



## CORUS ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES 35 GREENLIGHTS AND RENEWALS FOR ITS ICONIC PORTFOLIO OF SPECIALTY NETWORKS

**Corus Studios Unveils 21 Dynamic Lifestyle and Factual Titles Deepening its Commitment to Canadian Content and Creators**

**Celebrating 50 Years as a Global Leader in Children’s Entertainment, Nelvana Greenlights Five New and Returning Series**

**Corus Commissions First Adult Swim Original *Psi Cops* and Turns Beloved Canadian Cartoon *Toopy and Binoo* into Feature Film**



From left to right: Newly greenlit and renewed series – *Styled*, *Island of Bryan* – Season 4, *Wall of Chefs* – Season 2, *Super Wish*, *Deadman’s Curse*, *Psi Cops*

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## For Immediate Release

**TORONTO, May 26, 2021** – Today, **Corus Entertainment** announced its slate of premium original content for 2021/22 with **35** impressive greenlights and renewals across its powerful portfolio of specialty networks and streaming platforms.

“Corus’ ongoing commitment to Canadian content and creators continues with this new wave of greenlights and renewals featuring a diverse mix of original lifestyle, factual, and children’s series, from Corus and its production powerhouses, Corus Studios and Nelvana,” said Colin Bohm, Executive Vice President, Content and Corporate Strategies, Corus Entertainment. “We are proud to collaborate with our esteemed production partners to advance new formats, tell engaging stories, and champion voices that inspire audiences in Canada and abroad.”

With over 500 hours of content sold this year, **Corus Studios**, a leading hit-maker in lifestyle and unscripted series in Canada, broadens its worldwide reach and scale with eight new series and 13 returning shows that will debut across **Food Network Canada**, **HGTV Canada**, and **HISTORY®**.

Celebrating 50 years as a world-leading international producer and distributor of children’s animated and live-action content, **Nelvana** has greenlit four brand new animated series and one returning fan-favourite with more to be announced soon. Nelvana-produced content is distributed in over 180 countries around the world with fresh new series and seasons landing in Canada on Corus’ leading kids’ networks, **YTV** and **Treehouse**, later this year.

Beyond Corus Studios and Nelvana, Corus also proudly announces its first-ever original series for **Adult Swim** with **Psi Cops** (26x11), while kid-favourite cartoon **Toopy and Binoo** has been greenlit to return in 2022 as an animated feature film of the same name (1x80).

Stay tuned for more Corus content announcements in the coming weeks including updates across scripted and new pickups for the 2021/22 season. For the latest updates, visit [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com).

**\*\*MEDIA NOTE\*\*** See below for a complete breakdown of today’s Corus Originals announcements including series synopses and network information.

## LIFESTYLE

### HGTV Canada

The nation’s destination for home renovation and design, real estate and DIY projects, **HGTV Canada** introduces four new eye-catching Corus Studios series and six returning favourites.

Vibrant, fresh and fun, **Styled** (Working Title) (8x60), follows the staging and renovation adventures of dynamic design super-duo and BFF’s **Nicole Babb** and **Caffery VanHorne**. Then in **Trading Up** (10x60), **Mandy Rennehan**, celebrated builder, motivational speaker, blue-collar hero and proud founder and CEO of the women-owned LGBTQ+ business [Freshco.ca](http://Freshco.ca), focuses on the trades as she mentors deserving apprentices while renovating three extraordinary properties in her hometown of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

HGTV Canada's trusted coach and contractor, **Sebastian Clovis**, returns to the network in **Gut Job** (8x60) with his biggest mission to date – guiding homeowners through the biggest renovations of their lives. In a new spin-off, **Scott McGillivray** turns the tables and puts his rules to the test on his waterfront cottage in **Scott's Own Vacation House Rules** (4x60). The stunt-series will debut alongside with the renewal of his Top 5\* HGTV Canada Original series, **Scott's Vacation House Rules**, Season 3 (12x60) set to debut in 2022.

The show that keeps on breaking records, **Island of Bryan** is back for a fourth season. HGTV Canada's most-watched series in a decade continues to drive audiences beating its own records season after season, and currently primed to be the #1 specialty program this spring as Season 3 continues its run. Season 4 will play out in two parts in F22 (8x60) and F23 (8x60) with the Baeumler family continuing their tumultuous journey in Bahamas as they build and run their resort, plus add-on a whole new property in Florida to renovate.

