for Best Sports Program (2004) and Best Host in a Sports Program for Ron MacLean (2004, 2006). Previous host locations for **CBC's Hockey Day in Canada** include: Winkler, Man. (2008), Nelson, BC (2007), Stephenville, Nfld. (2006), Shaunavon, Sask. (2004), Iqaluit, Nunavut (2003), Windsor, N.S. (2002), Red Deer, Alta. (2001), and Toronto, Ont. (2000).

CBC Sports Weekend

Each weekend on CBC, Canada takes on the world! **Scott Russell** hosts **CBC Sports Weekend**, following Canada's top amateur athletes as they compete on the world stage and here at home. This season the **CBC Sports Weekend** line-up includes: Canada Cup Diving, Golden League Track and Field, World Triathlon Championships, Canadian Olympic Gymnastics Trials, Canadian Olympic Track and Field Trials, Pontiac Alpine Ski Series, and Countdown to Beijing.

Plus, **CBCSports.ca**, a leader in Canadian online sports coverage, provides fans live and on-demand streaming of countless events throughout the season including CBC's Hockey Night in Canada; BMO Toronto FC on CBC; Pontiac Alpine Ski Series; Championship Bobsleigh on CBC; Capital One Grand Slam of Curling; Swimming; Calgary Stampede; Canada Cup Diving, Championship Figure Skating and more. Combined with exclusive features, breaking news, blogs from CBC's top personalities, games, stats and more, **CBCSports.ca** is sports for Canadians where and when they want it.

Beijing 2008 – The Olympic Games

CBC, Canada's Olympic Network, goes behind the Great Wall to bring Canadians coverage of the XXIX Olympic Summer Games in Beijing, China. CBC will have comprehensive and in-depth coverage from August 8-24. Canadians will join the 10,000 athletes competing for medals in 302 events including track and field, rowing, swimming, gymnastics, beach volleyball, baseball, basketball, BMX and tennis. CBC Television's live coverage kicks off on Wednesday, August 6 at 4:45 a.m. ET with a preliminary women's soccer match featuring Canada taking on Argentina. Full games coverage begins with

the Opening Ceremony, live on August 8 at 7a.m. ET from the National Stadium - also known as the "Bird's Nest"- hosted by Ron MacLean and Peter Mansbridge.

CBC's award-winning hosts Ron MacLean, Ian Hanomansing, Scott Russell and Diana Swain will be in Beijing providing Canadians with exciting up-to-the-minute information, results and developments during the prime time, late night and morning telecasts.

CBC/Radio-Canada is the exclusive broadcast home to Beijing 2008 in Canada. This August, CBC, Canada's Olympic Network, will once again provide comprehensive, daily live Olympic Games coverage on CBC Television, bold, CBC Radio and CBCSports.ca as well as CBC Newsworld, ensuring that Canadians can experience the excitement of the Olympic Games when and where they want.

BMO Toronto FC on CBC

CBC is thrilled to present coverage of Toronto FC's second season to Canadian soccer fans nationwide. This year, CBC Television broadcasts a package of 15 regular season Toronto FC games. **Scott Russell** and **Brenda Irving** will share hosting duties for CBC's coverage. Veteran **Nigel Reed** will provide play-by-play commentary alongside analyst **Jason De Vos**, while **Mitch Peacock** reports from the sidelines and hosts feature stories during ***BMO Toronto FC on CBC*** telecasts.

CBC's coverage of Major League Soccer includes coverage of the ***2008 MLS All-Star Game***, live from BMO Field in Toronto on Thursday, July 24. The game features visiting English Premier League powerhouse West Ham United taking on the MLS All-Stars.

Rogers Blue Jays Baseball on CBC

The ***2008 Rogers Blue Jays Baseball*** season features a 24-game broadcast schedule, with four games in prime time, six inter-league match-ups and 10 games versus American League East Division rivals Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees. All games will be broadcast in High-Definition.

Analysts Rance Mulliniks and Jesse Barfield will join play-by-play man Jim Hughson in the broadcast booth to call the ***Rogers Blue Jays Baseball on CBC*** games.

Calgary Stampede on CBC

Beginning in July 2008, and continuing through to 2010, CBC will be the host broadcaster of the Calgary Stampede. This year, CBC provides more than 90 combined hours of daily coverage of the legendary event on CBC Television,

CBCSports.ca and **bold**, ensuring fans won't miss a minute of the action from Calgary!

Calgary Stampede on CBC coverage begins July 4, 2008.

Championship Show Jumping on CBC

CBC continues its proud 15-year history of broadcasting Spruce Meadows' premier championship show jumping events from June to September.

