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Unwrap an All New Two-Hour
MURDOCH MYSTERIES HOLIDAY SPECIAL:
“ONCE UPON A MURDOCH CHRISTMAS”
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Giving Hope Today

November 21, 2016 Christmas cheer returns to Station House No. 4 once more with the second annual **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** holiday special, “Once Upon a Murdoch Christmas,” premiering **Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m. (8:30 NT)** on CBC with an encore broadcast on Christmas Day, **Sunday, December 25, at 5 p.m. (5:30 NT)**. In the standalone two-hour special, Murdoch (Yannick Bisson) and Brackenreid (Thomas Craig) find their jobs at risk as they investigate a series of brazen robberies targeting Toronto’s wealthiest businessmen just days before Christmas. In keeping with the festive spirit, the special also includes a unique scripted integration with **The Salvation Army**, featuring the historic brand’s presence and message of giving written into the storyline.



Commissioned by CBC and produced by Shaftesbury, “**Once Upon a Murdoch Christmas**” is written by Paul Aitken, Carol Hay and Michelle Ricci and directed by T.W. Peacocke.

It’s four days ‘til Christmas, and with no snow on the streets of Toronto, spirits are low until two bombastic businessmen barge into Station House No. 4 with a far-fetched story about a train robbery – a bandit is trying to steal Christmas! Murdoch (Bisson) is baffled but soon, more impossible robberies have him giving chase around the city. Crabtree (Jonny Harris) is convinced the bandit is based on his latest fictional hero but Brackenreid (Craig) dismisses this outlandish theory. Meanwhile, Constable Jackson (Kristian Bruun) forms a Station House No. 4 choir, but with only a few days to whip the singing constables into shape he begs Rebecca James (Mouna Traoré) for help. And Ogden (Hélène Joy) finds herself mysteriously spirited away after a family of children who need her help mistake her for a storybook heroine. Stories collide on Christmas Eve – and once again, Murdoch must find a way to pull off a Christmas miracle.

Nearly two million Canadians enjoyed the gift of last year’s inaugural two-hour holiday special, making it the highest-rated **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** ever. Overall, it reached 3.5 million Canadians – or 10% of the population – over the course of the two-hour broadcast.* The all-new holiday special, “Once Upon a Murdoch Christmas,” premieres **Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m. (8:30NT)** on CBC with an encore broadcast on Christmas Day, **Sunday, December 25, at 5 p.m. (5:30NT)**.

One of Canada's most successful and longest-running dramas, **MURDOCH MYSTERIES** (10 seasons; 150 x one-hour episodes) has become a staple for CBC and broadcasters around the world with its winning formula that brings together compelling mysteries, unique slices of turn-of-the-century history, ingenious inventions and personal moments for each character. The series is licensed to broadcasters in 110 countries and territories including the U.S., U.K., France, Finland and China, and continues to thrive at home, boasting an average audience of 1.4 million each week in Canada in Season 9. Season 10 premiered October 10 on CBC, and is currently in production in Ontario until December 2016.