

CORUS ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES PREMIERE DATES FOR SHOWCASE AND W NETWORK'S FALL 2019 PRIMETIME SCHEDULE

DC's *Swamp Thing* Debuts on Showcase with a Two-Night Premiere Event on September 2 and 3, Followed by Legendary DC Character's Origin Story *Pennyworth* on September 4

The Notable Debut of Ruby Rose as *Batwoman* Premieres on Showcase on October 6

Iconic Detective *Nancy Drew* Makes Her W Network Premiere on October 9

Hallmark Channel's Heart-Warming Year-Round Seasonal Stunts Continue on W Network with *Fall Harvest* Beginning September 21 and the Beloved Holiday Tradition *Countdown to Christmas* on November 1

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TORONTO, August 6, 2019 – **Showcase** and **W Network** announced today fall schedules jam-packed with coveted new series and returning favourites, including show-stopping thrillers, high-flying action, compelling stories and romance. Showcase is delivering audiences more of the rich world of DC as highly anticipated premieres of *Swamp Thing*, *Pennyworth* and *Batwoman* make their rousing debut, while the ultimate sleuth *Nancy Drew* and more exclusive Hallmark Channel movies join W Network's robust roster of spellbinding magic, mystery and drama.

Showcase Premieres:

Rising from the realm of DC fame, ***Swamp Thing*** premieres on Showcase with a two-night event on **Monday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 3 at 10 p.m. ET**, with regular episodes rolling out on **Tuesdays at 10 p.m. ET**. The series follows Abby Arcane (Crystal Reed) as she investigates what seems to be a deadly swamp-born virus in a small town in Louisiana, soon discovering that the swamp holds mystical and terrifying secrets. When unexplainable and chilling horrors emerge from the murky marsh, no one is safe.

From another comic book sensation comes ***Pennyworth***, the origin story from the *Batman* universe that follows Bruce Wayne's butler, Alfred Pennyworth. Formerly a British SAS soldier, Pennyworth (Jack Bannon) forms a security company and goes to work with young billionaire Thomas Wayne, who's not yet Bruce's billionaire father, in dangerous and exciting 1960s London. The new series is at your service **Wednesday, September 4 at 9 p.m. ET** on Showcase.

Then, buzzworthy ***Batwoman*** soars onto the Showcase schedule on **Sunday, October 6 at 8 p.m. ET/PT**. Kate Kane (Ruby Rose) makes her debut in the city of Gotham as Batwoman, a

highly trained street fighter primed to snuff out the failing city's criminal resurgence, but don't call her a hero yet. In a city desperate for a saviour, Kate must overcome her own demons before becoming Gotham's new symbol of hope.

Rounding out a two-hour super heroine programming block on Showcase are familiar faces Kara (Melissa Benoist) and Alex (Chyler Leigh) of ***Supergirl***. Season 5 will continue to follow Kara as she struggles with battling a movement while she herself, an alien, represents one of the main things people are fearful of. *Supergirl* follows *Batwoman* on **Sunday, October 6 at 9 p.m. ET**. Also returning to Showcase this fall is more dark magic from the students of the Salvatore School for the Young and Gifted in the second season of *The Vampire Diaries* spin-off ***Legacies***, premiering on **Thursday, October 10 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**.

W Network Premieres:

For the past two fall seasons, W Network has ranked as the #1 entertainment specialty network*, bringing in massive audiences with a mix of heart-warming content and immersive dramas. A new addition to W Network's fall schedule is ***Nancy Drew*** (Kennedy McMann), with the titular character arriving on the scene on **October 9 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**, bringing an element of darkness to the whodunit series with a supernatural twist. The brilliant detective's sense of self comes from solving mysteries in her hometown of Horseshoe Bay, Maine – until her mother's untimely death derails Nancy's college plans. Devastated by her mother's passing, Nancy swears off crime-solving while crossing off the days until she can re-apply to college, but when a socialite is murdered Nancy finds herself a prime suspect in the crime, along with a group of other teens present at the scene.

With the continued success of Hallmark Channel content on W Network, audiences can celebrate beautiful autumn days, full of changing leaves and apple picking, with the debut of ***Hallmark Channel's Fall Harvest***, beginning on **Saturday, September 21**, featuring back-to-back movies every weekend. Succeeding the feel-good fall event is the beloved ***Hallmark Channel's Countdown to Christmas***, premiering on **Friday, November 1**. *Countdown to Christmas* is W Network's biggest event of the year, with last year's event cementing the channel as the #1 most watched network in Canada on weekends, surpassing conventional and sports.**

W Network is also delivering a second season of ***All American***, the gripping high school football drama inspired by true events on **Monday, October 7 at 8 p.m. ET/PT**, and a second season of the cult fantasy drama, ***Charmed*** premiering on **Friday, October 11 at 8 p.m. ET/PT**. Based on the original series, *Charmed* continues to follow three sisters Mel (Melonie Diaz), Maggie (Sarah Jeffery) and Macy (Madeleine Mantock) as they embrace their new magical powers. The series returns after a popular first season, where it ranked in the Top 5 entertainment specialty programs in Fall 2018 for A25-54, Top 10 for A18-34 (young adults)***.

Showcase is available on National Free Preview from August 26 to September 30 and W Network is available on National Free Preview from October 1 to November 17.

* Source: Numeris PPM Data, Total TV, W Network, FL'18 (Aug 27 – Dec 30/18) vs. FL17 (Aug 28 – Dec 31/17), station rank based on CDN COM ENG Spec + Dig excluding sports

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