

## THERE GOES THE GALAXY!

### HOUSEGUESTS FROM THE PAST BATTLE HOUSEGUESTS FROM THE PRESENT FOR A SECOND CHANCE TO WIN *BIG BROTHER CANADA*

Returning Houseguests Gary Levy, Neda Kalantar, Kevin Martin, and  
Bruno Ielo Face Off Against New Houseguests in Season 5

First Time Houseguests from Edmonton, Trois-Rivieres, Montreal, and  
Lindsay Set to Enter the *Big Brother Canada* House

#BBCAN5 Premieres Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Global



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**TORONTO, March 8, 2017 – *Big Brother Canada*** is going where no *Big Brother* has gone before! Season 5 of **Global's** hit reality series is bringing back some of Canada's favourite houseguests from the past to battle new houseguests from the present, pitting them against each other in a fight for future

supremacy inside the *Big Brother Canada* “Odyssey” house. This #BBCAN5 voyage through time begins **Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT** on Global.

Vying for another shot at *BBCAN* victory, second chance *Big Brother Canada* houseguests are all after the ultimate redemption – a chance to re-write their history, and Canada has a front row seat! Second chance houseguests include: Gary Levy from Toronto, ON; Neda Kalantar from Vancouver, BC; Kevin Martin from Calgary, AB; and Bruno Ielo from Ottawa, ON. First time houseguests joining the returning players include: Andre “Dre” Gwenaelle, a masters student from Montreal, QC; Mark Chrysler, a bartender from Edmonton, AB; William Laprise Desbiens, a Marketing student from Trois-Rivieres, QB; and Emily Hawkin, a bartender from Lindsay, ON.

[Meet the first eight of this season's 16 houseguests:](#)

### **SECOND CHANCERS:**

#### **Gary “Glitter” Levy**

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** Toronto, ON

**Currently living:** Ajax, ON

**Occupation:** Artist

**BBCAN background:** The first runner up in the inaugural season of *Big Brother Canada*, Gary would have taken the *BBCAN* crown if fellow Season 1 houseguest, and his closest ally, Topaz hadn't mistakenly voted for rival Jillian to win instead of him. Talk about misunderstanding the voting process!

**Second chance strategy:** “First and foremost, I'm going to reiterate the voting instructions when I get to the final two: ‘Houseguests, vote for the person you WANT to win!’”

#### **Neda Kalantar**

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** Vancouver, BC

**Currently living:** Vancouver, BC

**Occupation:** Fashion Stylist and Entrepreneur

**BBCAN background:** The victim of friendship gone wrong, Neda made it to the final three in Season 2 but her game was cut short by her closest friend in the *BBCAN* house, Jon, when he won the final HOH and evicted her in the finale.

**Second chance strategy:** “Last time I went in and laid low for the first few weeks. I can't do that now. I have a reputation going in. I will cut anyone I need to cut this season and I won't look back.”

#### **Kevin Martin**

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Calgary, AB

**Currently living:** Calgary, AB

**Occupation:** Professional Poker Player and Content Creator

**BBCAN background:** One of the first houseguests to be evicted as a result of a triple eviction, Kevin is also the first houseguest in *BBCAN* history to be evicted without receiving any eviction votes against him. Ouch.

**Second chance strategy:** “The first time I played I thought having good social game was just getting along with everyone, but it turned out to be a little shallow. This time I want to get to know people deeper on a personal level.”

#### **Bruno Ielo**

**Age:** 33

**Hometown:** Ottawa, ON

**Currently living:** Ottawa, ON

**Occupation:** Construction Worker

**BBCAN background:** The first houseguest to win the Power of Veto during a triple eviction, Bruno lasted eight weeks without a single eviction nomination. But the father of two was ultimately evicted in a coup d'état twist that put him on the block and lead to his departure from the *BBCAN* house.

**Second chance strategy:** "I don't have a set strategy. I need to meet everybody, see what they're about, see the personalities, learn their strengths and weaknesses and use those against them."

### **FIRST TIMERS:**

#### **Andre "Dre" Gwenaelle**

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** Montreal, QC

**Currently living:** Montreal, QC

**Occupation:** Masters Student

Brains, beauty and a sassy attitude make this masters student a force to be reckoned with. But don't mistake her lack of strategy for not being prepared – Dre is heading into the *BBCAN* house flexible enough to adapt to any situation.

#### **Mark Chrysler**

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Edmonton, AB

**Currently living:** Edmonton, AB

**Occupation:** Bartender

This fun, outgoing, fitness-lover has a two-pronged strategy when it comes to winning over the houseguests, and winning the game – dominate the physical challenges and use his charm to up his social game.

#### **William Laprise Desbiens**

**Age:** 23

**Currently living:** Trois-Rivieres, QC

**Hometown:** Trois-Rivieres, QC

**Occupation:** Marketing Student & Blogger

Even though William plans to use his French accent as his secret weapon to confuse houseguests, this French-Canadian is ultimately trying to be himself and have fun in the house...but if he has to do a little backstabbing in the process he will!

#### **Emily Hawkin**

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** Lindsay, ON

**Currently living:** Toronto, ON

**Occupation:** Musician & Server

This "really freaking single" singer-songwriter has contemplated several strategies before going into the *BBCAN5* house, but is holding out until the first HOH competition to decide on her plan of attack.

The final group of houseguests will be revealed tomorrow.

Airing exclusively on Global, *Big Brother Canada* plucks a group of hand-picked strangers from their homes, sequesters them from the outside world, and places them inside a house outfitted wall-to-wall with cameras and microphones that capture their every move. The houseguests compete for a grand prize of \$100,000, a \$30,000 home furnishing makeover from The Brick, and a new 2017 Toyota 86.

*Big Brother Canada* premieres Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT and continues to air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT, Thursdays at 8 p.m. ET/PT, and Mondays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Global. Viewers who miss the premiere can catch up on *Big Brother Canada* following the broadcast the next day on [GlobalTV.com](http://GlobalTV.com) and [Global Go](http://GlobalGo). And for even more behind the scenes action, fans can watch the live feeds on [BigBrotherCanada.ca](http://BigBrotherCanada.ca).

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