This fall, the network sees the return of gorgeous transformations in **Making it Home with Kortney & Kenny** (10x60). **Kortney Wilson** brings her extensive flipping and real estate expertise to help desperate homeowners renovate their spaces. With keys and budget in hand, she and contractor **Kenny Brain** (*Big Brother Canada*), will transform each unloved house into a show-stopper. The #1 new Canadian show on specialty this spring, **Rock Solid Builds** (10x60) returns for a second season with the charming **Randy Spracklin** and his dedicated fun-loving team, as they take on historic renos and jaw-dropping builds in the heart of Newfoundland. Breathing new life into spectacular vintage spaces, siblings **Carolyn** and **Billy** come back for another season of **Farmhouse Facelift** (8x60). Canadian original series with fan-favourite brothers **Drew** and **Jonathan Scott** return, transforming houses into lifetime treasures in **Property Brothers: Forever Home**, Season 2 (17x60).

For full descriptions of new and returning series on HGTV Canada, please click [here](#).

### **Food Network Canada**

Top 10 specialty network this spring, Food Network Canada welcomes seven new and returning mouth-watering Corus Studios Originals as part of its 2021-2022 schedule.

'The Wall' has spoken! The exhilarating competition series, **Wall of Chefs** (10x60), hosted by **Noah Cappe**, that sees home cooks face off in front of a group of 12 intimidating and well-respected Canadian chefs, returns for a second season. Continuing the competition fever, Corus Studios introduces a deliciously divine spin-off of the series with **Wall of Bakers** (10x60). A fresh batch of baking series continue with the renewal of Top 10 program on Food Network Canada last spring, **Great Chocolate Showdown** (8x60), new episodes of **The Big Bake** (11x60) continue with spectacular, over-sized Halloween and Holiday-themed cakes, and **Project Bakeover** (10x60), the series that keeps on giving, as renowned pastry chef and entrepreneur **Steve Hodge**, alongside designer **Tiffany Pratt**, transforms struggling bakeries across North America into successful businesses.

Host **Dylan Benoit** invites pit masters and chefs into the arena for a third season of the fiery competition series **Fire Masters** (Set A 10x60 – F22, Set B 10x60 – F23). The search for the best eats across North America continues with **John Catucci's Big Food Bucket List** (14x30) and out-of-bounds amusement park treats return with Noah Cappe on **Carnival Eats** (13x30).

For full descriptions of new and returning series on Food Network Canada, please click [here](#).

## HISTORY

HISTORY, the #2 specialty entertainment network this spring, sees four invigorating new and returning Corus Studios Originals added to its schedule. Attracting a massive fan-base for its unique approach to restoration, ***Rust Valley Restorers*** (6x60), a Top 10 program amongst Men 25-54, comes back for a fourth season. Previously announced, the logging and sawmill team out of Vancouver Island dig in with more high-stake jobs in ***Big Timber*** (8x60). New to the schedule is ***Lost Cars*** (Working Title) (6x60), where an ambitious team of classic car hunters scour the remote North to recover rare classics fabled to be hiding in the wilderness, before the cars are lost forever to history. Then in ***Deadman's Curse*** (Working Title) (8x60), former MMA fighter **Kru Pitt**, and young Indigenous explorer **Taylor Starr** seek out the help of seasoned treasure hunter and mountaineer, **Adam Palmer**, to finally solve the mystery of Slumach's lost gold mine. Hidden somewhere in the rugged terrain of the Pacific Northwest, its mysterious location has eluded prospectors for generations — and many have lost their lives searching for it. The treasure hunting threesome may have ancestral connections to the legend and the gold, but extreme weather, unforgiving terrain and a curse all stand in their way.

The network brings Canadian Black History to the forefront with two Canadian originals. This November, ***Black Liberators WWII*** (1x90) will shed light on the heroic stories and amazing acts of bravery of Black Canadian soldiers during World War II, who risked their lives for their country while facing racism at home and on the battlefield. Then in a four part series, ***BLK: An Origin Story*** (4x60) explores untold stories of Black Canadians, from the early settlers of Ontario to the gold rush era of BC; from the Maroons of Nova Scotia to Montreal's vibrant Little Burgundy neighbourhood. The series aims to show that Black History is Canadian History.

For full descriptions of new and returning series on HISTORY, please click [here](#).

## ADULT SWIM

Hot on the heels of Adult Swim's second anniversary, Corus has commissioned and greenlit its first original for the popular network. The animated ***Psi Cops*** (26x11) sees "out of the box thinkers" Agent Kyd and Agent Felix investigate spiritual phenomena, extraterrestrial life, and paranormal activity.

For a full description of *Psi Cops* on Adult Swim, please click [here](#).

