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APTN reveals fall slate

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APTN has announced premiere dates for its upcoming fall lineup, which launches Sept. 2 and features a slate of new and returning series.

Returning drama series *Blackstone* is the focus of a major promotional push this season, with doc series *The Making of Blackstone* airing a week before the season premiere, plus marathons of the first two seasons on the Saturday and Sunday before the premiere.

And as the network builds on its strategic plan to attract the youth and young adult demographics, Kumpf said APTN will also focus on selling around new series *U=US* and *Hit the Ice*.



New series include *All Our Relations*, a series that tells the stories of Aboriginal celebrities and premieres Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD starting Sept. 4, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. local time on APTN North starting Sept. 8.

Indians & Aliens, a documentary series about UFO encounters in the Cree lands of northern Quebec, premieres Tuesday Sept. 3 at 10 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD, and Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. on APTN North.

Meanwhile live performance show, *Live From the Hundred Years Café*, debuts Fridays at 7 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD, starting Sept. 6, and at 11 p.m. local time on APTN North starting Sept. 8, while animated series *The Deerskins* premieres Saturdays at 8 p.m. local time on all APTN channels, starting Sept. 7.

U=US, a series made by and for teens, premieres at 9:30 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD starting Sept. 3, and Thursdays at 4 p.m. local time on APTN North starting Sept. 5, and making its world premiere, *Watchers of the North* debuts at 8 p.m. local time on Sept. 5 on APTN East, West and HD, and at 6:30 p.m. local time on Sept. 8 on APTN North.

Also new to APTN are French-language series like *Aux Frontières du pas Normal*, a paranormal show that premieres Mondays at 4 p.m. local time on APTN East and APTN HD starting Sept. 2, and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. local time on APTN North starting Sept. 8, and *Les Sioui Bacon*, a series about an Innu family that relocates to Montreal, which debuts Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. local on APTN East and APTN HD.

Meanwhile, *Hit the Ice*, a Cree series that follows aspiring Aboriginal hockey players, premieres Sept. 2 at 2:30 p.m. local time on APTN West and at 3:30 p.m. local time on APTN East, North and HD, respectively, starting Sept. 4. APTN will also begin to air French-language versions of classic *North of 60* episodes on APTN East, West and North at 6 a.m. local time starting Sept. 2.

Back for a second season, *Arctic Air* premieres Wednesdays at 7 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD starting Oct. 16, and Sundays at 8 p.m. local time on APTN North starting Oct. 20, while season three of *Blackstone* debuts Wednesday Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. local time on APTN East, West and HD and Sunday Sept. 29 at 11 p.m. local time on APTN North.

Also returning are series like *Down2Earth*, *Untamed Gourmet*, *Heartland* and *Samaqan: Water Stories*, as well as *Fit First Youth Edition* and the French-language program *Tam*.