

# BLACKSTONE

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## BLACKSTONE RECEIVES 7 LEO AWARD NOMINATIONS & WINS 6 ALBERTA FILM & TELEVISION AWARDS

(April 25, 2014) – Prairie Dog Film + Television is honored to receive 7 nominations in the following categories at the 2014 Leo Awards for the dramatic television series *Blackstone*.

- ❖ *Best Dramatic Series – Ron E. Scott, Jesse Szymanski, Damon Vignale*
- ❖ *Best Cinematography in a Dramatic Series – Jonathan Benny*
- ❖ *Best Lead Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series – Carmen Moore*
- ❖ *Best Lead Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series – Steven Cree Molison*
- ❖ *Best Supporting Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series – Andrea Menard*
- ❖ *Best Supporting Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series – Swo-wo Gabriel*
- ❖ *Best Guest Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series – Tinsel Korey*

Most recently, *Blackstone* won 6 Rosie's at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta Film & Television Awards.

- ❖ *Best Director – Ron E. Scott*
- ❖ *Best Actress in a Leading Role – Michelle Thrush*
- ❖ *Best Screenwriter – Ron E. Scott*
- ❖ *Best Production Reflecting Cultural Diversity – Ron E. Scott & Jesse Szymanski*
- ❖ *Best Musical Score – Mike Shields*
- ❖ *Best Musical Score (The Making of Blackstone) – Mike Shields*

*Blackstone* Season 3 tackled universal themes of domestic violence, criminal justice, child and family welfare, the devastating consequences of addiction and the long worthwhile process of healing and reconciliation. *Blackstone* currently can be viewed at [www.aptn.ca/blackstone](http://www.aptn.ca/blackstone)

*Blackstone* Season 4 is currently in production and is slated to air Fall 2014 on APTN.

### ABOUT BLACKSTONE

*Blackstone* is produced by Prairie Dog Film + Television, with **Ron E. Scott** as Executive Producer, Writer and Director, **Jesse Szymanski** as Producer, **Damon Vignale** as Producer and Writer. *Blackstone* currently broadcasts in Canada on APTN, in New Zealand on Maori

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Television, in Australia on SBS/NITV, and is internationally distributed by PPI Releasing. Blackstone has been nominated for 79 awards, winning 26, including 2 Geminis, 4 Leo Awards and multiple Alberta Film and Television Awards.

**Blackstone** is produced in association with Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, 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.

## **ABOUT APTN**

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