



High flier

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Adam Beach returns to Canada for CBC role

Welcome back to Canadian TV, Adam Beach. My longtime buddy (OK, he doesn't know me, but I've interviewed him a bunch of times in my career) has claimed the lead role in CBC's new drama series, *Arctic Air*.

The network made the announcement yesterday via press release, revealing the affable actor will play Bobby Martel in a series about airplane pilots toiling in the wilds of Yellowknife.

"We are so happy to have an actor of Adam's great talent and experience back at CBC," Kirstine Stewart, executive vice-president of English services, said in the statement. "Adam's indelible passion and accessible, sensitive presence will bring both authenticity and energy to *Arctic Air*."

If you think *Arctic Air's* pedigree sounds familiar, you're right. *Ice Pilots NWT*, about just that subject, is a docudrama airing on History Television. To add to the déjà vu, *Arctic Air* comes from Omni Film Productions, the same joint who make *Ice Pilots*. Still, there's enough space in the sky for both series, right?

Arctic Air is set to debut this coming winter. Beach's most recent TV roles were on *Law & Order: SVU* and *Big Love*.