



# SARAH OFF THE GRID BREAKS GROUND SEPTEMBER 10 ON HGTV CANADA

Sarah Richardson Builds an Off-the-Grid Dream Home for Her Most Important Client Ever: Her Family

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**TORONTO**, **August 3**, **2017** – This fall one of Canada's top designers, **Sarah Richardson**, returns to **HGTV Canada** for her most ambitious project yet: building and designing an off-the-grid family home in the country. Premiering **Sunday**, **September 10 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** on HGTV Canada, **Sarah Off The Grid** follows Sarah and her family – husband Alex and their two young daughters Fiona and Robin – as they build a family home meant to last for generations to come in Creemore, Ontario. Together, they marry off-the-grid living with Sarah's signature style, resulting in a sustainable dream home filled with the greatest design hits from her 25-plus year career.

Offering an unvarnished look at Sarah's life, the six-part series dives deep into the designer's day-to-day as she juggles being a mother, a business owner, and now, the unique challenges of sharing the role of general contractor with her husband Alex on this latest build. Taking the lead on designing each room, Sarah enlists her co-conspirator and longtime collaborator, Tommy Smythe, for support as she takes on this year long project. Tommy, or as the kids call him "Uncle Tommy," helps Sarah find design solutions that stand the test of time while staying true to her classic and casually elegant design esthetic. Fellow HGTV Canada stars Mike Holmes, Mike Holmes Jr., and Colin Hunter, also make guest appearances throughout the series providing Sarah and the family with much needed advice to finish their forever home.

Building a home off the main power grid which can service the needs of an entire family requires clever design decisions and innovative materials. Together, Sarah and Alex create the infrastructure to run the home, while leveraging unique sources of heat and lighting throughout, utilize a rebuilt heritage barn to house both the garage and the solar panels to generate electricity, and overcome the challenges of digging a well to pull enough water to service the family's needs.

Sarah Off The Grid is produced by Alibi Entertainment Inc. in association with Corus Entertainment's HGTV Canada. Exclusive bonus content including design tips from Sarah, sustainable living and lifestyle content, and extended reveals can be found at <a href="https://hgtv.ca">hgtv.ca</a> throughout the series run. Episodes of Sarah Off The Grid are available online the day following broadcast.

Sponsors for the series include <u>Wayfair.ca</u>, whose furnishings are featured throughout the house, seamlessly meeting Sarah's goals to create a family friendly interior with a crisp and sophisticated design.

As well as <u>Volvo</u>, who supply Sarah with a Volvo XC90 luxury SUV, allowing her to traverse the property's rugged terrain and get her to-and-from the city.

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