



GLOBAL GREENLIGHTS NEW ORIGINAL LEGAL DRAMA *FAMILY LAW* ALONGSIDE EARLY RENEWALS FOR *NURSES* AND *DEPARTURE*

From SEVEN24 Films and Lark Productions *Family Law* Starts Production
Spring 2020 in Vancouver

New Global Original Dramas *Nurses*, From eOne and ICF, and Shaftesbury's
Departure Both Renewed for Second Seasons Ahead of Series Debuts

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Behind the scenes of Departure (Season 1) and Nurses (Season 1). Photo by Global TV.

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TORONTO, December 19, 2019 – Corus Entertainment announced today a series of greenlights and renewals for its suite of acclaimed Global Originals, growing its investment and maintaining its commitment to creating premium Canadian scripted content with global distribution. From SEVEN24 Films and Lark Productions, new Global Original series ***Family Law*** (10x60) begins production in Vancouver this spring with casting and pre-production currently underway. Unprecedentedly, Global also proudly orders second seasons, in advance of their broadcast premieres, of its upcoming 2020 dramas ***Nurses***, (10x60) from eOne and ICF, and Shaftesbury's ***Departure*** (6x60).

“Corus is a powerhouse in fostering domestic talent to create internationally appealing scripted content for audiences in Canada and around the world,” said Lisa Godfrey, Vice President Original Content, Corus Entertainment. “Today’s announcement underscores our long-term commitment to producing scripted Canadian content with creators who reflect diversity both on camera and off, and delivering that content to audiences on our largest platform – Global.”

Set in Vancouver, Canada, *Family Law* follows lawyer and recovering alcoholic Abigail Bianchi struggling to put her career and family back together after hitting rock bottom. As a condition of her probation, Abby is forced to

work at her estranged father's firm, practicing in family law for the first time while forging new relationships with the half-brother and half-sister she's never met. The end result is a dysfunctional family law firm operating to help other families with their own dysfunctions. From SEVEN24 and Lark Productions, *Family Law* is helmed by Showrunner Susin Nielsen, Executive Producers Tom Cox and Jordy Randall (SEVEN24), and Executive Producer Erin Haskett (Lark Productions). Casting and start of production details to be announced at a later date.

Previously announced Global Originals [Nurses](#) and [Departure](#) each receive early orders for sophomore seasons ahead of their series debuts, reinforcing the network's long-term investment in scripted dramas. Produced by ICF Films and eOne, with industry veteran Ilana Frank (*Rookie Blue*, *Burden of Truth*) serving as Executive Producer, *Nurses* is a coming-of-age series following five young nurses working on the frontlines of a busy downtown Toronto hospital, dedicating their lives to helping others, while struggling to help themselves. Starring an all-Canadian ensemble cast, the series makes its world premiere on **Monday, January 6 at 8 p.m. ET/PT** on Global. *Nurses* is produced with the participation of the Canada Media Fund and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

From Shaftesbury, led by 2019 Order of Canada recipient Christina Jennings, *Departure* is a six-part event series created by Vincent Shiao with Director T.J. Scott and Showrunner Malcolm MacRury. Season 1 stars Archie Panjabi and Christopher Plummer in an adrenaline-fueled serialized thrill ride following the mystery of a passenger plane that vanishes over the Atlantic Ocean. Broadcast details for the North American premiere of *Departure* will be announced soon. Casting and production details for Season 2 will also be announced in 2020.

Other Global Originals returning to the network in 2020 include Season 4 of *Private Eyes* (eOne) starring Canadians Jason Priestley and Cindy Sampson and Season 8 of reality juggernaut *Big Brother Canada* (Insight Productions). Elsewhere at Corus, HISTORY® Original series *Vikings* (TM Productions and Take 5 Productions), one of Corus' biggest scripted success stories, is currently on air with its sixth season **Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT** on HISTORY.

Corus Entertainment's Original Content team driving its slate of scripted series is helmed by industry executive Lisa Godfrey as VP Original Content and supported by longtime TV veterans Rachel Nelson (Director of Scripted & Factual), Susan Alexander (Production Executive), and Kathleen Meek (Production Executive).

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