



WHIZBANG FILMS AND TAKE 5 PRODUCTIONS ADD REIGN TO THEIR SUMMER PRODUCTION ROSTER

Toronto (June 10, 2013) – Frank Siracusa, President and CEO of Whizbang Films and John Weber President and CEO of Take 5 Productions announced their next project *Reign* has been ordered to production for a twelve episodes series to begin shooting in Toronto at the end of July. The one-hour drama adds a second series to the Whizbang/Take 5 partnership now poised to generate more than \$100 million in production volumes in Canada in the upcoming year. Both Siracusa and Weber are currently at the Banff World Media Festival.

Whizbang and Take 5 began their collaboration on the first season of the series *Beauty and the Beast*, in spring 2012. The partnership will continue as they co-produce two projects for CBS and CW Television: the second season of *Beauty and the Beast*, starring Canadian Kristin Kreuk, and the aforementioned *Reign*. *Reign*, featuring Megan Follows and breakout star Adelaide Kane, tells the story of a young Mary Queen of Scots.

In addition, Take 5 is co-producing its second season of *Vikings*, and Whizbang will be producing the next Bruce McDonald film, *Hellions*, in the fall.

“Our teaming up with Take 5 Productions is proving to be an incredibly dynamic and fruitful partnership,” said Frank Siracusa, President and CEO of Whizbang Films. “It’s an exciting time for both Whizbang and Take 5.”

Added John Weber President and CEO of Take 5 Productions, “We’re extremely pleased with our upcoming productions, which also reflect the health and vibrancy of the film and TV industry here in Canada.”

In addition, Whizbang’s made for TV film, *The Horses of McBride*, has been nominated for five Leo Awards, which celebrate excellence in film and television in B.C. The awards include best direction and screenwriting (Anne Wheeler), cinematography (Peter Woeste), editing (Lara Mazur), and best lead performance by a female in a television movie (Mackenzie Porter). The Leo Awards will be announced in Vancouver on June 8.

About Whizbang Films

Founded by award-winning producer Frank Siracusa, [Whizbang Films](#) has established an impressive catalogue of high quality, cutting edge drama series, comedies, TV movies, and feature films that have entertained Canadian and International audiences.

About Take 5 Productions

[Take 5 Productions](#) was founded in 2009 to finance and produce high-quality international television. Since its inception in 2009, Take 5 has co-produced and delivered the final season of the award winning series *The Tudors* for Showtime and CBC, the first three seasons of *The Borgias* for Showtime and Bravo/CTV, the ten-hour series *Camelot* for Starz and CBC and the eight-hour series *World Without End* for Tandem and Shaw. In March 2012, Take 5 embarked on its latest major international coproduction, *Vikings* which has aired to record ratings on History in both the US and Canada.