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**Season 2 – Complete Season**



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# SHOW DESCRIPTION

***Cutting-edge Victorian science meets cunningly plotted mystery in this “stylish period thriller”. In the 1890’s, Detective William Murdoch adopts modern techniques like “finger marks” and forensics to track the most sinister killers. Though derided by his skeptical boss, Murdoch finds friends and allies in a lovely pathologist and an eager-to-learn constable. Along the way they cross paths with some of the era’s most famous figures, including Nikola Tesla, Arthur Conan Doyle, Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley and Harry Houdini.***

# MEET THE CHARACTERS

**Detective William Henry Murdoch:  
(Yannick Bisson)**

Detective Murdoch is an intelligent, observant detective who uses unusual techniques such as blood testing and fingerprinting. Even though very logical, skeptical, observant, scientific and clear-headed with a photographic memory, these become an issue when he needs to connect with people on an emotional level.

Often his unusual techniques and unbiased opinions of people lead him to clash with Inspector Brackenreid. Murdoch often consults on cases with Dr. Julia Ogden, with whom he is infatuated.

**Inspector Thomas Charles Brackenreid:  
(Thomas Craig)**

Inspector Brackenreid is a married man of about forty, fond of the theatre and a good drink. He is the head of the stationhouse and does most of the interrogating, often forming opinions on a suspect because of personal impressions or their social standing. He is quick to anger and tenacious with a sarcastic sense of humor.

**Doctor Julia Ogden:**

Doctor Ogden is a skilled pathologist and mortician. She and Detective Murdoch have an underlying romantic tension between them but something keeps getting in the way. Dr. Ogden is often consulted on cases by Murdoch and is able to provide valuable insights on many cases.

**Constable George Crabtree:  
(Jonny Harris)**

Constable Crabtree is Detective Murdoch's assistant. He is inexperienced but often provides useful insights into cases and does much of the forensic legwork collecting evidence. He is eager, but has yet to master Murdoch's more advanced scientific skills. He isn't much of a serious character, because he often says random things that he thinks will help Murdoch solve the case, but really do not. Crabtree often has ideas for commercial uses for Murdoch's inventions. Crabtree also aspires to be a mystery novelist.

# ACTOR BIOS

**Yannick Bisson:  
(Detective William Henry Murdoch)**

Yannick Bisson was born in Montreal, Canada on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1969. At the age of 8 he moved to the United States of America with his parents, where he lived in Florida, then Texas. At the age of 13 he moved back to Canada, this time residing in Toronto, where he took up acting lessons and started getting parts in commercials. In 1984 Yannick got his big break when he was offered a part in "Hockey Night". From there he has gone on to play various roles, on TV and the big screen, including roles in "High Tide", "Soul Food" and "Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye". Yannick lives in Toronto with his wife and three children.

**Thomas Craig:  
(Inspector Thomas Charles Brackenreid)**

Thomas Craig was born on December 4, 1962 in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England as Craig Thompson. He studied at the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts and landed a role in "The Paradise Club" in 1989 after completing a three-year-course. Craig was a plumber for six years in his hometown of Sheffield, England before becoming an actor. He has starred in "Where the Heart Is" and "The Navigators". He has one daughter.

**Helene Joy:  
(Doctor Julia Ogden)**

Helene Joy is a native of Perth, Australia and trained at the prestigious Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Her early career began on the stage touring in various roles with the famous Sydney-based Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company. Most audiences remember Joy from her two seasons on the hilarious SBC comedy series "An American in Canada". The series won the 2002 Gemini Award for Best Comedy or Series while still a pilot and the next year, Joy was nominated for her first Gemini, Best Ensemble Performance Comedy Series/Program. She won a Leo Award in 2005 for "Desolation Sound". Joy now calls Toronto home but in her time off, her passion for traveling has taken her all over the world.

**Jonny Harris:  
(Constable George Crabtree)**

Jonny Harris is a Canadian comedian and actor from Pouch Cove, Newfoundland. He has appeared regularly at The Halifax Comedy Festival and The Winnipeg Comedy Festival. He has been a guest writer for the award-winning "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" and was a contributing writer and star of "Mary Walsh's Hatching, Matching and Dispatching". Jonny is a founding member of St. John's sketch comedy troupe "The Dance Party Of Newfoundland", winners of the 2007 Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival's "Best of the Fest" award.



# EPIISODE SYNOPSIS

**Ep. 201 - The Murdoch Identity**

Murdoch finds himself an amnesiac in Britain with professional killers trying to find out what he knows about an upcoming assassination but he can't remember.

**Ep. 202 - The Great Wall**

Murdoch is assigned to an adjacent station house when one of their officers is found murdered in Toronto's Chinatown, his theories on the crime come under question.

**Ep. 203 - Victor, Victorian**

Detective Murdoch enters the secretive world of the Freemasons when a new member is poisoned during his initiation ceremony. Things take a strange turn when Doctor Ogden reveals to Murdoch, Crabtree and Inspector Brackenreid that the young accountant really wasn't a man everyone thought.

**Ep. 204 - Rich Boy, Poor Boy**

Tragedy strikes close to home when Brackenreid's son Bobby suddenly disappears while playing with a friend on a sunny afternoon in bustling Allen Gardens.

**Ep. 205 - Me, Myself and Murdoch**

A clearly disturbed young woman possessed of four personalities takes an ax to her abusive father possibly because of a trauma suffered seventeen years earlier.

**Ep. 206 - This One Goes To Eleven**

When a famous Rembrandt nude is stolen while it is in transit on a moving elevator, Murdoch, who was present during the theft, finds himself asking how, not who.

