

BLACKSTONE

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THE RETURN OF RIVETING BLACKSTONE **Production Begins with an Exceptional Lineup of Cast for Season 3**

Edmonton, Alberta (March 21, 2013) -- **Prairie Dog Film + Television** begins production on the highly anticipated third season of **Blackstone** this Sunday March 24.

"We're very excited about the calibre of talent on this show," says Executive Producer Ron E. Scott, "and Season 3 is going to be the most provocative yet."

Blackstone's powerhouse lineup of talent returns to the show, and includes **Carmen Moore, Eric Schweig, Michelle Thrush, Nathaniel Arcand, Steven Cree Molison, Andrea Menard, Tantoo Cardinal, and Garry Chalk.**

New to the series are **John Cassini** (*Arrow, Intelligence*), **Tinsel Korey** (*Sanctuary, The Twilight Saga*), **Cheri Maracle** (*Moccasin Flats, Blackfly*), **Bronson Pelletier** (*Renegade Press, The Twilight Saga*), **Wayne Baker** (*Pathfinder, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*) and **Dakota House** (*The Horses of McBride, One Dead Indian*).

Intense, compelling and confrontational, **Blackstone** is an un-muted exploration of power, politics and relationships on the fictional Blackstone First Nation. This original dramatic TV series is unlike any other show on the air today. Entertaining and informative, **Blackstone** is a story of hope and reconciliation in its portrayal of Native people fighting for better lives – on and off the reserve. To date, **Blackstone** has won 20 awards and received 49 award nominations, including three nominations at this year's Canadian Screen Awards.

Blackstone is produced by Prairie Dog Film + Television, with **Ron E. Scott** as Executive Producer, Writer and Director, **Jesse Szymanski** as Producer, and **Damon Vignale** as Writer/Producer. **Blackstone** is also produced in association with Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN), with the participation of the Canada Media Fund, with the assistance of the Government of Alberta, Alberta Multimedia Development Fund, with the participation of Rogers Cable Network Fund, and with the assistance of the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. **Blackstone** currently broadcasts in Canada on APTN, and in New Zealand on Maori Television. LA-based PPI Releasing distributes the series internationally.

ABOUT PRAIRIE DOG FILM + TELEVISION

Prairie Dog Film + Television is a dramatic series production company whose award winning projects have garnered 96 nominations and 33 wins. Métis Executive Producer, Director and Writer Ron E. Scott founded the company in 1993. Prairie Dog Film + Television has carved out an enviable reputation, spotlighting unique yet universal stories. www.prairiedog.ca

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ABOUT APTN

APTN is the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples to share with all Canadians and viewers around the world. APTN is available in approximately 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. The network launched its high definition channel APTNHD in the spring of 2008. APTN does not receive government funding for operations but generates revenue through subscriber fees, advertising sales and strategic partnerships. APTN broadcasts programming with 56% offered in English, 16% in French and 28% in Aboriginal languages. www.aptn.ca

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