

SEASON 2 OF CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED GLOBAL ORIGINAL *DEPARTURE* PREMIERES WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Emmy® Winner Archie Panjabi and Oscar® Winner Christopher Plummer
Return for an Action-Packed Season 2

Praised by *Variety* as [“a drama that will hook those who seek from their viewing a charge of adrenaline.”](#) Season 1 of *Departure* is available to watch now with [STACKTV](#) and the [Global TV App](#)



Archie Panjabi in Departure

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TORONTO, June 16, 2022 – All aboard! **Global** is set to launch Season 2 of event thriller *Departure* on **Wednesday, July 13 at 9 p.m. ET**, with an encore presentation **Friday, July 15 at 8 p.m. ET** on Global and **Monday, July 18 at 9 p.m. ET** on **Showcase**. *Departure* stars Emmy Award® winner **Archie Panjabi** and the late Academy Award® winner **Christopher Plummer**, in his last onscreen role. The intense conspiracy series follows the ensuing investigation into a mysterious crash of a controversial new high-speed train travelling between Toronto and Chicago. Back for an action-packed all-new six-episode season, *Departure* was a Top 20 hit with total viewers and the #1 Canadian series across all key demos when it premiered in 2020.

Alongside Panjabi (*The Good Wife*) and Plummer (*Knives Out*), Season 2 features an all-star ensemble cast including **Kris Holden-Ried** (*The Umbrella Academy*), **Jason O'Mara** (*The Man in the High Castle*),

Karen LeBlanc (*The Kings of Napa*), **Donal Logue** (*Gotham*), **Mark Rendall** (*Versailles*), **Etienne Kellici** (*Murdoch Mysteries*), **Kelly McCormack** (*A League of Their Own*), **Wendy Crewson** (*Frankie Drake Mysteries*), **Charlie Carrick** (*Reign*), **Dion Johnstone** (*Sweet Magnolias*), **David Hewlett** (*The Shape of Water*), **Greg Bryk** (*Mary Kills People*) and **Florence Ordesch** (*Dublin Murders*). The gripping drama is directed by Canadian Screen Award winner **T.J. Scott** (*Orphan Black*, *Star Trek: Discovery*) and created by **Vincent Shiao** (*Ransom*).

“*Departure* is a proven hit with international audiences, and we are thrilled it is back this summer to take Canadians on an all-new adventure like no other,” said Lisa Godfrey, Senior Vice President of Original Content and Corus Studios. “Archie Panjabi returns as expert investigator Kendra Malley, and while it will be bittersweet for audiences to bid farewell to the late Christopher Plummer, we look forward to celebrating the internationally-renowned Canadian acting legend in his final television performance as Malley’s mentor Howard Lawson.”

Departure Season 2 is a six-part event series that follows the investigation into the derailment of high-speed train The Apollo. Brilliant investigator, Kendra Malley (Archie Panjabi), heads to the U.S. to find the cause of the devastation in rural Michigan. With the eyes of the entire world on her, Kendra and her team unravel a series of interconnected threads, which lead to a number of mysterious motives. Was it the tech mogul inventor of the train’s automation software? Was it a mysterious member of a Mexican drug cartel? Was it a disgruntled employee resisting new technology? Working in conjunction with the FBI, Kendra must race to uncover the truth behind the crash and help to heal the damage caused by the terrible tragedy.

Departure Season 2 is a Canada/Ireland Co-Production from Shaftesbury (Canada) and Deadpan Pictures (Ireland), in Association with Corus Entertainment, Starlings Television and Red Arrow Studios International. Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Malcolm MacRury, Jackie May, T.J. Scott, Paul Donovan, Ailish McElmeel, and Archie Panjabi are Executive Producers. Vincent Shiao and Chris Moreton are Co-Executive Producers. Patrick Cassavetti is Producer. For Corus, Kathleen Meek is Production Executive; Rachel Nelson is Vice President, Original Content, Drama, Kids and Factual; Lisa Godfrey is Vice President of Original Content, Corus Entertainment. Chris Philip and Karine Martin are Executive Producers for Starlings Television, along with Propagate Content’s Ben Silverman. Carlo Dusi and Rodrigo Herrera Ibarquengoytia are Executive Producers for Red Arrow Studios International. David A. Stern and Matt Geller are Executive Producers for Sleeping Giant.

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Source: Numeris PPM Data, Total Canada, FL’20 (Sep 14 - Dec 20/20), 3+ airings, AMA(000), CDN CONV COM ENG National Networks, Total Viewers = Ind. 2+, Key Demos = Ind. 2+ A25-54, F25-54

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About Starlings Television

Starlings Television is a division of Starlings Entertainment, a global group of companies that develops and produces award-winning film and television. Starlings' expanding TV slate includes the award-winning drama series *Departure*, now in post-production for its third season. The first two seasons had a successful launch on Peacock in the U.S. and strong sales worldwide.

Other Starlings Television offerings include the YA sci-fi action series *Pandora*, with two seasons on The CW and now headed into its third season worldwide; *Sherlock's Daughter*, offering a new take on the classic sleuth from EP/Showrunner James Duff (*The Closer*, *Major Crimes*) and creator/writer Brendan Foley (*Cold Courage*, *The Man Who Died*); and, with Athena Pictures, *Shadowland* from Creator Jacqui Barcos, Director Darnell Martin (*American Rust*, *The Good Lord Bird*, *Cadillac Records*) and Executive Producer Peter Elkoff (*Sons of Anarchy*, *Chance*, *The Resident*), with global streamer Viaplay nabbing pre-sales for multi-territory rights.

About Red Arrow Studios International

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