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Queen's Plate on CBC

The legendary Queen's Plate—the oldest continuously run horse race in North America—will be presented live on June 22 at 4:30 p.m. ET. Beginning in June 2008 and continuing through to 2011, CBC will provide live coverage of the first jewel in Canada's Triple Crown series.

Rogers Cup on CBC

Hot on the heels of exciting tournaments in 2007, with legend-in-the-making Novak Djokovic taking home the title in Montreal, and World No. 1 Justine Henin earning the crown in Toronto, the Rogers Cup returns to CBC this summer.

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Capital One Grand Slam of Curling On CBC

CBC has been bringing Canadian curling fans coverage of their beloved sport for more than 40 years and continues the tradition in 2008-09. Later this year, the **Capital One Grand Slam of Curling** returns to CBC for the third straight

season. Events will include: The BDO Canadian Open, The National, The Masters and the TYLENOL® Players Championship.

CBC has won several awards for its curling coverage over the years, including the 1998 IOC Golden Rings Award from the International Olympic Committee for excellence in curling coverage.

President's Choice Raptors Basketball on CBC

President's Choice Raptors Basketball on CBC returns for its second season this fall, with action from Canada's NBA team. This year the action promises to be fast and furious on the hardcourt, with the Raptors looking to make another run at the playoffs in 2008/09.

Championship Figure Skating On CBC

Once again this season, skating's brightest stars will shine on CBC! Canada's champions are looking to 2010 and CBC has them covered all the way to Vancouver.

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CBC News on CBC Television

CBC News

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The crackerjack team of **MacNeil** and **Solomon** bring viewers behind-the-scenes reports and in-depth interviews with world leaders and newsmakers. This past year these have included Maya Angelou, Jilly Black, Richard Dawkins, Tom Brokaw, Susan Sarandon, Misha Brueggergosman, Jimmy Carter, Anne Murray, and Sarah Polley. This year Carole travels to Afghanistan with the legendary Flora MacDonald, to chronicle the former Conservative M.P.'s extraordinary mission working with impoverished townspeople. Evan travels to Iran to discover

the truth about how much freedom young people really have, and he sails the Persian Gulf with the Canadian Navy patrolling for drugs that could fund terrorist activities. This and much more awaits viewers this season on **CBC News: Sunday**.

CBC News: Today

Your world is changing and **CBC News: Today** is on it with the top news stories of the day, seven days a week. **CBC News: Today** also features the latest business, health, sports, entertainment and lifestyle news. Starting at 10 a.m. ET weekdays and at 11 a.m. on weekends, hosts **Nancy Wilson, Suhana Meharchand** and **Andrew Nichols** bring viewers the latest stories as they happen and update events with live coverage throughout the day.

CBC News: Weather Centre

CBC News: Weather Centre provides Canadians with live, up to the minute local and international weather news and forecasts. Staffed by expert meteorologists **Claire Martin, Johanna Wagstaffe, Nick Czernkovich** and **Kalin Mitchell**, it's your primary source for severe weather news, advisories as well as current conditions. Our meteorologists are seen throughout the day on CBC Newsworld and on a number of CBC News programs on CBC Television.

Mansbridge One on One

Now entering its 10th season, **Mansbridge One on One** features an eclectic blend of guests from a wide range of disciplines. Award-winning news anchor and interviewer, CBC News Chief Correspondent, **Peter Mansbridge** engages high-profile newsmakers from Canada and around the world in a weekly series of half-hour informal conversations. Guests include politicians, journalists, arts and sports figures and the newsmakers behind the issues and news of the day. Among the interview highlights from the past season: Karlheinz Schreiber, Sidney Crosby, Stephen Harper and the Dalai Lama.

Documentaries

Doc Zone

Doc Zone is the flagship documentary series of CBC Television. Its documentaries come from the front lines of the world's news and range across the ideas, forces and events that are shaping our lives. From **Battle for the Arctic** to **Fly Me to the Moon** and **The Dolphin Dealers**, the best directors and cinematographers bring strong, narrative stories that reveal the drama in the evolving human experience. Presented by leading Canadian writer Ann-Marie

MacDonald, this series brings the viewer in-depth stories in the journalistic tradition of the *New York Times Magazine* and *Atlantic*, with the sweep and scope of the best documentary work in contemporary television.

Highlights of the upcoming season include:

Boys Under Siege

It's one of the great medical mysteries of our time. – a crisis that may threaten our very survival. There is a worldwide decline in the male birthrate and men and boys are increasingly falling victim to serious health problems. From infertility and cancer to autism and cerebral palsy, the male of the species is under siege. To what extent are chemicals to blame?

