



**SEASON FIVE OF *VIKINGS* RAIDS HISTORY WITH EPIC  
TWO-HOUR SEASON PREMIERE NOVEMBER 29  
AT 9 P.M. ET/PT**

Golden Globe®-winner Jonathan Rhys Meyers, and Canadians Kris Holden-Ried and Adam Copeland Join Season Five

New and Immersive *VIKINGS* VR App Launches with HISTORY's Must-See Interactive Booth at Fan Expo Canada

*ET Canada* Takes Viewers to the *Vikings* Set in Ireland in All-New Special Featuring Exclusive Interviews and Behind-the-Scenes Footage

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**TORONTO, July 21, 2017** – The corruption, revenge, and bloodshed are imminent. Announced tonight from San Diego Comic-Con International, the two-hour, season five premiere of the year's #1 Specialty Entertainment program\* *Vikings* airs **Wednesday, November 29 at 9 p.m. ET/PT** on **HISTORY**. Unveiled during the *Vikings* cast panel this evening, an exclusive trailer of the new season is now available on [HISTORY Canada's Facebook page](#).

In support of the new season, Corus Entertainment also announced **VIKINGS VR** – a wholly original virtual reality app that will transport viewers inside the drama for the first time. Launching in conjunction with Fan Expo Canada (August 31-September 3), the app offers an immersive, in-world 360° experience where users are enveloped into thrilling scenes filmed on the set of *Vikings* and starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Alex Høgh Andersen, Peter Franzén, and many more key cast members. The exclusive VR scenes include: an intense battle in Kattegat; an argument about war strategy between Ragnar's sons; a prophecy from the mystical Seer; and a vow of vengeance by Bishop Heahmund (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) – plus behind-the-scenes content.

"This series has a fiercely loyal and dedicated fan base and they're hungry for more content that can make them feel a part of the *Vikings* tribe," said Daniel Eves, Senior Vice President of Specialty Networks, Corus Entertainment. "Following the tremendous success of the immersive website *Vikings: A World Revealed*, we're thrilled to augment the virtual *Vikings* experience while also elevating the brand across this emerging platform."

Fans can visit the eye-catching and expansive HISTORY booth at Fan Expo Canada to experience VIKINGS VR and receive a collectible *Vikings*-branded Cardboard VR viewer. The app is free and available beginning August 31 exclusively in Canada on the iTunes App Store and on Google Play with multiple ways to enjoy the 360° experience, including Cardboard VR viewers, VR headsets, YouTube, Facebook, and Littlestar. Corus has developed and commissioned VIKINGS VR in association with *Vikings* producers Take 5 Productions and Thinkingbox, a leading agency that specializes in digital VR content.

Season five of the multiple Emmy® Award-nominated series begins with Ivar the Boneless (Alex Høgh Andersen) asserting his leadership over the Great Heathen Army, while Lagertha (Canadian Katheryn Winnick) reigns as Queen of Kattegat. Ivar's murder of his brother Sigurd (David Lindström) sets the stage for vicious battles to come as Ragnar's (Travis Fimmel) sons plot their next moves after avenging their father's death. Bjorn (B.C.-native Alexander Ludwig) follows his destiny into the Mediterranean Sea and Floki (Gustaf Skarsgård) who is suffering from the loss of his wife Helga (Maude Hirst), takes to the seas submitting himself to the will of the gods. This season is full of startling alliances and unbelievable betrayals as the Vikings fight to rule the world.

As previously announced, Golden Globe® Award-winner Jonathan Rhys Meyers joins the cast as the pivotal character, Heahmund, a warrior bishop. Ontario-native Kris Holden-Ried (*Lost Girl*) will appear throughout the season as the character Eyvind, an important warrior in Kattegat who decides to travel and settle his family in a new land. Canadian Adam Copeland (*Haven*) plays Kietill Flatnose, a fierce and brave warrior chosen to be one of the leaders of the Viking party intent on travelling to Iceland. Canadian directors this season include David Wellington (*Rookie Blue*), Daniel Grou (*19-2*), and Jeff Woolnough (*The Expanse*).

In advance of the premiere, **ET Canada** heads to Ireland and takes viewers behind-the-scenes of *Vikings* with an in-depth special featuring exclusive, on-set interviews with the cast, and sneak peeks of what's to come this season. Broadcast details will be announced at a later date.

*Vikings* is the critically acclaimed series from creator and sole writer Michael Hirst (*Elizabeth*, *The Tudors*) and is a family saga that tells the remarkable tales of the lives and epic adventures of the raiders and explorers of the Dark Ages. Hirst serves as executive producer along with Morgan O'Sullivan of World 2000 (*The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Tudors*), Sheila Hockin (*The Tudors*, *The Borgias*), John Weber of Take 5 Productions (*The Tudors*, *The Borgias*), Sherry Marsh, Alan Gasmer and James Flynn (*The Tudors*, *The Borgias*).

*Vikings* is an international Canada/Ireland co-production by Take 5 Productions and TM Productions Limited. HISTORY broadcasts both domestically in Canada and the U.S. MGM Television is the worldwide distributor outside of Ireland and Canada. *Vikings* is produced in association with Corus Entertainment.

Fans can catch up on past seasons of *Vikings* on [HISTORY.ca](http://HISTORY.ca), HISTORY on Demand, HISTORY Go app, and iTunes.

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