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# OMNI FILM PRODUCTIONS' BEST EVER GREEN LIGHT WEEK

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Vancouver, B.C. – Omni Film Productions, one of Vancouver's hottest television production companies, recently saw a record week of green lights from broadcasters. These include a one-hour pilot of the family series, *Left Coast*, for CBC; a two-hour documentary special also for CBC called *West Coast Tsunami*, a pilot for a lifestyle series for HGTV titled *Crafty*; and *Shimmy*, a 26 x half hour series for Canadian Learning Television, Access and Discovery Health U.S. Other projects green lit for development are *Dirty Work*, a one-hour dramatic series for CHUM, and *Goode Manor*, a half-hour comedy series for CBC.

"It's an exciting time at Omni," said Omni President Michael Chechik. "Each of the shows we are set to produce is very different and will appeal to a distinct audience. Our history of strong partnerships with top creative talent across Canada, combined with a rich diversity of talent within Omni allows us to work in a wide variety of genres, which is what we enjoy doing as a company. Our goal is always to tell a great story with the highest production values possible."

Set on the fictional gulf island of Mulmur, *Left Coast* chronicles the Forrester family's successes and failures immersing themselves into a new world. Formerly of affluent Toronto, Bill, a disgraced stock broker, and his three children have reinvented themselves as cheese-makers on Mulmur while their mother Betty stays east to pursue a real-estate career, fully expecting to right the Forrester fortunes while the agricultural experiment will undoubtedly prove to be a disaster. *Left Coast* is created and written by Michael McGowan (*Saint Ralph*).

*West Coast Tsunami* is a two-hour documentary special that follows scientific teams as they race to discover how science can warn us when and where an earthquake and tsunami will hit the west coast. *West Coast Tsunami* is a film by Jerry and Bette Thompson of Raincoast Storylines.



Cool, creative and fun, *Crafty* is *the* craft show young, modern women have been waiting for. Host Wendy Russell delivers hip and stylish do-it-yourself designs for your home and your wardrobe without breaking the bank! *Crafty* is produced in partnership with Love Your Work Productions.

*Shimmy*, a unique 26 x 30 minute HD belly dancing series for Access, CLT and Discovery Health U.S. focuses on the sensual side of getting in shape. Thousands of women are trading in their running shoes for sequined scarves and shaking their hips in the growing fitness trend of belly dancing.

Conceived by filmmakers Dwayne Beaver and James Dunnison, *Dirty Work* is an hour drama/comedy being developed for television with Gary Harvey. In the black noise of the “My Little Eye” spy store, technodweeb Julius Digweed plugs himself into the lives of his clients at their worst and most desperate. An exceptionally gifted gear-head but a grossly inadequate ‘people person’, the paranoid Julius metes out retribution using spy-cams, bug detectors and sperm detection kits. In Julius’ world, no matter where you are you can always bet that someone has their eye on you.

*Goode Manor* is a sitcom about the family-phobic black sheep of a wealthy Vancouver dynasty who is challenged to clean up his act and successfully run The Goode Manor Retirement Home in order to prove himself worthy of inheriting the family fortune. Created by Director/Producer Jerry Ciccoritti (*Lives of Saints, Trudeau*) and Writer/Director/Actor Ben Ratner (*Moving Malcom*).

For over 25 years, Omni Film Productions Limited ([www.omnifilm.com](http://www.omnifilm.com)) has produced over 175 hours of drama and comedy series, award-winning documentaries, factual and lifestyle series. Their diverse productions begin with a compelling story and are then produced with integrity and quality. The result is over 75 national and international awards. Together with sister companies Water Street Pictures and Water Street Releasing, Omni is a complete film and television production and distribution entity with a steadily growing catalogue of exceptional programming including their current productions: *Robson Arms 2*; *Stuntdawgs*; *Dragon Boys* and *Alice, I Think*.

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