The Bush Years

In the fall of 2008, before the next US Election, the CBC Documentary Unit will mark the end of "The Bush Years" with a look back at his Presidency. This documentary will portray the rise and fall of George W. Bush, and feature both his chief detractors and defenders to debate the merits, demerits and legacy of the 43rd President of the United States. We will provide accounts of little known "behind closed doors" events as told by analysts and insiders, including Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, former CIA operative Valerie Plame, former UN ambassador John Bolton, Senator Patrick Leahy, and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. The program will provide a retrospective look at an administration that radically redefined the Presidency and dramatically altered the role of the United States in the world.

The Dolphin Dealer

Chris Porter captures and sells wild dolphins for profit. Big profit. Porter claims that by supplying wild dolphins to marine parks and resorts, he's helping humans and animals bond. Animal rights activists accuse him of endangering and exploiting dolphins for personal gain. Cameras follow Porter's Solomon Islands operation through four tumultuous years, as controversy erupts into violence and wild dolphins are captured for shipment to Dubai.

How to Divorce and Not Wreck the Kids

Parents, governments and courts now all recognize how high-conflict divorce damages children. Our cameras follow divorcing couples as they employ positive alternatives – from do-it-yourself kits and mediation to the groundbreaking approach known as collaborative divorce. And we get feedback from the kids themselves.

The Sky's The Limit

Air travel is synonymous with endless line-ups, delays, congestion, and pollution, and it's going to get much worse. With cheaper flights, more new airlines and burgeoning demand from China and India, the number of passengers will swell to a billion a year in the next decade alone. We probe the crowded skies for solutions.

The Truth about Liars

The only certain thing about lying and cheating is that everyone does it. It's part of being human. Now, Doc Zone reveals ***The Truth about Liars*** as the documentary examines the science and sociology of deceit to discover why many of us lie and are programmed to cheat. The documentary also delves into the question everyone wants answered: how can I tell when I'm being lied to?

Where Are Your Manners?

Are you appalled by how rude people have become? You're certainly not alone. The citizens of the world are a lot less civil these days. In a faster, pushier and more aggressive society, many think we've gone too far, but should we return to the uptight rules of Miss Manners or re-write the etiquette book? Filmmakers investigate.

Doc Special - India Reborn

In four vibrant hours of HD television, ***India Reborn*** charts the kaleidoscopic rise of the world's newest and most improbable superpower. A red-hot economy is transforming this sprawling, chaotic democracy into a land of billionaires and world-class businesses. But the boom leaves millions of poor behind, creating a potent mixture of dreams and despair in a land that could soon shape the future of the world.

The Nature of Things

CBC Television's longest running and multi-award-winning series, ***The Nature of Things with David Suzuki***, returns for a new season of exciting and thought-provoking television.

Highlights of the Fall 2008 season include:

A bit of nearly forgotten history – the Exxon Valdez. ***In the Wake of the Exxon Valdez*** is a saga about ordinary people who still to this day are struggling for justice against a huge corporation that has destroyed both their environment and their livelihoods.

We don't like it, but the mosquito is a highly successful creature whose tenacity cannot be dismissed. Mosquitoes have been around longer than humans and for most of that time they've been the source of deadly disease: malaria, dengue fever, encephalitis, West Nile virus...it's a long and growing list. In ***Mosquitoes: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly***, Suzuki and team venture into the tiny but fearsome world of the mosquito, exploring whether their indomitable character will pose increasingly difficult challenges for humanity.

In an investigation of the machinery that makes humans intellectually supreme, ***The Brain that Changes Itself*** is a fascinating look at the revolutionary new understanding of the brain's functional and structural capacities. Best-selling author Dr. Norman Doidge leads viewers on an exploration of new research that has profound implications on our understanding of how so many aspects of humanity, including love, sex, addictions, and technology, can change our brains.

The Robot Revolution is a high-concept documentary that examines the origins and development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). MIT is the hub for AI research and it is there that we find Rodney Brooks and his team developing a machine that simulates human intelligence — reality may finally be catching up with science fiction hype!

It was hailed as one of the most exceptional scientific discoveries in decades, so unexpected that it threatened to overturn accepted notions of human origins and posed questions that reach far beyond science itself. ***The Alien from Earth*** explores the consequences and fall-out following the discovery of Hobbit-like humanoids on the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003.

In ***The Red Faced Monkey and the Tree of Life***, we journey into the rainforest of the Peruvian Amazon to investigate the endangered Red-Faced Uakari monkey. It is a primate rarely seen by the general public — a unique, human-like species whose threatened existence is dangerous for the entire region.

The Nature of Things continues to produce high-quality limited series and Fall 2008 is no exception. ***The Adventurers*** is a riveting four-part series that follows the trail of leading Canadian explorers and adventurers, taking audiences to exotic locales and unravelling some of the world's remaining great mysteries.

