



**SEASON ONE PRESS KIT**  
**Episodes 1-13**

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## **SERIES LOGLINE**

Fifteen-year-old Connor Heath's world is rocked when a beautiful president's daughter is sent – for her own safety – to live with his family. But dangers from home follow, and the two teens must scheme to figure out the mystery that's taken over their lives - if they can only figure out how to get along first!

## **SERIES SYNOPSIS**

Helicopters. Double agents. Triple crosses. Somebody's after Gisela Calicos (15 years old) - and Connor Heath (15 years old) is going to find out who.

Connor, the world's biggest spy buff, saw his life kick into overdrive the day Gisela, firebrand first daughter of a small island nation, showed up to live with his family. But even though she was sent there to escape growing dangers back home, intrigue and mystery followed her anyway. So now, action-packed stories with bodyguards, spies, moles, choppers and chase scenes aren't just part of Connor's favorite movies - they're part of his life!

Meanwhile, Gisela has lost her identity, her friends, and her closet space. She's being asked to live like an average teenager, even though she's anything but. So, somewhere between sports rallies and homework assignments, these two kids must scheme to figure out the mystery that's taken over their lives - if they can only figure out how to get along first!



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## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

**Conner Heath**, 15, is the ultimate spy-in-(self)training. He applied to CSIS when he was 10 (they laughed), he wrote his English mid-term in code (he flunked), but that hasn't stopped him from buying the gadgets, learning the shop-talk and installing a secret escape route out of his bedroom (just in case). In fact, he's pretty sure he could probably pick a lock, break a code, or fly a plane. Unfortunately, he hasn't had to... yet. But that's all changing, now that Gisela Calicos is on the scene. Suddenly, Connor's found himself deep in a web of intrigue, paired with a girl who's just as creative, just as energetic and just as problem solve-y as he is! There are only two problems (1) they're always at odds and (2) Connor's starting to believe that Gisela just might be smarter than he is...

**Gisela Calicos**, 15, is the girl who's smarter than Connor Heath, and she's not happy. She's used to a sprawling estate overlooking the ocean. She's used to making the front page by changing her 'do. She's used to being waited on hand and foot. But most of all, she's used to having the ear of the president - her dad - and affecting real change in her island nation. But all that is gone now. Something's brewing at home - no one will tell her what. So she's been whisked away to live with this bizarre family in a modest house. So what if both sets of parents are old friends? She does *not* want to live with Connor and his stinky brother in a tiny hovel on a noisy street in a *freezing* country - have you *been* to Canada?

**Dave "Whynot" Whynacht**, 15, is Connor's best friend and front man for the greatest band you (and everyone else) has never heard of - Whynot! Unflaggingly optimistic, Whynot can always be guaranteed to deliver laughs and all out chaos in equal measure. And while Connor may be the leader of the pack, Dave is probably the world's most enthusiastic follower. Sure, nobody ever called Dave the "brains" of any operation, but he's definitely the most fun to hang out with because when others ask "Why?", he asks, "Why not?"

**Ty Heath**, 12, is your typical grade-A, pint-sized skeptic. He's skeptical of everything and everyone, and Gisela's beauty has absolutely no effect on his pre-teen brain. For Ty, the bottom line is he hasn't had a hot shower since this girl showed up.

**Reuben Heath**, 46, is immune now to the horror of his house and boys. He's very sporty, enviro-conscious, rides his bike to the cluttered and cramped hardware store he runs, is a rough-houser, and is a guy who will not tolerate whining. He's good humoured and is sure, if Gisela's anything like her father, she's going to get along fine. This eternal optimist met the then 16-year-old President Calicos on the soccer field in Córdoba when his family vacationed there nearly three decades ago. Later they went to the same University and majored in political science together. Always in touch, the two men have only become closer as the physical distance between them has grown. Although Reuben is exacting with nuts and bolts and variances, he's not much of a disciplinarian, so both Gisela and Connor get away with a lot more than they should.

**Julia Heath**, 43, all natural and makeup free, is a community catalyst, doing what needs to be done, whether it's fundraising for street nurses one week or heading up a Blood Drive the week after. She's much too busy to get into whole house cleaning thing and gave up years ago. She's the one assigned to give Gisela a harsh dose of reality and has tips about how to protect yourself (she puts her good shoes in the mixer because the guys will never go there). Still, she always wanted a daughter, and she enjoys sharing the 'girl' stuff with Gisela.

