

# BLACKSTONE

## THE FIFTH AND FINAL SEASON OF THE HIT DRAMA **BLACKSTONE** PREMIERES ON APTN TUES., NOV. 3

– A Prairie Dog Film + Television Production –

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**Toronto. Oct. 5, 2015** – Prairie Dog Film + Television announces that the fifth and final season of the award-winning prime time drama **Blackstone** will feature the characters moving towards hope, healing and retribution – and will conclude with a dramatic finale on Dec. 22. **Blackstone** season five (8 x 60') airs **Tuesdays starting November 3** on Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (**APTN**) (check below for exact times per region).

“We’ve had an incredible run with **Blackstone** on APTN, and together we have taken the show to places where we could have only dreamed of when we started,” says Ron E. Scott, Executive Producer, Writer, and Director. “The series’ final season is once again filled with intense, hard-hitting issues that have challenged viewers’ perception of socially conscious storytelling on television.”

In the new season of **Blackstone**, there is hope in the midst of adversity as the Blackstone First Nation strives toward a better life by building a stronger community. Panicked and grief-stricken, the Stoneys fight for the authorities to expand the search for Wendy. Meanwhile, Andy tries to work his usual channels to stay out of jail. Chief Victor’s lack of leadership has left the Blackstone community struggling. Leona gets close to a foster child, but is left seeking justice when tragedy strikes. A sober Gail searches for a new identity and a new path while coping with Wilma’s failing health. Smokey moves back to Blackstone to serve the community, and Daryl makes a business decision that pulls him and Gina deeper into a criminal world.

**Blackstone** airs **Tuesdays at 10 p.m. ET** on **APTN HD** and **APTN East** starting **Nov. 3**; **Tuesdays at 10 p.m. MT** on **APTN West** starting **Nov. 3**, and **Saturdays at 11:30 p.m. CT** on **APTN North** starting **Nov. 7**.

The award-winning predominately Aboriginal cast has roots across Canada, including Carmen Moore (*Arctic Air*, *Godiva’s*), Eric Schweig (*Last of the Mohicans*), Michelle Thrush (*Arctic Air*, *Jimmy P.*), Steven Cree Molison (*Brokeback Mountain*, *Fifty Shades of Gray*), Ashley Callingbull (*the newly crowned*, *Mrs. Universe*), Jennifer Podemski (*Degrassi*), Glen Gould (*Mohawk Girls*) and Tantoo Cardinal (*Legends of the Fall*, *Dances with Wolves*).

Canadians can catch-up on seasons one, two, three, and four on <http://aptn.ca/blackstone/>. In the US, viewers can watch on *Hulu.com* and *Hulu Plus*. It is also available for purchase on iTunes Canada and will soon be available on iTunes in the U.S.

**Blackstone** is produced by Prairie Dog Film + Television, with Ron E. Scott as Executive Producer, Writer & Director, Jesse Szymanski as Co-Executive Producer, and Damon Vignale as Writer/Producer. The series currently broadcasts in Canada on APTN, in the United States on Hulu and HuluPlus, in New Zealand on Maori Television, and in Australia on SBS/NITV. **Blackstone** has been nominated for 86 awards, including Best Dramatic Series, and Best Dramatic Writing at the Canadian Screen Awards.

**Blackstone** is produced in association with Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN), the Canada Media Fund, with the assistance of the Government of Alberta, Alberta Media Fund, with the participation of Rogers Cable Network Fund, and with the assistance of the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. [www.blackstonetheseries.com](http://www.blackstonetheseries.com)

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Prairie Dog Film + Television is an award winning dramatic production company dedicated to scripted television series production. Founded by Showrunner Ron E. Scott in 1993, the company has developed a reputable pedigree for high quality, relevant projects that depict unique stories with universal themes.

The company has garnered international media attention and been recognized with over 100 award nominations and wins from such prestigious organizations as the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, including a nomination for Best Dramatic Television Series for the revolutionary series ***Blackstone***.

Over 190 episodes of television produced, Prairie Dog's programs have aired on major networks across North America (APTN, ABC, CBC, CBC Bold, City TV, CTV, Global, Halogen, ION, Hulu, & Showcase) as well as international markets including the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, China, Europe and South Africa.

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