Borneo: The Search for the Lost Nomads is a documentary that honours the Penan, a tribal people whose survival is threatened by the continued deforestation of the rainforest they live in. Canadian anthropologist and linguist Ian Mackenzie is working hard to document this rare society before it vanishes forever.

Baja: The Osteo-Biographer follows Elton Molto, the head scientist at Canada's leading forensic lab, as he sets out to solve a complex historical mystery. He's searching for clues from the *Pericu* people — a fierce tribe of New World Indians

that were killed off by European disease before anyone from the realm of science could make any meaningful cultural observations.

In ***Polynesia: The Lost Cities***, we follow maverick archaeologist Edmundo Edwards as he unearths entire unknown cities of stone. Edwards has lived on Easter Island for 45 years, and has done more than any other scientist to dig into the past of ancient Polynesia, revealing to us what lies deep in the jungle.

In ***Egypt: The Dakleh Oasis*** we follow University of Toronto archaeologist Tony Mills to the eastern deserts of Egypt where he and other archaeologists have unearthed an untouched marvel: over 500,000 years of uninterrupted human habitation — there is no place like it in the world.

CBC Newsworld

BBC World News

BBC World News is the signature newscast from the British Broadcasting Corporation. **BBC World News** provides CBC Newsworld viewers with a different perspective on international stories and issues, as told by one of the world's pre-eminent public broadcasters. Airing daily at 6 p.m. ET, **BBC World News** draws on an unparalleled team of correspondents in dozens of countries around the world.

CBC News: Around the World

CBC News: Around the World is a daily, half-hour international newscast with reports from CBC News correspondents all over the globe and some of the best stories from international broadcasters. Hosted by **Harry Forestell**, **CBC News: Around the World** gives viewers a comprehensive look at the world's day.

CBC News: At Issue

CBC News: At Issue is Canada's most watched political panel, featuring candid discussion and lively debates of the week's hot topics on the national political scene. Hosted by **Peter Mansbridge** with panellists **Chantal Hébert** (Toronto Star), **Andrew Coyne** (Maclean's) and **Allan Gregg** (Harris/Decima), it is a smart, direct, and informed discussion on politics and the strategy behind the policy and spin. Closing out the show, **Rex Murphy** offers his point of view on the current political scene.

CBC News: Business

CBC News: Business is Canada's most-watched daily business program, telling the business stories that will be on tomorrow's front pages. Host **Fred Langan** digs deep and asks hard questions to bring viewers the essentials to understand the forces that drive financial markets, from the surging highs to warnings of dangers ahead. The deals, the smart money and the wild new ideas, **CBC News: Business** informs both the casual investor and the economically sophisticated.

Every Friday, a special edition of the show looks ahead at technology that will ignite the next round of economic growth.

CBC News: Business Weekly

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Highlights of the upcoming season include:

Cubers — Rubik's Cube is more than just a game, providing mental and emotional benefits to would-be champions from Canada, France, Israel and the USA.

Fixing My Brain — A woman with a learning disability finds a way to “fix her brain” and unlocks a revolutionary new educational method that is making waves across North America.

Saving Luna — When a lone killer whale named Luna gets separated from her pod in a remote Vancouver Island fjord, she seeks companionship from humans. ***Saving Luna*** documents the conflicts among those who love this people-friendly killer whale.

Terminal Machines — Are our provincial governments so dependent on the revenues from video lottery terminals that they turn a blind eye to the negative impact on addicted gamblers?

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CBC News: The Passionate Eye

"The best the world has to offer!"

The Passionate Eye celebrates its 16th season on CBC Newsworld with a selection of the world's best contemporary documentaries. The line up of films includes festival favourites, Academy and Emmy-award winners and provocative political and point-of-view documentaries that will inform, outrage, and always entertain. Recent award winners have included CBC commissioned documentaries such as *Up the Yangtze*, *Emmy Winners Sex Slaves*, *Shake Hands with the Devil*, *Touring with the Taliban* (2007 Rory Peck Award), and Academy Award nominee *No End in Sight*, to name just a few.

This season's highlights include the following Canadian productions commissioned by The Passionate Eye Canadian Showcase:

Anthrax Wars

A cold case investigation of the deadly anthrax attack in the U.S. in 2001 reveals there's a thriving underground industry producing potential biological weapons.

It's a Teen's World: Wired for Sex

It's a Teen's World: Wired for Sex is a thought-provoking look at the impact our wired world is having on teenage sexual behaviour.

Liberty USA

As a lead up to the U.S. presidential elections, ***Liberty USA*** visits some of the 208 U.S. towns and villages named "Liberty" and explores what citizens think of themselves and their country. This documentary about the grassroots state of American liberty asks Americans what the notion of liberty means to them and

how far they will go to preserve it. It is produced by Alan Handel & NFB Montreal in association with CBC Newsworld and Radio-Canada.

