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Muse Entertainment, Back Alley Films and Cineflix Studios are delighted to announce production is underway for season two of the CBC hit original drama series **CORONER** (8x60). Last season's #1 new English-language Canadian series* returns with more buzzworthy cases and compelling character drama, starring Serinda Swan (*Inhumans*, *Ballers*) as coroner Dr. Jenny Cooper. **CORONER** season two is scheduled to debut on CBC and the free CBC Gem streaming service in Winter 2020 and expected to return to the UK, Australia, France, Spain, Germany, Africa, Poland, Latin America and Brazil in 2020. Inspired by the best-selling series of books by M.R. Hall and created for television by Morwyn Brebner (*Saving Hope*, *Rookie Blue*), the series is currently being filmed in various locations in Toronto, Ontario.

Building on the critical and ratings success of the hit first season, **CORONER** season two returns to Toronto where Jenny Cooper continues her mission to speak for the dead to protect the living. In the aftermath of a devastating apartment fire, Jenny struggles to control a dangerous new outlet for her anxiety. Meanwhile, a witness to the fire draws Detective Donovan McAvoy into a hidden side of the city. The season dives deeper into what it means to live in the face of death. Jenny must trust her instincts, as her father's dementia worsens, her son turns 18, and her now-live-in boyfriend Liam is confronted by his own push and pull with death. Every body has a story – and this season, Jenny must figure out the story

her own body's telling.

CORONER stars Swan as Dr. Jenny Cooper with Roger Cross (*Dark Matter, Caught*) as Donovan McAvoy; Éric Bruneau (*Goalie, Blue Moon*) as Liam; Ehren Kassam (*Degrassi, Next Class*) as Ross; Nicholas Campbell (*Da Vinci's Inquest, Bad Blood*) as Gordon Cooper; Tamara Podemski (*Never saw it Coming*) as Alison Trent; Andy McQueen (*Killjoys*) as Malik Abed; and Kiley May (*It Chapter Two*) as River Baitz. Joining the cast this season are Nicola Correia-Damude (*October Faction*) as Kelly, a survivor of the apartment fire who makes a connection with Jenny, and Olunike Adeliyi (*Workin' Moms*) as Noor, a social worker who will do anything to protect her clients.

"Audiences are captivated by the complex character of Jenny Cooper and her timely investigations, thanks to the tremendous talent of the cast and creative team, and we look forward to sharing her next chapter with fans across the country," said Sally Catto, General Manager, Programming, CBC. "Morwyn, Adrienne, and the teams at Muse, Back Alley and Cineflix have created a cohesive and dynamic world for **CORONER**, with unabashedly complicated characters who will continue to evolve over the new season."

"We are thrilled to be returning to **CORONER** for a second season that will not only continue to explore fascinating cases, but also brings fans closer to Jenny and her personal journey," said showrunner Morwyn Brebner and lead director and executive producer Adrienne Mitchell. "There's a real explosiveness to this season that we are very excited to bring to life."

Season one of the series premiered as the highest-rated new drama series on CBC in more than four years** and delivered an average audience of more than one million viewers.*** **CORONER** also premiered as the highest-ever rated series launch in the UK for Universal TV in January 2019.

A CBC original series, **CORONER** is produced by Back Alley Films, Muse Entertainment 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. Michael Prupas and Janis Lundman serve as Consulting Executives for Muse Entertainment and Back Alley Films, respectively. For CBC, Sally Catto is General Manager, Programming; Trish Williams is Executive Director, Scripted Content; 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, Total Canada, Total TV English, Ind.2+ AMA, Sept. 17, 2018 – June 2, 2019, Mon-Sun 2a-2a, generated by InfoSys+TV.*

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