



SEASON 2 OF GLOBAL'S INTENSE ORIGINAL DRAMA RANSOM RETURNS APRIL 7

Karen LeBlanc Joins the Cast Mid-Season as New Team Member Cynthia

Viewers Can Catch Up on all the High-Stakes Action From Season 1 on GlobalTV.com, Global GO, and On Demand



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TORONTO, March 9, 2018 – Global raises the stakes this spring as Season 2 of original suspense drama *Ransom* returns **Saturday, April 7** at **8 p.m. ET/PT** in simulcast with CBS. From Entertainment One (eOne), Korda Studios, Big Light Productions and producers Sienna Films, the 13-episode series

returns to the life-and-death world of crisis and hostage negotiator Eric Beaumont (Luke Roberts, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*) and his elite team of experts. This season, as they negotiate with top-ranking criminals and delve deep into the world of high-stakes hostage situations, the team members struggle to balance their personal lives in a criminal world that knows no boundaries.

"Global has a longstanding history of airing high-octane crime procedurals, and *Ransom* delivers an excellent balance of thrilling drama with a gripping overarching storyline and compelling characters," said Maria Hale, Senior Vice President, Global Entertainment & Content Acquisition, Corus. "In Season 2, viewers will be on the edge of their seats as we see this elite team take on even more extreme hostage situations."

New this season, Karen LeBlanc (*Mary Kills People*), joins the series as new team member Cynthia Walker, a confident, charming, and clever, corporate lawyer in whom Eric (Roberts) quickly meets his match.

Along with Luke Roberts as hostage negotiator Eric Beaumont, Season 2 also welcomes back Tony Award nominated Sarah Greene (*Penny Dreadful*), as Maxine Carlson, the young newcomer eager to prove herself; Canadian Brandon Jay McLaren (*Graceland*), as Oliver Yates, the psychological profiler on the team; Canadian Nazneen Contractor, (*Heroes Reborn*) as ex-cop Zara Hallam; Emma de Caunes (*Mr. Bean's Holiday*) as Nathalie Denard, a sometime client of Crisis Resolution; and Canadian Morgan Kohan (*Star Trek: Discovery*) joins the cast as Evie Beaumont, Eric's 15-year-old daughter.

The Season 2 premiere entitled "Three Wishes," picks up moments after Season 1's cliffhanger, where Eric's longtime adversary, Damien Delaine (guest star Carlo Rota, *Jane the Virgin*), has taken Eric and Nathalie's (de Caunes) daughter, Evie (Kohan), hostage. Delaine appears at Crisis Resolution and demands that Eric fulfill his '3 wishes' in order to release Evie, threatening to kill her within hours if he doesn't comply. In a race against time, the team works to fulfill Delaine's strange demands which include Eric answering a series of emotionally compromising questions and performing ethically questionable tasks. Tensions rise when Damien challenges Eric with a final wish that will force him into making an impossible decision.

Viewers who missed any of the action can catch up on *Ransom* following the broadcast the next day on <u>GlobalTV.com</u>, <u>Global GO</u> (now available on <u>Apple TV</u>), and On Demand. And in anticipation of the Season 2 return, Season 1 is available on <u>GlobalTV.com</u>, <u>Global GO</u> (now available on <u>Apple TV</u>), and On Demand for viewers to get up to speed before the new Season begins.

Ransom is inspired by the professional experiences of distinguished crisis negotiator Laurent Combalbert, who along with partner, Marwan Mery, are considered to be among the top negotiators in the world. Today, they travel around the globe to help multinational corporations and governmental agencies with complex negotiations and conflict resolution.

Ransom was created by David Vainola (*Diamonds, Combat Hospital*) and Frank Spotnitz (*The X-Files, The Man in the High Castle*). Ransom is a Canada-Hungary treaty co-production and is produced by eOne with executive producers Jennifer Kawaja and Julia Sereny via their Sienna Films banner and Spotnitz, via his Big Light Productions banner. Wildcats Productions' Valérie Pechels and Odile McDonald will executive produce with Daniel Kresmery and György Rajnai of Korda Studios co-producing. *Ransom* is developed in association with Corus Entertainment Inc., with the participation from the Canada Media Fund, and is produced with the financial assistance of the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. eOne controls worldwide rights to the series.

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