



**OTTAWA-BASED THRILLER H2O PREMIERING ON CBC-TV
SUNDAY, OCT. 31 AT 8 P.M. AND CONCLUDING MONDAY, NOV. 1**

H2O is a gripping two-part political thriller that begins Sunday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. on CBC Television, and concludes the following night, Monday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. This four-hour mini-series is a major event in CBC Television's new season; it promises to be one of the most controversial dramas ever telecast to Canadian audiences.

H2O is co-produced by Ottawa's Sound Venture International (Neil Bregman, Co-Producer) and Toronto's Whizbang Films (Paul Gross and Frank Siracusa, Executive Producers). Set in the National Capital Region, filming took place throughout Ottawa as well as in Gatineau, with the support and assistance of the newly formed Ottawa-Gatineau Film and Television Development Corporation and its CEO, Ken Korrall.

Paul Gross stars as the Prime Minister of Canada, and the lineup of co-stars includes Leslie Hope, Guy Nadon, Martha Henry, Gordon Pinsent, Callum Keith Rennie, David Boutin, Michael Murphy, Kenneth Welsh, Louise Portal, Jeff Seymour, Tantoo Cardinal, Nancy Palk, Diego Matamoros, Peter MacNeill, and Barry Flatman. **H2o** is directed by Charles Binamé.

Written by Paul Gross and John Krizanc, the action goes into high gear immediately when the Prime Minister dies in a canoeing accident. His son, played by Gross, takes over as Canada's new Prime Minister. The story will take audiences into a scenario of intrigue that leads deeper and deeper into an increasingly malevolent world where hidden agendas, betrayal and murder all lead to a denouncement that will leave viewers breathless. **H2O** is a cautionary thriller about this country's destiny.

H2o is produced in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Telefilm Canada, the Canadian Television Fund, C.B.C. International and COGECO Program Development Fund.

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