This season's international highlights include:

An Inconvenient Truth

As the documentary that changed the tenor of the global warming debate, ***An Inconvenient Truth*** provides an inspirational look at former U.S. vice president Al Gore's crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress by exposing some of the myths and misconceptions that surround it. Earning \$49 million at the box office worldwide, ***An Inconvenient Truth*** is the fourth-highest-grossing documentary film to date in the United States, and winner of an Academy Award in the Best Documentary category.

Freeheld

Freeheld is the emotionally gripping story of the last months in the life of police detective Laurel Hester, who spent 25 loyal years investigating tough cases in Ocean County, New Jersey. After being diagnosed with terminal cancer, Laurel struggles against the system in order to transfer her pension to her same-sex life partner. It is a tension-filled political and personal drama that won the Oscar in 2008 in the Best Short Documentary category.

Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go

Can holding and hugging cure bad behaviour? Acclaimed documentary-maker Kim Longinotto turns her lens on the lives of emotionally traumatized boys who can no longer attend regular schools because of their behaviour. They now have three years at a special boarding school to turn their lives around. The boys at the heart of her film (who she follows for a year), lash out violently while staff try to reason with them, often restraining them physically. ***Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go*** brings into sharp focus the vulnerability of the young and the influence that adults hold over their future.

Jesus Politics

A road trip through the heartland of America explores the impact religion is having on one of the most hotly contested and exciting political campaigns in years. Director Ilan Ziv left the religious and political turmoil of his homeland of Israel more than 30 years ago in search of what he hoped was a secular haven in the US. Using his film and journey across the States, he attempts to understand the role religion is playing in the 2008 U.S. presidential election campaign.

La Corona (The Crown)

La Corona is the story of very dangerously attractive women who fiercely compete in a beauty pageant in Colombia's biggest maximum-security prison for women. Each cellblock has their own contender and inmates work feverishly on gowns, makeup and choreography. This Oscar-nominated film captures the frenzy and high-stakes drama as the contestants strut their stuff before their exuberant fellow prisoners, celebrity judges and the national media in hopes of being crowned the winner.

Stranded: I've Come from a Plane that Crashed in the Mountains

In October 1972, a plane carrying 45 members of a Uruguayan rugby team crashed into the Andes. Their struggle to stay alive would make international headlines and inspire the world as one of the greatest survival stories ever told. Thirty-five years later, filmmaker Gonzalo Arijon reunites all 16 survivors back at the crash site to share their incredible experience. Through the use of carefully constructed dramatizations, the documentary offers a moving testament to the strength and endurance of the human spirit.

Who Killed the Electric Car?

In a North American TV premiere, ***Who Killed the Electric Car?*** investigates the life and mysterious death of the environmentally friendly General Motors EV1 Electric Car. Electric cars began to appear on roads all over California in 1996. They were quiet and fast, produced no exhaust, and ran without gasoline, yet ten years later these futuristic cars were almost extinct. With all the twists and turns of great detective crime story, this documentary asks why our industrial culture is so averse to change and how our reliance on oil may be deeper than our ability to embrace ready solutions.

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CBC News: Sunday Night

Hosts **Carole MacNeil** and **Evan Solomon** bring the viewer the latest news—the week that was, the day that is, and a look ahead at the week to come. The program promises, in the tradition of its sister program ***CBC News: Sunday***, to engage the viewer with unexpected angles on events and ideas in our backyards and around the globe. ***CBC News: Sunday Night*** presents the excellent work of CBC's internationally renowned correspondents, provokes discussion of trends, and tells stories the viewer doesn't know about Canadians and the world at large. As with ***CBC News: Sunday***, the program's mandate is politics, spirituality and media.

The crackerjack team of **MacNeil** and **Solomon** bring viewers behind-the-scenes reports and in-depth interviews with world leaders and newsmakers. This past year these have included Maya Angelou, Jilly Black, Richard Dawkins, Tom Brokaw, Susan Sarandon, Misha Brueggergosman, Jimmy Carter, Anne Murray, and Sarah Polley. This year **MacNeil** travels to Afghanistan with the legendary Flora MacDonald, to chronicle the former Conservative M.P.'s extraordinary mission working with impoverished townspeople. **Solomon** travels to Iran to discover the truth about how much freedom young people really have, and he sails the Persian Gulf with the Canadian Navy patrolling for drugs that could fund terrorist activities. This and much more awaits viewers this season on ***CBC News: Sunday Night***.

