



## HULU TO HAVE U.S. PREMIERE OF PRAIRIE DOG FILM + TELEVISION'S HIT DRAMATIC SERIES *BLACKSTONE*

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**June 5, 2014** – Prairie Dog Film + Television's award-winning Canadian series *Blackstone* – a drama that explores the universal themes of power, corruption, and family as seen through the lives of the Blackstone First Nations Community – has been sold by PPI Releasing to U.S. online streaming service Hulu. Season one through three of *Blackstone* (23 episodes) will be available for full viewing starting from July onwards on hulu.com and huluPlus. Exact launch dates for each season will be announced later this summer. Season four, which just wrapped production, (8 episodes) will be available on Hulu later this year.

"*Blackstone's* raw, controversial and riveting content makes this an attractive and addictive series for a wide range of viewers. Hulu is the ideal platform to expand this audience," says Ron E. Scott, Executive Producer, Writer & Director.

"*Blackstone* is as good as TV gets," says PPI principal Ritch Colbert, "The series' hard-hitting writing, compelling characters and gut-wrenching drama will make American audiences sit up and take notice."

Winner of 28 prestigious television awards, *Blackstone* is an intensely real drama whose plot lines are often ripped straight from the headlines. The series tells the story of the fictional Blackstone First Nation suffering disintegration by its own hand – the result of its corrupted Chief and Council. Hulu viewers will have the opportunity to watch the series, which follows the story arcs of domestic violence, criminal justice, child and family welfare, and the consequences of addiction.

PPI Releasing has also sold the series in New Zealand to Maori Television, and in Australia to SBS/NITV.

*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 Writer / Producer. The series currently broadcasts in Canada on APTN, in New Zealand on Maori Television, in Australia on SBS/NITV, and is internationally distributed by PPI Releasing. *Blackstone* has been nominated for 72 awards, winning 28, including 2 Geminis, 6 Leo Awards and multiple Alberta Film & 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. [www.blackstonetheseries.com](http://www.blackstonetheseries.com)



### **ABOUT PRAIRIE DOG FILM + TELEVISION**

Prairie Dog Film + Television is an award winning dramatic series production company with an enviable reputation and pedigree, spotlighting unique yet universal stories. It was founded by Métis Executive Producer, Writer, and Director Ron E. Scott in 1993.

Under Scott's leadership, Prairie Dog Film + Television has amassed an extensive list of innovative programming that spans many genres. Having produced over 180 episodes of television for APTN, ABC, CBC, CBC Bold, City TV, CTV, Global, Halogen, ION, Hulu, Showcase, and airs in several international broadcasting markets including the US, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Eastern & Western Europe and South Africa. [www.prairiedog.ca](http://www.prairiedog.ca)

### **ABOUT PPI**

PPI Releasing, LLC is an independent television distribution company based in Venice Beach, California and led by founders Ritch Colbert, Dave Hutchinson and Josh Raphaelson. PPI is known for award-winning series with high production values that are popular with viewers, advertisers and broadcasters around the world.

### **ABOUT HULU**

Hulu is an online TV service whose mission is to help people find and enjoy the world's premium content when, where and how they want. As we pursue this mission, we aspire to create a service that users, advertisers and content owners unabashedly love. ([www.hulu.com](http://www.hulu.com))

### **ABOUT HULU PLUS**

Hulu Plus offers unlimited instant streaming of current hit shows. Available on TVs and many other Internet connected devices in HD for \$7.99 a month.

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