

# CORUS STUDIOS SECURES LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL CONTENT DEALS AHEAD OF MIPCOM

## Transactional Demolition Series *Salvage Kings* Garners Pre-Broadcast Sale with A+E Networks in Multiple Territories



Cast of Salvage Kings. Photo courtesy of Corus Entertainment.

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**TORONTO, Canada, October 8, 2019 – Corus Studios**, a division of **Corus Entertainment**, makes its imprint on the international market this year with multiple worldwide sales for its original lifestyle and unscripted content ahead of MIPCOM. With landmark deals including sales to **Cooking Channel** in the U.S. for grilling competition series *Fire Masters* (20x60), and pre-broadcast sales of demolition show *Salvage Kings* (10x60) to **A+E Networks** in multiple territories, Corus Studios continues to be a leader in developing lifestyle content that resonates domestically and internationally.

Focusing on character driven content in niche industries, Corus Studios' unscripted content has caught the attention of international buyers for multiple programs including demolition series *Salvage Kings*. Sold in advance of its broadcast premiere in Canada, *Salvage Kings* has sold to A+E Networks in the UK + Ireland, Sweden, South Africa, Poland and Romania. Truck racing docu-series *Big Rig Warriors* has sold to Foxtel in Australia, A+E's FYI in the U.S. and A+E Networks in Italy. Additionally, *History Erased* (8x60), which examines the world without a specific country's achievements, has sold to Foxtel in Australia and New Zealand as well as HISTORIA in Spain and Portugal.

Boasting a robust slate of home and renovation content, HGTV Canada's highest rated series in a decade\*\*, *Island of Bryan* (13x60), cements three deals internationally with initial sales for Season 1 to **Foxtel** in **Australia**, **TVA's Group Channel CASA** in **French Canada**, and **Israel's Talit Communications**. Cash-conscious renovation series *\$ave My Reno*, Season 1 (14x30) and 2 (14x30), gets picked up by **A+E's FYI** in the **U.S.** along with **South Africa's The Home Channel** for **Season 2**. Additional international sales within the portfolio include *Backyard Builds*, Season 1 (8x30) and 2 (14x30), to **6ter (M6 Group) France**; *Buying the View* (26x30) to UKTV; *Home to Win*, Season 3 (8x60) to **Foxtel** in **Australia**; and *Masters of Flip* to **Discovery** in **Germany** (Season 4 – 6x60), **ITVBe in the UK** (Season 1-4) and **Brazil's Globosat** has renewed Season 1 (12x60) and 2 (14x60) and newly acquired Season 3 (10x60) and 4 (6x60).

The appetite around the world for entertaining lifestyle content continues with sales of fierce fashion series *STITCHED* (12x60) with **Discovery** in Latin America and A+E Networks Lifetime in Africa. Corus' delectable library of food content feeds viewers cravings with the sale of grilling competition *Fire Masters* (20x60) to **Cooking Channel** in the **U.S.** and **A+E Networks** in the **UK.** Travelogue food series *Bakers Sisters* (13x30) and *Big Food Bucket List* (26x30) have also sold to an undisclosed buyer in the pan-Asian market.

Corus Studios' slate of original content currently available for international distribution at MIPCOM include newly greenlit series *The Big Bake, Great Chocolate Showdown, Junior Chef Showdown, Scott's Vacation House Rules* and *Farmhouse Facelift.* Worldwide sales are handled by Rita Carbone-Fleury for Corus Studios.

#### Sources:

\*Numeris PPM Data, Total Canada, FL'18 (Aug25 – Dec30/2018), program ranker based on: History, 3+ airings, A25-54 AMA (000) \*\*Numeris PPM Data, 01/09/2008 to 28/04/2019, confirmed data, A25-54 AMA (000), HGTV, Total Canada

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#### **About Corus Studios**

Established in 2015, Corus Studios, a division of Corus Entertainment, is a premium content studio that develops, produces and distributes a wide array of original lifestyle, unscripted and factual content globally. Offering dynamic programming that entertains, informs and drives audiences across platforms, Corus Studios content is featured across Corus' suite of channels, including HGTV Canada, HISTORY<sup>®</sup>, Food Network Canada, and SLICE<sup>™</sup>. To date, Corus Studios content has been sold in over 150 territories worldwide.

#### About Corus Entertainment Inc.

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