

## **APTN and OMNI Television Greenlight Season 2 of Original Dramedy Series, *Mohawk Girls***

- Half-hour series follows four 20-somethings as they search for what it means to be a modern-day Mohawk woman –
- Seasons 1 and 2 will debut on OMNI Television and APTN beginning in fall 2014 –

**TORONTO (February 18, 2014)** APTN and OMNI Television today announced the second season renewal of the original series, ***Mohawk Girls***. The half-hour series is filmed and set in Montreal and the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory in Quebec. ***Mohawk Girls*** was originally commissioned for seven-episodes by APTN and OMNI Television in May 2013, and is now renewed for Season 2 with an additional six episodes. Seasons 1 and 2 are slated to premiere in fall 2014 in English on both OMNI Television and APTN, in Mandarin on OMNI Television, and in Mohawk on APTN. Full broadcast details will be announced at a later date.

***Mohawk Girls*** follows four sexy 20-somethings as they try to figure out what it means to be a modern-day Mohawk woman. From battling family pressure, tradition, and the intoxicating freedom of the “outside world,” to finding love on a reserve where everyone has dated everybody, this fabulous foursome is on a mission to find happiness and their true selves.



Cast of ***Mohawk Girls*** (from left to right: Maika Harper, Jenny Pudavick, Kyle Nobess, Meegwun Fairbrother, Brittany Leborgne, and Heather White)

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“OMNI Television recognizes *Mohawk Girls* as a significant opportunity to share contemporary aboriginal realisms with diverse audience and contribute to a truly Canadian viewing experience” said Madeline Ziniak, National Vice President, OMNI Television. “We are excited to partner with APTN to bring this series to life.”

“APTN is proud to partner in this exciting project that provides the opportunity for fresh, new voices that are true to our mission of sharing the stories of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada” said Jean La Rose, CEO of Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. “*Mohawk Girls* is a fitting example of a youthful perspective and fresh insight into what it means to be a young Aboriginal woman living in the 21st century.”

The dynamic cast includes Jenny Pudavick (*Cashing In*), Meegwun Fairbrother (*Helix*), Kyle Nobess (*Todd And The Book Of Pure Evil*), Rachele White Wind (*Moccasin Flats*), Glen Gould (*Da Vinci's City Hall*), Devery Jacobs (Rhymes For Young Gouls), Ashley Michaels (*Snare*), and newcomers Brittany LeBorgne, Heather White, and Maika Harper.

“Mohawk Girls takes a playful and audacious approach to the question of identity,” said Catherine Bainbridge, executive producer, Rezolution Pictures. “The series is about dealing with cultural obligations, social pressures, and deciding who you want to be as an adult. Those issues resonate with people from every ethnicity and background and they’re all the more fun to explore with levity and humour.”

**Mohawk Girls** is directed by Gemini Award-winning Tracey Deer (*Club Native*), who also serves as executive producer. The series is inspired by Deer’s 2005 acclaimed feature-length documentary of the same name, about the trials and tribulations of teenage girls growing up on the Mohawk reserve of Kahnawake. Cynthia Knight (*Sophie*) is the showrunner, and executive producers for Rezolution Pictures include Catherine Bainbridge, Christina Fon, Linda Ludwick, and Ernest Webb, all of whom were involved in producing the multiple-Gemini and Peabody Award-winning film, *Reel Injun*. From Rogers Media, Paritosh Mehta is the Director of Independent Production Development for OMNI Television, and Hayden Mindell is Vice President of Television Programming and Content, and Madeline Ziniak is the National Vice President of OMNI Television.

### **About Rezolution Pictures**

Rezolution Pictures International is an award-winning film, television and interactive media production company which plays a vital role in bringing cultural diversity to the North American broadcasting landscape. Since 2001 it has built itself a reputation for creating acclaimed series and one-of-a-kind productions as one of Canada’s leaders in social issue documentaries.

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September 1, 2013, marked the 14-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, telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. The network launched its high definition channel, APTN HD, 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 visit the website at

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### **About OMNI Television**

OMNI™ is a free, over-the-air multilingual/multicultural television system committed to reflecting Canada's diversity by delivering an array of ethnocultural programming, serving multiple language communities. With five television stations in B.C.; Alberta (Calgary and Edmonton) and Ontario (OMNI.1 and OMNI.2), OMNI has a combined reach of 16.5 million households in major market areas. In addition to weeknight newscasts and weekly community magazine programs, OMNI is also home to well-known international series and films, including Bollywood Movies, Asian Cinema, Italian and Portuguese telenovelas. OMNI Television is a part of Rogers Broadcasting Limited., a division of Rogers Communications Inc. (TSX: RCI and NYSE: RCI) which is a diversified Canadian communications and media company. For more information visit

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