**Ep. 207 - Blood and Circuses**

When a traveling circus comes to town a series of murders starting with the beautiful tiger trainer take center ring with Murdoch and Brackenreid.

**Ep. 208 - Future Imperfect**

When Murdoch finds himself invited to a meeting of the local eugenics society, which is committed to research on genetic engineering, a dog shows up with a severed arm.

**Ep. 209 - Love and Human Remains**

Two murdered but well-preserved bodies are found after a shed is torn down, and it's discovered that one of them had fought in the War of 1812.

**Ep. 210 - The Curse of Beaton Manor**

Murdoch investigates the suicides of heirs to a great manor house and family fortune, but evidence begins to mount that it might be murder.

**Ep. 211 – Hangman**

Detective Murdoch investigates a bizarre case when a convicted murderer apparently manages to survive the hangman's noose. When Cecil Fox's body is delivered to Dr. Ogden for a post-mortem, she finds a hollow tube inserted in his throat and Fox very much alive. It seems he managed to survive by inserting a tube, thus allowing him to breathe, and by having the hangman's rope shortened so as to ensure that his neck isn't broken. Murdoch and Brackenreid immediately focus on the hangman, Theodore Pleasant, as being complicit in the escape.

**Ep. 212 – In The Altogether**

A model who poses for "naughty" postcard photos but moonlights as a prostitute blackmailing her clients is found strangled in the park.

**Ep. 213 – The Tesla Effect**

When Murdoch discovers that a victim has been "cooked", he enlists the aid of Nikola Tesla in tracking down a weaponized early version of a microwave.

**Ep. 214 – Tattered and Torn**

Murdoch struggles to work with the new coroner and clashes openly when a cement block found near the water contains the remains of not one but three men.

**Ep. 215 – Kommando**

Members of a squad of Canadian soldiers who recently were deployed to South Africa are stricken with a mysterious illness and others are being murdered.

**Ep. 216 – Buffalo Shuffle**

Ignoring a puzzling break-in at Station 4, Murdoch travels to Buffalo to help Dr. Ogden solve the suspicious death of a young cancer patient at a children's hospital.

**Ep. 217 – Downstairs, Upstairs**

Dark secrets surface at the Jenkins household when Murdoch questions the family and servants of murdered patriarch Percival Jenkins.

**Ep. 218 – Monsieur Murdoch**

A flamboyant Parisian detective arrives in Toronto and insinuates himself in the disappearance of a French woman visiting her married sister.

**Ep. 219 – Dead End Street**

Murdoch comes across a made-to-scale diorama of a cul-de-sac street replete with miniature residents and discovers evidence that a murder took place.

**Ep. 220 – Confederate Treasure**

Detective Murdoch and Crabtree investigate when a body is uncovered by workmen. The remains are quite old and date from perhaps the mid 1860's. Dr. Ogden's examination indicates that he might have been murdered. Among the remains is a gin flask with a note in a false bottom. The note is signed by none other than the man who would later become Canada's first Prime Minister. The dead man is soon identified and Murdoch's old nemesis is on the scene as well.

**Ep. 221 – Dial M for Murdoch**

A telephone operator with ambitions to be a detective believes she's heard a woman strangled on an open line but Brackenreid is reluctant to believe her.

**Ep. 222 – The Black Hand**

While investigating a lethal gunshot on a trolley that no one seems to have heard, he finds that the disappearance of old girlfriend Anna Fulford's may be linked.

**Ep. 223 – Voices**

When a convent tries to bury one of its most venerated members in the churchyard, they find another body in the plot and Murdoch is reunited with his sister.

**Ep. 224 – Bloodlust**

The murder of a young student at an exclusive girl's school lead Murdoch to conclude that someone posing as a vampire is preying on several of the young girls.

**Ep. 225 – The Kissing Bandit**

A "Robin Hood" like bank robber with a flair for style kisses pretty female bank employees before donating the money to a local orphanage.

**Ep. 226 – Murdoch in Wonderland**

A man is found murdered at a Lewis Carroll costume party. All clues point to the guest dressed as the Mad Hatter.

# EPIISODE LOG LINES

**Ep. 201 – The Murdoch Identity**

**Murdoch has lost all memory and must contend with professional killers and an assassination attempt.**

**Ep. 202 – The Great Wall**

**Murdoch must find the killer of a police officer but an unexpected culprit emerges.**

**Ep. 203 – Victor, Victorian**

**Murdoch enters the secret world the Freemasons to catch a killer.**

**Ep. 204 – Rich Boy, Poor Boy**

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**Ep. 217 – Downstairs, Upstairs**

**Dark secrets surface when family and servants are questioned in a death.**

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**A Parisian detective assists Murdoch in the disappearance of a French woman.**

**Ep. 219 – Dead End Street**

**Murdoch comes across a made to scale diorama and discovers that a murder took place.**

**Ep. 220 – Confederate Treasure**

**With the start of a note at the bottom of a gin flask, war intrigue and murder occur.**

**Ep. 221 – Dial M for Murdoch**

**A telephone operator believes she heard a woman being strangled.**

**Ep. 222 – The Black Hand**

**While investigating the use of a silencer on a gun, a person of Murdoch's past re-appears.**

**Ep. 223 – Voices**

**While burying a priest another body is found in the plot, Murdoch's is reunited with his sister.**

**Ep. 224 – Bloodlust**

**Someone posing as a vampire at an exclusive all-girls school is exposed.**

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