CBC News: Today

Your world is changing and ***CBC News: Today*** is on it with the top news stories of the day, seven days a week. ***CBC News: Today*** also features the latest business, health, sports, entertainment and lifestyle news. Starting at 10 a.m. ET weekdays and at 11 a.m. on weekends, hosts **Nancy Wilson, Suhana Meharchand** and **Andrew Nichols** bring viewers the latest stories as they happen and update events with live coverage throughout the day.

CBC News: Weather Centre

CBC News: Weather Centre provides Canadians with live, up to the minute local and international weather news and forecasts. Staffed by expert meteorologists **Claire Martin, Johanna Wagstaffe, Nick Czernkovich** and **Kalin Mitchell**, it's your primary source for severe weather news, advisories as well as current conditions. Our meteorologists are seen throughout the day on CBC Newsworld and on a number of CBC News programs on CBC Television.

Dragons' Den

The wildly popular series ***Dragons' Den*** heats up for the third season with 10 new one-hour episodes and a daring new dragon.

W. Brett Wilson, co-founder and non-executive chairman of Calgary based FirstEnergy Capital Corp., joins the panel of ruthless tycoons – the Dragons. Is this philanthropic playboy willing to donate his cash for the next “big idea”?

Dragons' Den lets cash hungry entrepreneurs face off against the Dragons to try to seal a deal that could make their wildest business dreams come true. The prize is cold, hard cash—real investment from the Dragons' own coffers. The fire-breathing, business savvy people with the power to make entrepreneurial dreams come true are the ruthless **Kevin O'Leary**, the sensitive **Robert Herjavec**, cowboy **Jim Treliving**, and marketing maven **Arlene Dickinson**.

But this is not a game of chance—the contestants will need all their powers of persuasion, insight, and business acumen to convince our five cut-throat investors that theirs is an idea worth investing in. The Dragons know a good investment when they see one—it's up to the contestants to make their best case for the cash or they'll walk away with nothing but shattered egos and failed entrepreneurial dreams.

CBC Television's **Dianne Buckner** returns to host the series.

The Hour

Hosted by **George Stroumboulopoulos**, *The Hour* returns for its fifth season, weeknights at 11 p.m. on CBC Television.

Canada's only late night talk show, *The Hour* is unlike any other program on television. It delivers an unconventional, never predictable connection to the world and those making the headlines - all served up in **George's** unique style.

The Hour has featured some of the most influential newsmakers and hottest celebrities on the planet: from big thinkers like; Al Gore, Naomi Klein and Deepak Chopra, to establishment shakers like; Sir Richard Branson, Jane Goodall and Bono, even world-renowned musicians; Coldplay, Foo Fighters, Kid Rock, Sheryl Crow and Michael Bublé. Throw in a bunch of A-list actors; Samuel L. Jackson, Ricky Gervais, Ryan Reynolds, Jenny McCarthy and Matt Damon. Add some international politicians and policy makers; the former Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chrétien, the former President of Mexico, Vicente Fox and NATO spokesperson James Appathurai into the mix, and you have incredible, in-depth conversations you're not going to see anywhere else on TV.

The Hour is the most successful multi-platform show and the most popular show site at the CBC. iTunes voted *The Hour*, the Top Video Podcast of The Year in Canada, and the show is one of the top 100 You Tube Channels in the world.
www.cbc.ca/thehour

The Hour also airs at 8 p.m. ET Monday - Thursday on CBC Newsworld.

Mansbridge One on One

Now entering its tenth season, *Mansbridge One on One* features an eclectic blend of guests from a wide range of disciplines. Award-winning news anchor and interviewer, CBC News Chief Correspondent, **Peter Mansbridge** engages high-profile newsmakers from Canada and around the world in a weekly series of half-hour informal conversations. Guests include politicians, journalists, arts and sports figures and the newsmakers behind the issues and news of the day. Among the interview highlights from the past season: Karlheinz Schreiber, Sidney Crosby, Stephen Harper and the Dalai Lama.

The Weekend Scene

Hosted by **Jelena Adzic**, *The Weekend Scene* is a savvy arts and entertainment magazine with weekly news, interviews and features. It is the only arts program on Canadian TV that regularly offers critical reviews of the latest in film, books and music. Get your fresh fix of stories, opinions and personalities from the world of culture with *The Weekend Scene*.

Wild Docs!

CBC Newsworld's **Wild Docs!** presents an eclectic mix of documentaries that explore the wild, curious and sometimes wacky world we live in. From extreme relationships to extreme weather, and the idiosyncrasies of nature and humanity, **Wild Docs!** introduces viewers to places and people who will surprise, entertain and sometimes shock.

Highlights this season include:

Tropic of Capricorn (4-part series- premieres in Sept. 2008)

Following the success of the series *Equator*, BBC journalist Simon Reeves embarks on another epic journey around the world, uncovering extraordinary stories from the Southern hemisphere. Reeves travels through Southern Africa, Australia and South America.

