

PLAYBACK

CTV orders *Primeval* spinoff and *Broadway Bootcamp* for specialties

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Bell Media looked to Britain and Broadway for inspiration for its new Canadian shows.

The UK series *Primeval* (pictured) has done so well on Space, Bell Media has ordered a 13-part Canadian-made spinoff, *Primeval: New World*, from Omni Film Productions.

The mediaco also ordered for its Bravo! channel *Broadway Bootcamp*, a 13-part reality show about 18 Canadian amateurs preparing to perform a Broadway musical in front of a live audience.

Corrie Coe, SVP of independent production at Bell Media, commissioned *Primeval: New World* as a one-hour scripted adventure drama that diverges somewhat from the popular British series, featuring new Canadian characters and storylines from Canadian writers.

Omni Film, which produced *Defying Gravity* for CTV, will work with the producers of the original UK series, Impossible Pictures, to make the Canadian drama. The series follows a team of animal experts and scientists that investigates the appearance of temporal anomalies and battles. Production is set for this winter in Vancouver.

The Canadian and British producers will mix and mingle the storylines on their respective dramas, uniting different plotlines.

"This is a truly unique opportunity, building a parallel yet independent series that will appeal to existing fans and new audiences," Coe said in a statement.

"We've worked closely with Space and Impossible Pictures for two-and-a-half years to create this series, and we're excited to take on the challenge of a Canada-UK coproduction with companies whose creative work has impressed us for years," Gabriela Schonbach, VP of Omni Film Productions, added in her own statement.

Rebecca DiPasquale will be a production executive for Bell Media on *Primeval: New World*.

Over at Bravo!, Montreal-based Apartment 11 Productions will produce the dance doc series developed by Alberta Nokes, Carol Hay and director, dancer and performance coach Sarina Condello.

Broadway Bootcamp, which appears at Bell Media immediately after the cancellation of *So You Think You Can Dance Canada* after four seasons, follows director Condello on screen as she takes aspiring Canadian amateur dancers beyond their comfort zone.

The series' executive producer is Jonathan Finkelstein, while Leslie Fruman will produce.

Robin Johnston is production executive for Bell Media on *Broadway Bootcamp*.