**Ed The Bodyguard**, 37, is built like a missile with no sense of humour save a secret love of knock-knock jokes. EdTheBodyguard (as the kids call him, much to his consternation) has an actual steel plate in his



head from taking a bullet once for President Calicos. Serious, overzealous but obviously very loyal, Gisela's Dad chose EdTheBodyguard because, even though he may have his shortcomings, EdTheBodyguard is the only person he could really and truly trust.

**President Calicos**, 46, is the consummate politician. Tall and broad shouldered with a stellar smile, he gives a great speech, and his charisma reaches across a football stadium. Calicos feels he has learned from history and comes to his conservatism reasonably, but Gisela feels he's been worn down by his aides, lobbyists, and the corruption of his profession - gotten away from his roots. Calicos loves his daughter dearly, but he also loves his country and feels that his greater duty is to the people of Cordobá. Gisela feels that if he's going to put Cordobá first, then he better do a darned good job.

**Tanya Gillette**, 15, oozes street cred. You can tell from what she's wearing to what she's listening to, from the way *she* talks to the way people talk *about* her. By the time you've "discovered" a new band, she's already learned the lyrics, seen the show, bought the t-shirt and moved on. Tanya's not one of those snotty popular chicks. As a tastemaker she wields a certain amount of power, true, but she doesn't abuse it. Usually. Though Tanya would never admit to liking Connor, she's gotten used to his attention - O.K. dog-like-devotion - so when Gisela comes along and takes all of Connor's time up, he suddenly gets more interesting to her - which means, Connor's life may get even more complicated than it already is...

**Lily Bogdakovitch**, 12, lives next door to the Heath family and has to go to their house before and after school and has to put up with Ty who's gross but it's not his fault 'cause he's a boy but things are so awesome since Gisela moved in because she has a magic closet full of the most awesome clothes she's ever seen and she finally has someone she can girl talk with and someone who understands her even when she talks for a really long time without taking a breath! <whew>



## EPISODE SYNOPSES

### **Episode 101 “Arrival”**

**Logline** - Connor’s fantasy of living the spy life appears to come true when his family provides a secret haven for the mysterious Gisela – but she’s not happy with the arrangement.

**Synopsis** - Connor Heath’s spy world dreams come true when Gisela Calicos is dropped into his life, from a mysterious black helicopter. His parents have been acting weird and secretive for weeks, but won’t tell him a thing, so Connor has no choice, really, but to follow them to the midnight rendezvous. He can’t believe that all the cloak-and-dagger stuff is just about some *girl*, but Gisela is no ordinary girl. Wherever she came from (somewhere Spanish-speaking), she’s rich, beautiful, and used to getting her own way. She also happens to be in *danger*. She’s been whisked away for her own safety, to the home of her father’s old friends, the Heaths, until the threat passes. This is Connor’s big chance to live out his super-spy fantasy, but can he watch over a strong-willed girl who doesn’t like being watched over? And more importantly, can five people share one bathroom?

### **Episode 102 “Proof”**

**Logline** – To keep Gisela from being relocated, Connor and Whynot struggle to keep her happy and safe – while she does her best to trip them up. Meanwhile, Ty receives a mystery package that proves irresistible...

**Synopsis** - Connor has learned a few things about Gisela. Her father is the President of Cordoba, a Caribbean island nation. She’s one of the most important (and privileged) fifteen-year-olds on the planet. And she’s not adjusting well to normal, middle-class, teen life. In fact Gisela is so appalled by life with the Heaths – the lack of closet space, the chores, the food – that she’ll do anything to get away. Knowing that she’ll be relocated if the Heaths can’t keep her safe and happy, she’s on a mission to prove that they can’t. But Connor isn’t about to let that happen, and is just as determined to prove that his skills are indispensable. How hard can it be to keep a girl happy? Well pretty hard, actually, if the girl is Gisela. Meanwhile, Ty accidentally opens a package meant for somebody named “Ed” and the contents are too tempting to resist.

### **Episode 103 “Cover Story”**

**Logline** - Connor must get Gisela through a school day with both her identity and Connor’s reputation intact, not knowing she’s not interested in either.

