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### HANK WILLIAM'S FIRST NATION - THE SERIES premieres November 18 at 7:00pm ET/PT on APTN

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"Hank William's First Nation - The Series" continues the stories first brought to life in **Aaron James Sorensen's** critically acclaimed 2005 feature film "Hank Williams First Nation." The half-hour series is a collection of stories capturing the unique charms, the character, and the quirky humour of Wapahoo - a fictitious remote Cree community. The whimsical and unique life-affirming culture of the Cree is at the very centre of these stories as the people in them go through the daily trials and tribulations of their lives. Through it all, the show covers universal themes known to all audiences regarding lessons learned, experiences gained, and hearts swelled and mended.

The six-part series stars **Gordon Tootoosis** ("North of 60") and **Edna Rain** ("Dead Dog Café") as Adelard and Vivian Fox, grandparents to Sarah and Jacob, played by **Teneil Whiskeyjack** ("Dreamkeeper") and **Colin Van Loon** ("Hank Williams First Nation"). The series also stars **Sheldon Elter** ("Canadian Idol" semi-finalist) as Sarah's friend Huey Bigstone and **Jimmie Herman** ("Distant Drumming: A North of 60 Mystery") as Uncle Martin.

The series is produced, written and directed by Aaron James Sorensen. The director of photography is **Wes Doyle**, with **Bridget Durnford** editing the series and **Emre Unal** handling sound designer duties. The co-producer is **Ron E. Scott**, with **Larry Mollin** serving as creative consultant.

"Hank William's First Nation - The Series" is produced by Chicken-Wing Pictures Ltd. in association with the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, with the participation of the Canadian Television Fund, the Shaw Rocket Fund, and Alberta Economic Development.

"Hank William's First Nation - The Series" premieres on APTN at 7:00pm ET/PT, Saturday, November 18, 2006, with a repeat broadcast at 2:00pm ET/PT on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006.

APTN is the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples. The network is available in over 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. APTN broadcasts programming with 55% offered in English, 15% in French and 30% 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, or visit the website at <[www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca)>.

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For further information on the series go to <[www.HWFN.com](http://www.HWFN.com)>

For high resolution images, the media kit and to view a trailer go to <[www.hwfn.com/ts\\_m.php?p=ts\\_media](http://www.hwfn.com/ts_m.php?p=ts_media)>.

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