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## **MORE TO COME FROM AWARD-WINNING SERIES *Blackstone* 'Green Lit' for Season 2**

Edmonton, Alberta (May 31, 2011) -- **Prairie Dog Film + Television** is thrilled to announce a second season of *Blackstone* has been 'green lit' and is now in full development. Producers received the news on the eve of *Blackstone* winning three Rosies at the Alberta Film & Television Awards on May 28.

"It's an exciting time for *Blackstone*, and we're pleased with the response to the series," says Ron E. Scott, Executive Producer, Writer and Director of *Blackstone*. "So far, the first season has earned a loyal audience, received great support from our broadcaster APTN, and garnered significant media acclaim."

Following the first season's cliffhanger finale, Season 2 of *Blackstone* will commence after the strip club shooting, and continue to delve into the tumultuous lives of the residents on the Blackstone Indian Reserve. Production of the new series will commence this summer, on location in Edmonton and rural Alberta.

### **THE ROSIES**

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Alberta Film & Television Awards (aka The Rosies) were handed out during a sold-out gala in Edmonton over the weekend. Celebrating excellence and outstanding achievement in Albertan film, television and new media, The Rosies honoured *Blackstone* with three awards:

- **Best Production Reflecting Cultural Diversity**
- **Best Alberta Actress (Roseanne Supernault)**
- **Best Screenwriter Drama Over 30 (Ron E. Scott)**

*Blackstone* was nominated in a total of nine categories at The Rosies. It has also been nominated in five categories at the 2011 Leo Awards, which take place June 11 in Vancouver.

### **ABOUT *BLACKSTONE***

Intense, compelling and confrontational, *Blackstone* is an un-muted exploration of power and politics on an Indian reserve. This award-winning one-hour television drama is unlike any other show in Canadian television.

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***“Occasionally, TV shows come along that make us ponder philosophies of entertainment and the new Canadian series Blackstone falls into that category.” --Toronto Sun***

***“Riveting in-your-face and as smart as Canadian dramatic TV gets.”  
--Playback***

*Blackstone* is produced by Prairie Dog Film + Television in association with Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, with the assistance of the Government of Alberta, Alberta Media Fund, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund and with the assistance of The Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

#### **ABOUT PRAIRIE DOG FILM + TELEVISION**

Founded in 1993 by Metis Executive Producer, Director and Writer Ron E. Scott, Prairie Dog Film + Television is an independent film and television production company with a proven track record in international television series, prime time television specials, feature films, and major live audience productions.

#### **ABOUT APTN**

September 1, 2010 marked the 11-year anniversary of the launch of the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples to share with all Canadians and viewers around the world. APTN is available in approximately 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. The network launched its high definition channel APTNHD in the spring of 2008. APTN does not receive government funding for operations but generates revenue through subscriber fees, advertising sales and strategic partnerships. APTN broadcasts programming with 56% offered in English, 16% in French and 28% in Aboriginal languages. For program schedule or for more information, please contact APTN at (204) 947-9331 or toll-free at 1-888-278-8862, or visit the website at [www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca).

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