**Synopsis** - Asking Gisela to “blend in” is like asking the sun not to shine, yet the Cordoba secret service has given Gisela a new identity as an *ordinary* South American exchange student! Without servants or limos or anything! And they made her the one thing she just can’t pull off – boring! Connor desperately wants to play it cool on the first day back at school, especially in front of his crush, Tanya. Connor does his best to steer Gisela from trouble, but Gisela can’t help attracting attention – the bad, embarrassing kind of attention that Connor wants to avoid. In her own way, Tanya is just as spirited and forceful as Gisela, and when the two of them appear to hit it off, Connor’s life couldn’t be trickier. Or could it? As if he didn’t have enough trouble balancing *two* strong-willed females, a third joins the mix with the arrival of Gisela’s new bodyguard, Zatari.



## Episode 104 – “Trash Talk”

**Logline** - Connor has doubts about Gisela’s new bodyguard but gets his chance to match wits with her when she teams up with Gisela in a boys vs girls competition.

**Synopsis** - Connor has some misgivings about Gisela’s new bodyguard. He can’t point to anything specific, but something is just not right about the freakishly fit, stunning, and vaguely threatening female agent. For Gisela though, Zadari is a breath of fresh air, the big sister (and someone from home) that she so desperately needs. When Connor tries to steer Gisela toward some regular, teen activities – without Zadari – Gisela responds by challenging Connor and Whynot to a contest against her *and* Zadari. Whichever team brings in the most material for the recycling drive, wins. What starts as a friendly competition turns into a serious game of cat-and-mouse – is Connor just being jealous, or can he prove that Zadari is really not what she seems? Meanwhile, Ty’s got a challenge of his own, proving that Lily’s got hold of something precious to him.

## Episode 105 - "Stung"

**Logline** - Connor and Gisela stumble upon a person from Gisela's past. Whynot's band gears up for a major gig and discover that they might be cursed.

**Synopsis** - When Connor’s spy-reflexes catch Tanya’s eye, the next thing he knows the two of them have an upcoming date to see Whynot’s band in action. Connor is thrilled until a very-muscley, very-jealous Dillon gets wind of their plans. Faced with a choice between canceling the date and Dillon canceling his *face*, Connor seeks out Zadari for some self-defense training. But when Zadari’s bungalow is mysteriously empty, Connor and Gisela know something is not right. Together, they piece together the clues, but aren’t prepared when they lead to an abandoned warehouse, and old associate, and a shocking betrayal. Meanwhile, a bee sting during rehearsal leaves Whynot trying to sing with a super-sized tongue. But could his friend’s cure be worse than the sting?

## Episode 106 - "Lockdown"

**Logline** - Ed steps up the security and puts the Heath family under house arrest. Connor and Gisela disobey orders and escape to the mall.

**Synopsis** - Ed, Gisela's new by-the-book bodyguard, puts the Heaths under total lockdown: nobody in, nobody out, and no unapproved snacks. Gisela's so safe, she can hardly stand it. When she says she needs a certified action hero to rescue her from the clutches of boredom, Connor can’t resist sneaking her out his secret spy exit route. Connor and Gisela hit the mall, have a blast, and get busted - *big time*. But along the way, Connor discovers a devious security breach that spells trouble for Gisela. How can Connor tell Ed about the leak, knowing it will lead to his new friend’s relocation to some remote bunker? Meanwhile, Ty is happy to advise from the sidelines... as long as there’s cash involved.



## Episode 107 - "Lost in Translation"

**Logline** - When Connor and Gisela's prank war gets out of hand there may be serious consequences for everyone to pay. Meanwhile, Whynot's latest song gives him his first taste of love-struck female fans.

**Synopsis** - Gisela is not adjusting to life without butlers and yachts so when Connor uses the last of her fancy-schmancy shower gel, she wants revenge. Not only does she pull a skin cream switcheroo that has Connor seeing red (and looking orange), she also takes payback to a whole new level. But soon Gisela's tactics spiral out of control and lead to a dangerous mistake that gives the enemy the upper hand. Have Gisela's pranks (and her love of fine botanicals) gone too far? Meanwhile, Whynot has his hands full when a female friend assumes his latest love song is about her... and so do a hundred of her friends.

## Episode 108 - "Geolocked"

**Logline** - When an accidental flood sends the Heath family to live with Ed, Connor seizes the chance to use Ed's gear. But what happens next may have Connor reconsidering his spy career. Ty "smells" a plan of his own.

