



HISTORY GREENLIGHTS #1 SPECIALTY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES *VIKINGS* FOR AN EPIC SIXTH SEASON

Twenty Episode Season Begins Production This Fall

Canadian Katheryn Winnick to Make Her Directorial Debut

Season Five Two-Hour Premiere Airs November 29 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

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TORONTO, September 12, 2017 – HISTORY® announced today that it has renewed a 20-episode, sixth season of its hit, original drama series, *Vikings*. Production is slated to begin in Ireland this fall, ahead of the highly-anticipated two-hour season five premiere on **Wednesday, November 29 at 9 p.m. ET/PT** on HISTORY. Additionally, Canadian [Katheryn Winnick](#) (Lagertha) is set to make her directorial debut for one episode in season six.

“We are incredibly proud of our partnership on this outstanding Canadian-Irish original production, and are thrilled to pick up *Vikings* for another compelling season,” said Daniel Eves, Senior Vice President of Specialty Networks, Corus Entertainment. “Led by the incomparable Michael Hirst and a phenomenal cast and crew, season six will undoubtedly deliver another round of engaging storytelling, intriguing characters, and show-stopping drama.”

“It has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with HISTORY and our partner MGM over five seasons and 69 episodes of *Vikings*. Now we are ready to begin production of a 20 episode season six that will deliver a huge and unexpected revelation to our audience,” said Michael Hirst, creator and executive producer. “There are many reasons why I love this show, not least for the commitment and creativity of everyone involved in making it, but perhaps even more important is the spirit that drives this production - one of the happiest, most collaborative and most authentic productions I have ever been involved with. And so we sail on.”

Over the past five successful seasons, Canadian talent – both behind and in front of the camera – have propelled *Vikings* to the critically-acclaimed series that it is today. The winner of eight Canadian Screen Awards including “Best International Drama,” *Vikings* is co-produced by celebrated Canadian company [Take 5 Productions](#) and primarily helmed by industry-leading Canadian directors including [David Wellington](#), [Daniel Grou](#), [Kari Skogland](#), [Helen Shaver](#), [Ken Girotti](#), and [Jeff Woolnough](#) to name a few. Since its premiere in 2013, an outstanding roster of Canadian actors alongside Winnick, including [Alexander Ludwig](#), [Jessalyn Gilsig](#), [Donal Logue](#), and season five new comers, [Adam Copeland](#) and [Kris Holden-Ried](#), have brought their exceptional talents to the *Vikings* tribe. Additionally, Toronto’s visual effects company [Mr. X](#) and [Tattersall Sound and Picture](#) have been nominated for a combined seven Emmy® Awards for their work on *Vikings* to date.

As previously announced, Corus Entertainment also launched [VIKINGS VR](#) – a wholly original virtual reality app that 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.

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*, *Penny Dreadful*), John Weber of Take 5 Productions (*Reign*, *The Handmaid's Tale*), 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](#), HISTORY on Demand, HISTORY Go app, and iTunes.

Source: Numeris PPM Data, Broadcast Year 16-17 (Aug29/16-Aug27/17) – confirmed data, Total Canada, ranked on A25-54 and A18-49 AMA(000), CDN SPEC COM ENG/CDN DIG ENG, based on 3+ airings

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