



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### APTN REVEALS EXCITING SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING

April 27, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba – Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) announced its spring and summer 2017 schedule today, featuring a diverse array of content from Aboriginal-language programming to inspiring cultural and musical performances. The new schedule launches on May 1<sup>st</sup> and is sure to add a little spring to your step.

- ***Wentworth, Season 5*** – Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts-winning drama returns. After leaving viewers in shock at last year’s season finale, the story resumes in the days following Bea Smith’s tragic death at the hands of Joan Ferguson.
- ***Méchant trip!*** – APTN’s newest French-language series will be accompanied by an exciting second screen experience to entice users with entertaining behind the scenes show quotes, FaceTime conversations, and selfies. Join a teen boy, Brad Gros-Louis and a different famous Quebecois every episode, in an adventure filled day, fueled by laughter and curiosity.
- ***Solstice Concerts*** – Featuring never before seen performances from the 2016 *Aboriginal Day Live* concert and exclusive backstage interviews with the artists.
- ***Aboriginal Day Live*** – Join APTN for National Aboriginal Day and the summer solstice for a spectacular, one-of-a-kind celebration and live concerts from eight stages across Canada.
- ***Konnected.TV*** – Join Pakesso Mukash in the Cree-language premiere on his journey into Indigenous cultures across the Americas to find a young generation of “tradition keepers.”
- ***2017 Indspire Awards*** – Celebrate the achievements of 13 First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals from across the country being honoured for their remarkable achievements and contributions.

Be sure to tune in every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 9:00 p.m. for the colossal APTN Movies lineup. See [aptn.ca/movies](http://aptn.ca/movies) for the star-studded details!

APTN’s spring and summer season kicks off May 1<sup>st</sup>. Discover the full programming lineup below, or visit [aptn.ca/schedule/](http://aptn.ca/schedule/)

## APTN PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPRING/SUMMER

### NEW FRENCH-LANGUAGE SERIES

#### MÉCHANT TRIP! (WORLD PREMIERE – FRENCH LANGUAGE)

Each episode brings an unlikely match between an Aboriginal teen and a well-known personality, orchestrated by the ever-friendly Brad Gros-Louis. Where laughter, extreme sports, and adrenaline make an explosive experience!

<b>aptn e</b>	Mondays at 9:30 p.m. ET	premieres May 1
<b>aptn hd</b>	Mondays at 9:30 p.m. ET	premieres May 1

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### NEW SEASON

#### WENTWORTH, SEASON 5 (EXCLUSIVE CANADIAN PREMIERE – DRAMA)

Emotional, psychological and professional shockwaves pound the inmates and staff of Wentworth Correctional Centre. Vera is under fire from Corrective Services and, with Will on suspension, she is relying more on her deputy Jake, not realizing he is now Ferguson's puppet.

<b>aptn e</b>	Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 16
<b>aptn w</b>	Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. MT	premieres May 16
<b>aptn n</b>	Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. CT	premieres May 16
<b>aptn hd</b>	Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 16

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### NEW MUSIC AND VARIETY SERIES

#### SOLSTICE CONCERTS (WORLD PREMIERE)

Features never before seen performances from the 2016 *Aboriginal Day Live* concert and exclusive backstage interviews with the artists.

<b>aptn e</b>	Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 6
<b>aptn w</b>	Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. MT	premieres May 6
<b>aptn n</b>	Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. CT	premieres May 6
<b>aptn hd</b>	Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 6

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### ABORIGINAL DAY LIVE (WORLD PREMIERE)

The nation's largest event in recognition of National Aboriginal Day – has become and will continue to be *the brightest point of summer*. The annual live concert features award-winning, and on the rise, Aboriginal musicians and entertainers from across Canada and beyond - broadcast live from coast to coast.

<b>aptn e</b>	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. ET	premieres June 21
<b>aptn w</b>	Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. MT	premieres June 21
<b>aptn n</b>	Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. CT	premieres June 21
<b>aptn hd</b>	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. ET	premieres June 21

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### 2017 INDSPIRE AWARDS (NETWORK PREMIERE)

Indspire presents an awe-inspiring event showcasing Canada's most celebrated Indigenous performers and will honor 13 remarkable Indigenous Canadians who have achieved outstanding success in their respective fields.

<b>aptn e</b>	Saturday at 7:00 p.m. ET	premieres July 1
<b>aptn w</b>	Saturday at 7:00 p.m. MT	premieres July 1
<b>aptn n</b>	Saturday at 7:00 p.m. CT	premieres July 1
<b>aptn hd</b>	Saturday at 7:00 p.m. ET	premieres July 1

## ABORIGINAL-LANGUAGE SERIES

### KONNECTED.TV (WORLD PREMIERE – CREE LANGUAGE)

Follow Pakesso Mukash on his quest into Indigenous cultures across the Americas to find a young generation of “tradition keepers” who awaken others to find a place for themselves in a modern world.

<b>aptn e</b>	Fridays at 8:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 26
<b>aptn w</b>	Fridays at 8:00 p.m. MT	premieres May 26
<b>aptn n</b>	Fridays at 1:00 p.m. CT	premieres May 26
<b>aptn hd</b>	Fridays at 8:00 p.m. ET	premieres May 26
	Back-to-back episodes	

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**ABOUT APTN:**

September 1, 2016, marked the 17-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 11 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, please contact APTN at (204) 947-9331 or toll-free at 1-888-278-8862 (Canada), or visit the website at [www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca)

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