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BRAND NEW HGTV CANADA SERIES UNCOVERS THE HIGH STAKES BUSINESS OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HANDCRAFTED LOG HOME BUILDER

Timber Kings Premieres Sunday January 5th at 10pm ET/PT on HGTV Canada

TORONTO, December 5, 2013 – Beginning this January, HGTV Canada explores home building like never before in the brand new original series ***Timber Kings***. Follow the grueling jobs and jaw-dropping experiences of the master log smiths at Pioneer Log Homes in Williams Lake, B.C. as they build massive, multi-million dollar log homes under tight deadlines and intense pressure. The drama begins on ***Timber Kings Sundays at 10pm ET/PT beginning January 5th on HGTV Canada.***

“HGTV Canada is the undisputed destination for compelling stories about the home and this winter we're taking it to another level with Timber Kings,” said Barb Williams, **Senior Vice President, Content, Shaw Media**. “This new original series expertly tells the stories of a crew that masterfully crafts the most difficult and elaborate log homes, navigating anything and everything the elements, terrain and clients can throw at them.”

Crafting these magnificent homes around the world requires a labour-intensive process to ensure perfection for each elite client. The homes themselves are all made on site at Pioneer Log Homes, with each enormous log notched by hand to fit exactly into the next. The homes are then dismantled to be reassembled at their final destination, which can be a very dangerous job as the builders need to maneuver the 2,000 pound logs in often extreme weather conditions. Add using a 20-pound chainsaw three stories in the air and the stakes get even higher. This season alone the ***Timber Kings*** crew builds homes in Germany, Scotland and on a private island in England, in addition to locations across North

America.

“We are proud to be joining the line-up of very popular HGTV Canada shows,” said Audrey Mehler, **Executive Vice President for Paperny Entertainment**. “We think viewers will agree that the Timber Kings are more than builders and highly-skilled craftsmen. They are also true artists...with egos and competitive drives, of course.”

The premiere episode focuses on building a 4,400 square foot lakefront cottage in Northern Ontario where the severe winter weather puts everything at risk for the **Timber Kings** crew. All of the materials must make it over a series of three impossibly narrow, icy bridges before they can even begin building, putting their timelines to the test. Back at the work yard in Williams Lake, an eccentric Arkansas millionaire is in the market for a massive 1,000 year old tree to become the centerpiece of his new home for a whopping cost of \$80,000, and two of the Pioneer Log Homes crew push each other to breaking points in a fight for new equipment.

For exclusive behind the scenes access, full episodes after they air, photo galleries and more visit www.hgtv.ca. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Paperny Entertainment Inc. is an independent Vancouver, Toronto and New York City-based production company run by partners David Paperny, Audrey Mehler, and Cal Shumiatcher. It has garnered worldwide acclaim for its provocative, innovative, and entertaining television programming. From groundbreaking documentaries to reality television series to lifestyle programming, Paperny Entertainment excels in capturing the essence of human stories. For a full roster of productions or more information, please visit www.papernyentertainment.com.

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