Documentaries

Doc Zone

Doc Zone is the flagship documentary series of CBC Television. Its documentaries come from the front lines of the world's news and range across the ideas, forces and events that are shaping our lives. From ***Battle for the Arctic*** to ***Fly Me to the Moon*** and ***The Dolphin Dealers***, the best directors and cinematographers bring strong, narrative stories that reveal the drama in the evolving human experience. Presented by leading Canadian writer Ann-Marie MacDonald, this series brings the viewer in-depth stories in the journalistic tradition of the *New York Times Magazine* and *Atlantic*, with the sweep and scope of the best documentary work in contemporary television.

Highlights of 2008-09 **Doc Zone** documentaries:

Battle for the Arctic

The Russians have planted a flag on the ocean floor at the North Pole, a symbolic claim to half the Arctic seabed. In retaliation, Canada is opening a military base in Resolute Bay. The battle for the Arctic – with its rich reserves of oil and gas – is the new Cold War. But is it a battle Canada can win?

Boys under Siege

It's one of the great medical mysteries of our time. – a crisis that may threaten our very survival. There is a worldwide decline in the male birthrate and men and boys are increasingly falling victim to serious health problems. From infertility and

cancer to autism and cerebral palsy, the male of the species is under siege. To what extent are chemicals to blame?

The Bush Years

In the fall of 2008, before the next US Election, the CBC Documentary Unit will mark the end of "The Bush Years" with a look back at his Presidency. This documentary will portray the rise and fall of George W. Bush, and feature both his chief detractors and defenders to debate the merits, demerits and legacy of the 43rd President of the United States. We will provide accounts of little known "behind closed doors" events as told by analysts and insiders, including Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, former CIA operative Valerie Plame, former UN ambassador John Bolton, Senator Patrick Leahy, and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. The program will provide a retrospective look at an administration that radically redefined the Presidency and dramatically altered the role of the United States in the world.

The Dolphin Dealer

Chris Porter captures and sells wild dolphins for profit — big profit. Porter claims that by supplying wild dolphins to marine parks and resorts, he's helping humans and animals bond. Animal rights activists accuse him of endangering and exploiting dolphins for personal gain. The film's cameras follow Porter's Solomon Islands operation through four tumultuous years, as controversy erupts into violence and wild dolphins are captured for shipment to Dubai.

Fly Me to the Moon

Fly Me to the Moon is a celebration of all things lunar tied to the fiftieth anniversary of NASA. From Frank Sinatra's refrain to the Apollo mission, from the rituals of the ancients to science fiction dreams of colonization, this documentary explores the complex and lyrical relationship between man and moon.

How to Divorce and Not Wreck the Kids

Parents, governments and courts now all recognize how high-conflict divorce damages children. Watch as cameras follow divorcing couples as they employ positive alternatives — from do-it-yourself kits and mediation, to the groundbreaking approach known as collaborative divorce. And hear feedback from the kids themselves.

Love, Interrupted

The decision to find a first love is both risky and exhilarating, and it's a step more people than ever are taking thanks to the internet. *Love, Interrupted* explores the phenomenon through two couples who were separated while young, ripped apart by class and religion, but eventually re-unite decades later. Although they are happy to have found each other again, they must deal with the collateral damage which often includes abandoned spouses and angry children.

The Making of a Mountie

They were once our heroes on horseback, but now Canadians pelt eggs at RCMP patrol cars. A police force famed for "getting its man" is now pursued by a swarm of inquiries — federal, provincial and judicial — all investigating both its behaviour and its competence. *The Making of a Mountie* is a compelling portrait of the RCMP at a crossroads.

The Mall

From West Edmonton to Dubai and Montreal to India, *The Mall* takes viewers on an international shopping trip, exploring the history, culture and economics of these shrines to consumerism. Viewers will meet the visionary, quirky architects who design them, the mall rats and bargain hunters who haunt them, and the critics who deride them.

Skin Trade

The growth of internet pornography has skyrocketed, becoming a multi-billion dollar industry. But it's an industry controlled by relatively few "Porn Lords". In Eastern Europe the Russian mafia control the hard-core websites, whose subjects are often victims of human trafficking. *Skin Trade* investigates the "pornification" of our culture.

The Sky's The Limit

Air travel is synonymous with endless line-ups, delays, congestion, and pollution, and it's going to get much worse. With cheaper flights, more new airlines and burgeoning demand from China and India, the number of passengers will swell to a billion a year in the next decade alone. This fascinating documentary probes the crowded skies for solutions.

