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Anna Paquin to Star in New CBC Drama Bellevue

OTTAWA: Anna Paquin (*True Blood, Roots, Margaret, Alias Grace*) is set to star in *Bellevue*, a new 8x1-hour drama premiering on CBC in winter 2017.

Allen Leech (*Downton Abbey, The Imitation Game, Rome*) and Shawn Doyle (*House of Cards, Big Love, Fargo*) will star alongside Paquin in the series. Set in a small blue-collar town, *Bellevue* centers on Detective Annie Ryder (played by Paquin), who must unravel the mystery behind the disappearance of a transgender teen.

Bellevue is commissioned by CBC and produced by Muse Entertainment (*The Kennedys, Tut*) and Back Alley Film Productions (*Durham County, Bomb Girls*). The drama is created by newcomer Jane Maggs and veteran producer/director Adrienne Mitchell.

"*Bellevue* is a bold addition to CBC's drama slate," said Sally Catto, the general manager of programming at CBC Television. "This series is a prime example of the distinct, premium storytelling we strive to deliver our audiences, anchored by extraordinary talent both behind and on the screen."

"Anna Paquin is the perfect actress to bring this brilliant and complex detective to life," added executive producer Michael Prupas, the president of Muse Entertainment. "Anna, Allen Leech and Shawn Doyle are internationally recognized actors whose strong talents will draw audiences from across the globe into the rich world of *Bellevue*."

"We are so excited by Anna's passion and enthusiasm for the series and know that she'll bring her signature artistry to this deliciously fraught and driven character," said executive producers Janis Lundman and Adrienne Mitchell of Back Alley Film Productions.