

GLOBAL ANNOUNCES ENSEMBLE CAST IN NEW MEDICAL DRAMA NURSES

Tiera Skovbye (*Riverdale*), Natasha Calis (*The Possession*), Jordan Johnson-Hinds (*Blindspot*), Sandy Sidhu (*Home Before Dark*), and Donald MacLean Jr. (*Workin' Moms*) Star as the Five Rookie Nurses

From Entertainment One (eOne) and ICF Films in association with Piazza Entertainment the 10-Episode, One-Hour Drama is Created by Adam Pettle and Premieres on Global in 2019



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TORONTO, April 4, 2019 – Global announced today casting details for new original drama *Nurses* (working title), a coming-of-age story centered around the lives of five rookie nurses. From Canadian broadcaster and production partner Corus Entertainment, with Entertainment One (eOne) and ICF Films, in association with Piazza Entertainment, the serialized, character-driven drama (10x60), from the team behind *Rookie Blue*, features a stellar ensemble cast of young talent including <u>Tiera Skovbye</u> (*Riverdale*), <u>Natasha Calis</u> (*The Posession*), <u>Jordan Johnson-Hinds</u> (*Blindspot*), <u>Sandy Sidhu</u> (*Home Before Dark*) and <u>Donald MacLean Jr.</u> (*Workin' Moms*). With production underway in Toronto, the new drama will premiere in 2019 on Global.

Set in Toronto, the series follows five young nurses working on the frontlines of a busy downtown hospital, dedicating their lives to helping others, while struggling to help themselves. Grace Knight (played by Skovbye), is a young nurse looking for a fresh start, until someone from her past turns up who could jeopardize her career; Ashley Collins (played by Calis), is a wild and unapologetic adrenaline junky who lives for the fast pace of the hospital; Keon Colby (played by Johnson-Hinds), is a former college football star who's trying to prove he's more than he was on the field; Nazneen Khan (played by Sidhu), is a whip-smart daughter of a wealthy family in India who moved to Canada to reinvent herself and is now starting

her first job ever; and Wolf Burke (played by MacLean Jr.), is soft hearted and playful, but with a secret that may find him in over his head.

"This emotional new series is a refreshing take on a medical drama focusing on the world of nursing," said **Lisa Godfrey, Vice President of Original Content, Corus Entertainment**. "Featuring a young, talented cast playing the unsung heroes of the hospital, we look forward to the gripping stories that the brilliant teams at eOne and ICF Films create."

"We've assembled a stellar team of writers, actors and crew to bring to life these characters, brilliantly created by Adam Pettle," said **Ilana Frank, Executive Producer, ICF Films.** "The stories are engaging. The emotions are relatable. The trauma is real. We are delighted to partner with Corus and eOne and look forward to introducing these characters to audiences."

Stationed in every tendril of a busy downtown trauma centre and thrust into frontline medical action, *Nurses* sees five recent graduates beginning their careers in a high-stakes hospital with pressure cooker training. Forming an inextricable bond, the nurses struggle to find a work-life balance that matches and counters the intensity of their new job. Their interaction with patients, relatives, and staff quickly leads them to the discovery that nursing isn't just about biology, chemistry, and anatomy, it's also about psychology, compassion, and romantic complications.

Nurses is produced by ICF Films, eOne in association with Piazza Entertainment and Corus Entertainment, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. eOne handles international distribution on the series. Executive Producers are Ilana Frank (*Saving Hope, Rookie Blue*), Linda Pope (*Saving Hope, Rookie Blue*), Vanessa Piazza (*Lost Girl, Dark Matter*), Adam Pettle (*Burden of Truth, Saving Hope*) Jocelyn Hamilton (*Mary Kills People, Ransom*) and Tassie Cameron (*Mary Kills People*) with Julie Puckrin (*Killjoys, X Company*) as Coexecutive Producer. For Corus, Susan Alexander is Production Executive; Rachel Nelson is Director, Original Content, Drama, Kids and Factual; Lisa Godfrey is Vice President of Original Content, Corus Entertainment.

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