



YTV ANNOUNCES WORLD PREMIERE DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO FILMS IN ITS *L. M. MONTGOMERY'S ANNE OF GREEN GABLES* TRILOGY

Kindred Spirits Come Together on Family Day for the premiere of *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars* Monday, February 20 at 6 p.m. ET/PT

YTV Celebrates Canada's 150th Birthday with *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables: Fire & Dew* rounding out the trilogy on Saturday, July 1

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TORONTO, January 24, 2017 – Following the 2016 debut of YTV's *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables* film, nominated for three <u>Canadian Screen Awards</u> this year, YTV announced today the world premiere dates for *The Good Stars* and *Fire & Dew*, the second and third installments in its film series, respectively. From birthdays to baking to boys, Anne Shirley tries to navigate the ups and downs of adolescence in the second film, *The Good Stars*, premiering on Family Day, **Monday, February 20** at 6 p.m. ET/PT. Anne's next adventure takes her to Charlottetown in YTV's final chapter of this classic Canadian tale, *Fire & Dew*, bowing on Canada's 150th Birthday, **Saturday, July 1**.

In partnership with Heirs of L.M. Montgomery Inc. and Executive Produced by L.M. Montgomery's granddaughter, Kate Macdonald Butler, YTV is proud to share its authentic re-telling of this iconic Canadian tale with audiences of all ages. Shot entirely in Canada, the film series features an all-star cast

in reprising roles including series star, <u>Ella Ballentine</u> (Anne Shirley), critically acclaimed actor, <u>Martin Sheen</u>, (Matthew Cuthbert), and legendary Canadian actress, <u>Sara Botsford</u> (Marilla Cuthbert). Botsford was recently nominated by the Canadian Screen Awards for *Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Limited Series* for her portrayal of Marilla Cuthbert in the first film.

"It's been such a joy bringing my Grandmother's stories to life on the small screen with Breakthrough Entertainment and YTV," said **Kate Macdonald Butler**. "I can't think of a better way to celebrate the final two films than with families across the country and on our great nation's milestone birthday."

In *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars*, beloved Anne Shirley turns thirteen and faces a host of new milestones: first sleepovers, culinary misadventures, and shifting relationships with her bosom friend Diana and academic rival Gilbert Blythe. Through all this, Anne strives to strike a balance between becoming an upstanding, sensible young woman, and embracing her inquisitive and free-spirited nature. Premieres Family Day, Monday, February 20 at 6 p.m. ET/PT. Watch YTV's new trailer for *The Good Stars* and catch up on the first film Monday, February 20 at 4 p.m. ET/PT or watch it on ytv.com and the YTVGo App starting today.

In *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables: Fire & Dew*, Anne heads to Charlottetown to attend accelerated classes as she continues to work towards her dream of being a school teacher. While there, she is forced to adapt quickly to her new surroundings and classmates as she navigates her way through her first school experience outside of her beloved Green Gables. Anne finds herself facing daunting choices for her future, the stirrings of romance, and tragedy unlike anything she's ever known. Meanwhile, Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert contend with advancing age as they deal with financial challenges and the first signs of declining health. As a special Canada Day celebration, YTV is hosting a marathon of the *L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables* films concluding with the premiere of *Fire & Dew* on Saturday, July 1.

Originally published in 1908 by Lucy Maud Montgomery, the tale of Anne Shirley and her adventures in Green Gables span over 8 novels and has reached readers in over 25 languages.

L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables film series is produced by Breakthrough Entertainment in association with L. M. Montgomery's granddaughter, Kate Macdonald Butler who served as Executive Producer. Award-winning director John Kent Harrison, who also wrote *The Good Stars* returns, as well as Susan Coyne who wrote *Fire & Dew.* Additional cast includes Julia Lalonde and Drew Haytaoglu who star in reprising roles.

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