

CORONER is the #1 New Canadian English-Language Drama of the 2018/19 Broadcast Season

*In Canada on CBC, both the series premiere and second episode have each garnered an audience of more than 1 million viewers**

In the UK, the series premiere is Universal TV's all-time, highest-ever rated series launch on the channel

February 1, 2019 – Out of the gate, audiences in Canada and the UK are embracing the new CBC original drama series **CORONER**. In Canada, the series bowed as the highest-rated new drama series premiere on CBC in more than four years. According to Numeris confirmed data, **CORONER** reached 2 million in Canada and delivered an average minute audience of more than one million viewers for each episode on CBC*, with the series ranking in the top 30 television programs in English Canada for two consecutive weeks. In the UK, **CORONER** premiered as Universal TV's highest-ever rated series launch.

"Coroner has struck a chord with viewers in Canada and the UK, which is a testament to the series' outstanding cast and creative team and the authenticity of its themes and characters," said Sally Catto, General Manager, Programming, CBC. "Bringing the best of Canada to audiences at home and around the world is CBC's top priority, and we couldn't be more proud to have commissioned this original drama from Muse, Back Alley and Cineflix."

"We are exhilarated to see how audiences are responding to Coroner's unique take on character-driven drama elevated by an awesomely talented ensemble cast," said showrunner Morwyn Brebner and lead director and

executive producer Adrienne Mitchell. "We can't wait for audiences to see where we take Jenny Cooper for the rest of our inaugural season and beyond."

Inspired by the best-selling series of books by M.R. Hall, **CORONER** (8x60) is a character-driven one-hour drama about Dr. Jenny Cooper (Serinda Swan, *Ballers*, *Inhumans*), a recently widowed new coroner who investigates suspicious, unnatural or sudden deaths in Toronto. The series reflects the rich diversity of Toronto, and each case brings Jenny into a new arena in the city, touching on buzz-worthy themes. Jenny taps into her intuition as much as her intellect and heart as she solves cases with the help of homicide detective Donovan McAvoy (Roger Cross), a man who isn't afraid of challenging the status quo; pathologist Dr. Dwayne Allen (Lovell Adams-Gray) and his assistant River Baitz (Kiley May); and Alison Trent (Tamara Podemski), Jenny's assistant who keeps it real. And while Jenny solves mysterious deaths, she also deals with clinical anxiety; a teenage son, Ross (Ehren Kassam), who is still grieving the death of his father; and the prospect of starting a new relationship with the enigmatic Liam (Éric Bruneau).

In Canada, the series airs Mondays at 9 p.m. (9:30 NT) on CBC and the [CBC Gem](#) streaming service, with past episodes available to stream anytime.

A CBC original series, **CORONER** is produced by Muse Entertainment, Back Alley Films and Cineflix Studios. Morwyn Brebner (*Saving Hope*, *Rookie Blue*) is creator, executive producer and showrunner, Adrienne Mitchell (Durham County, *Bellevue*) is lead director and executive producer for Back Alley Films, Jonas Prupas is executive producer for Muse Entertainment with Peter Emerson and Brett Burlock executive producers for Cineflix Studios. For CBC, Sally Catto is General Manager, Programming; Helen Asimakis is Senior Director, Scripted Content; and Sarah Adams is Executive in Charge of Production. Cineflix Rights has the exclusive worldwide distribution rights to **CORONER**.

Source: Numeris TV Meter, Sept. 17, 2018 - Jan. 20, 2019, Total TV English, A2+, M-Su 2a-2a, Total Canada, AMA & Reach, generated by InfoSys+TV

Episode 101 broadcast on CBC on Monday, January 7: 2+ AMA 1,051,000

Episode 102 broadcast on CBC on Monday, January 14: 2+ AMA 1,015,000

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