## KIDS

### YTV

YTV is the place to be for non-stop Fam Fun, delivering another year of ***The Zone***, ***The Zone Weekend*** and ***Big Fun Movies*** with beloved hosts **Spencer**, **Tyra**, **Alex** and **Duhin**. Plus, Spencer and Tyra are back for Season 2 of ***Kid Food Nation: The Show*** (8x11), where they embark on culinary missions with Canadian kid food nation heroes and answer questions like, "should I eat crickets?" or "are dandelions edible?."

Nelvana continues to foster its partnerships with the best in kids entertainment, with the recently announced ***Best & Bester*** (52x11), a co-production between Nelvana, Eye Present and Giggiebug

Entertainment, about two siblings and best friends obsessed with comparing the best things of all time while enjoying the power to transform themselves into anything they want, once a day – if only they can figure out what the best thing to be actually is!

**ZJ Sparkleton** (Working Title) (26x22) is an original creator-driven 2D-animated series produced by Nelvana in partnership with Nickelodeon that follows quirky 10-year-old vlogger Ruby and her tail-zapping space alien best friend as they film their daily mishaps and adventures around town.

Audiences will discover the magic of birthdays through the fantastical adventures in **Super Wish** (52x11), produced by Nelvana and Discovery's joint venture, redknot, and created by Nelvana's own Vanessa Esteves and Daytime Emmy® Award winning art director, Adrian Thatcher.

For full descriptions of new and returning series on YTV, please click [here](#).

### **Treehouse**

A new addition to Treehouse, the #1 overall kids specialty network\*\*, is **The Hamster Show** (Working Title) (26x22) produced by Nelvana in partnership with Nickelodeon, where a crew of furry friends keep an eye on their owner, "King" Harry, saving him from daily doom, granting his wishes and keeping his life running smoothly. The pet-ventures continue as everyone's favourite P.U.R.S.T. agents get ready for action in the second season of **Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe** (52x11), produced by Nelvana and Discovery's joint venture, redknot, and based on the best-selling books by Ashley Spires, published by Corus Entertainment's Kids Can Press.

Coming 2022 is the animated feature film **Toopy and Binoo** (1x80), based on the series of the same name that aired on Treehouse in the early aughts. Following the theatrical release, the movie will have its broadcast premiere on Treehouse.

For full descriptions of new and returning series on Treehouse, please click [here](#).

### **Sources:**

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\*SP'20 (Dec 30/19 – May 31/20)

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Corus Entertainment Inc. (TSX: CJR.B) is a leading media and content company that develops and delivers high quality brands and content across platforms for audiences around the world. Engaging audiences since 1999, the company's portfolio of multimedia offerings encompass 33 specialty television services, 39 radio stations, 15 conventional television stations, a suite of digital and streaming assets, animation software, technology and media services. Corus is an internationally-renowned content creator

and distributor through Nelvana, a world class animation studio expert in all formats and Corus Studios, a globally recognized producer of hit scripted and unscripted content. The company also owns innovative full-service social digital agency so.da, lifestyle entertainment company Kin Canada, leading 2D animation software supplier Toon Boom and children's book publishing house, Kids Can Press. Corus' roster of premium brands includes Global Television, W Network, HGTV Canada, Food Network Canada, HISTORY®, Showcase, Adult Swim, National Geographic, Disney Channel Canada, YTV, Global News, [Globalnews.ca](http://Globalnews.ca), Q107, Country 105, and CFOX, along with broadly distributed Canadian streaming platforms STACKTV, Nick+, the Global TV App and Curiouscast. For more information visit [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com).

### **About Corus Studios**

Established in 2015, Corus Studios, a division of Corus Entertainment, is a premium content studio that develops, produces and distributes a wide array of original lifestyle, unscripted and factual content globally. Offering dynamic programming that entertains, informs and drives audiences across platforms, Corus Studios content is featured across Corus' suite of channels, including HGTV Canada, HISTORY®, Food Network Canada, and SLICE™. To date, Corus Studios content has been sold in over 150 territories worldwide.

### **About Nelvana**

Entertaining kids for over 50 years, Nelvana is a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated and live-action content. Nelvana produces a stable of award-winning and globally renowned brands that focus on comedies, preschool and action series, and ancillary consumer products programs. Nelvana's content airs on Corus Entertainment's kids channels in Canada and in over 180 countries around the world. The Nelvana library has well over 4,700 episodes of programming and has received over 70 major international program awards including Emmys® and Canadian Screen Awards. Visit the Nelvana website at [nelvana.com](http://nelvana.com).

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