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New Zealand-set family thriller *Mystic*, a Super Channel Heart & Home Original in association with BBC, set to air this May

The adventurous family series explores community, self-discovery, and threats to the environment



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EDMONTON (April 20, 2021) – Super Channel today announced that acclaimed New Zealand-set family thriller *Mystic* will premiere on **Super Channel Heart & Home** beginning **Sunday, May 16 at 8 p.m. ET**. Based on bestselling author Stacy Gregg's *Pony Club Secrets* book series, the Super Channel Heart & Home Original in association with BBC, is a 13 x 30 family drama with Brian Bird (*When Calls the Heart*) as executive producer for Super Channel. Each half-hour episode will also be available on **Super Channel On Demand**, the day following its weekly linear broadcast. Super Channel is available via most cable providers across Canada as well as Amazon Prime Video channels and the Apple TV app.



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Shot on location in New Zealand, the series is set in the fictional peninsula of Kauri Point and follows new-to-town teenager Issie Brown, who struggles to fit in after moving from London, U.K. to the quiet, backwater town with her mother Amanda, as she uncovers a series of secrets surrounding a mysterious injured horse and a threat to the local environment.

"*Mystic* is a great family co-viewing experience that we are excited to be bringing to our Heart & Home channel," said **Jackie Pardy, Chief Content Officer, Super Channel**. "We are certain fans of *When Calls the Heart* and *Heartland* are going to embrace the series and its themes of family, friendship, self-discovery and environmentalism. Packed with action, adventure, humour and intrigue, *Mystic* will not only appeal to horse-mad teens or fans of the book series, but the whole family."

Mystic stars **Macey Chipping** (*Holby City, Vampire Academy*) as Issie, **Laura Patch** (*After Life, Bad Mother*) as Amanda, and **Phil Brown** (*The Brokenwood Mysteries, American Playboy*), **Jacqueline Joe** (*Top Of The Lake*), **Kirk Torrance** (*The Dead Lands, Outrageous Fortune*), **Cathy Downes** (*Winter Of Our Dreams, Shortland Street*), **Jonny Brugh** (*What We Do In The Shadows, 800 Words*), and introduces newcomers **Antonia Robinson, Max Crean, Josh Tan, and Harriet Walton**.

Desperately missing her friends back in London, a chance encounter with a beautiful wild pony, Blaze, and an enigmatic stallion, *Mystic*, awakens an unexpected and surprising interest in horses in Issie and introduces her to the teenaged members of a local equestrian club. When an industrial development threatens to destroy their community, their way of life, and the landscape they love, the teenagers must find a way to save Kauri Point from environmental disaster.

Set against the backdrop of New Zealand's beautiful landscape and with a cast of characters across all ages, the show explores fundamental themes of friendship, growing up and self-discovery, and tackles head-on an issue important to young people today: what are we doing to our planet and is it too late to save it?

Created for television by Amy Shindler and Beth Chalmers (*Pat & Cabbage, Pauline Pepys' Dowry, My Family*), *Mystic* is also written by Scott Payne (*The Worst Witch*), Yero Timi-Biu (*The Dumping Ground*), Samuel E. Shore (*Filthy Rich*), author Steph Matuku (*Whetū Toa and the Magician*), Stacy Gregg (*Pony Club Secrets* book series) and Kate McDermott (*Go Girls*). The series is directed by Peter Salmon (*Nowhere Boys, Offspring*), Aidee Walker (*The Brokenwood Mysteries, Westside*) and Michael Hurst (*The Dead Lands, Spartacus*).

Mystic is a Libertine Pictures and Slim Film + Television co-production, and co-commissioned by the UK's children's channel, CBBC, Seven Network in Australia, and TVNZ (New Zealand), with investment from NZ On Air, and is distributed by Daro Film Distribution. Executive producers are Richard Fletcher for Libertine Pictures, Simon Crawford-Collins for Slim Film + Television, Amy Buscombe for CBBC, Brian Bird for Super Channel, Pierre-André Rochat for Daro Film Distribution and Amy Shindler and Beth Chalmers.



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