The Truth about Liars

The only certain thing about lying and cheating is that everyone does it. It's part of being human. Now, Doc Zone reveals *The Truth about Liars* as the

documentary examines the science and sociology of deceit to discover why many of us lie and are programmed to cheat. The documentary also delves into the question everyone wants answered: how can I tell when I'm being lied to?

Web Warriors

It is a fact that the internet connects people around the world, but not as widely known is that electrical grids, airlines, hospitals and major infrastructure also rely on the internet to operate. **Web Warriors** enters the shadowy world of the so-called "grey hats" — hackers for hire, racing to protect critical services before the next disastrous worm or virus attack brings an industry, a city or an entire country to a crashing halt.

Where Are Your Manners?

Are you appalled by how rude people have become? You're certainly not alone. The citizens of the world are a lot less civil these days. In a faster, pushier and more aggressive society, many think we've gone too far, but should we return to the uptight rules of Miss Manners or re-write the etiquette book? Filmmakers investigate.

Documentary Specials

India Reborn

In four vibrant hours of HD television, **India Reborn** charts the kaleidoscopic rise of the world's newest and most improbable superpower. A red-hot economy is transforming this sprawling, chaotic democracy into a land of billionaires and world-class businesses. But the boom leaves millions of poor behind, creating a potent mixture of dreams and despair in a land that could soon shape the future of the world.

The Nature of Things

CBC Television's longest running and multi-award-winning series, **The Nature of Things with David Suzuki**, returns for a new season of exciting and thought-provoking television.

Highlights of the Fall 08 season include:

A bit of nearly forgotten history – the Exxon Valdez. **In the Wake of the Exxon Valdez** is a saga about ordinary people who still to this day are struggling for justice against a huge corporation that has destroyed both their environment and their livelihoods.

We don't like it, but the mosquito is a highly successful creature whose tenacity cannot be dismissed. Mosquitoes have been around longer than humans and for most of that time they've been the source of deadly disease: malaria, dengue fever, encephalitis, West Nile virus...it's a long and growing list. In ***Mosquitoes: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly***, Suzuki and team venture into the tiny but fearsome world of the mosquito, exploring whether their indomitable character will pose increasingly difficult challenges for humanity.

In an investigation of the machinery that makes humans intellectually supreme, ***The Brain that Changes Itself*** is a fascinating look at the revolutionary new understanding of the brain's functional and structural capacities. Best-selling author Dr. Norman Doidge leads viewers on an exploration of new research that has profound implications on our understanding of how so many aspects of humanity, including love, sex, addictions, and technology, can change our brains.

The Robot Revolution is a high-concept documentary that examines the origins and development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). MIT is the hub for AI research and it is there that we find Rodney Brooks and his team developing a machine that simulates human intelligence — reality may finally be catching up with science fiction hype!

It was hailed as one of the most exceptional scientific discoveries in decades, so unexpected that it threatened to overturn accepted notions of human origins and posed questions that reach far beyond science itself. ***The Alien from Earth*** explores the consequences and fall-out following the discovery of Hobbit-like humanoids on the Indonesian island of Flores in 2003.

In ***The Red Faced Monkey and the Tree of Life***, we journey into the rainforest of the Peruvian Amazon to investigate the endangered Red-Faced Uakari monkey. It is a primate rarely seen by the general public — a unique, human-like species whose threatened existence is dangerous for the entire region.

The Nature of Things continues to produce high-quality limited series and Fall 2008 is no exception. ***The Adventurers*** is a riveting four-part series that follows the trail of leading Canadian explorers and adventurers, taking audiences to exotic locales and unravelling some of the world's remaining great mysteries.

Borneo: The Search for the Lost Nomads is a documentary that honours the Penan, a tribal people whose survival is threatened by the continued deforestation of the rainforest they live in. Canadian anthropologist and linguist Ian Mackenzie is working hard to document this rare society before it vanishes forever.

Baja: The Osteo-Biographer follows Elton Molto, the head scientist at Canada's leading forensic lab, as he sets out to solve a complex historical mystery. He's

searching for clues from the *Pericu* people — a fierce tribe of New World Indians that were killed off by European disease before anyone from the realm of science could make any meaningful cultural observations.

In ***Polynesia: The Lost Cities***, we follow maverick archaeologist Edmundo Edwards as he unearths entire unknown cities of stone. Edwards has lived on Easter Island for 45 years, and has done more than any other scientist to dig into the past of ancient Polynesia, revealing to us what lies deep in the jungle.

In ***Egypt: The Dakleh Oasis*** we follow University of Toronto archaeologist Tony Mills to the eastern deserts of Egypt where he and other archaeologists have unearthed an untouched marvel: over 500,000 years of uninterrupted human habitation — there is no place like it in the world.