**Synopsis** - When Gisela's latest "x-treme" luxury bubble bath goes out of bounds, the Heath house becomes a flood zone. Suddenly, Ed the Bodyguard is playing host to the entire family, and Connor is expected to follow in his dad's hardware-happy footsteps. He'd rather help crack the code of the latest enemy messages, but Ed doesn't think he's ready for the spy-game's big leagues. When Connor gets overly-bossy Gisela to cover his foreman duties and overly-protective Ed to watch her back, Connor finally has the chance to prove his spy-worthiness. But an innocent mistake threatens to prove he's not ready for the big time... and lead the enemy right to their door. Meanwhile, in a bid for privacy in Ed's cramped bungalow, Ty discovers a pair of potent weapons: his feet. But when his stinky plan backfires, he finds himself on the wrong end of the *ultimate* weapon: a slumber party at Lily's.

## Episode 109 - "Diva"

**Logline** - Connor's first official mission – to help Gisela blend in at school – goes terribly wrong when it arouses Tanya's suspicion about the Heaths' "houseguest." Ty schemes to get Gisela-obsessed Lily in trouble.

**Synopsis** - A secret listening device **discovered** in the Heath house could point to the enemy's lair, but it also proves that Gisela is at greater risk than ever. Ed charges Connor with an impossible task: making sure Gisela keeps a low profile. Connor issues her an underwhelming selection of drab fashions, and orders her to release her inner dull girl. It seems like the plan just might work, until Tanya brags that she's figured out Gisela's secret once and for all. (But she's willing to keep quiet... for a song.) Now Connor has to figure out what Tanya knows, how she knows it, and how to plug all these leaks before they're all sunk. Meanwhile, when Lily learns that Gisela's fabulous wardrobe is under lockdown, she'll stop at nothing to set it free.



## Episode 110 - "Fashion Crimes"

**Logline** - After disobeying Ed's security directive, Connor and Gisela find themselves 'overexposed' at the school fashion show. Tanya turns to Whynot for creative advice.

**Synopsis** - The paparazzi that used to follow Gisela's every fabulous move are getting closer, and Ed has ordered Connor and Gisela to stay joined at the hip – not a good time for them to be on each other's nerves! When the two of them make conflicting plans for the weekend, the biggest threat is how much they want to strangle each other. Connor and Gisela decide to team-up so they can split up; all it takes is a little scheming to get Ed out of the picture. But when the paparazzi are swarming and they need Ed's help, has their plan worked *too* well? In the middle of it all, Tanya tries to throw a winning fashion show without losing her cool. A little help from Whynot couldn't hurt... could it?

## Episode 111 - "Old Flame"

**Logline** - With the danger level rising, the President decides to relocate Gisela. But after all she's been through with Connor, is she really ready to go?

**Synopsis** - When President Calicos orders Gisela back to Cordoba for good, Connor is twenty-four hours away from losing his friend *and* his access to the spy world he loves. That's why Connor is determined become Gisela's new bodyguard, traveling with her all over the world - he just has to convince the President. With a little help from Whynot and a video camera, he makes the ultimate pitch: Gisela should be protected by the one who knows her best. But when Gisela's old flame arrives to take this dream job for himself, how can Connor compete? By using his spy-skills in a bid to find and expose his rival's weaknesses... assuming he has any. Can Connor turn things around before time runs out? Meanwhile, Ty discovers that his collection of fake snakes, bugs, and creepy-crawlies may be the secret to making Lily scam forever.

## Episode 112 - "Ed Lite"

**Logline** - Connor and Gisela make a discovery that reveals just how close Gisela's foes really are. Meanwhile, an incompetent substitute bodyguard makes life difficult for the Heaths.

**Synopsis** - When Ed leaves town on a secret mission, a substitute bodyguard takes over Gisela's protection. Unfortunately, "Ed Lite" happens to be completely useless. So useless, that when Connor and Gisela bring him a mysterious code sent to her cellphone, Connor has to explain it to *him*. Connor and Gisela strike out on their own, following the clues that lead to some sweet enemy intel... if only Gisela hadn't left her cell phone behind. When Connor goes to retrieve it, the enemy is on to him. With Ed gone, Ed Lite no help at all, and Connor in grave danger, it's up to Gisela to hatch a rescue plan, *fast*. As for Ty, he has his own theory about who Ed Lite is, and with Whynot's help he'll prove it, no matter how out-of-this-world it is.

## Episode 113 - "Password Protect"

**Logline** - When Gisela suddenly disappears, it's up to Connor to bring her back safely – which proves difficult when he's trapped in detention.

**Synopsis** - Connor's spy school application is missing one thing: a recommendation from a real pro. To earn Ed's approval, Connor becomes a 24/7 martial arts machine, but a badly timed back-kick gets him stuck in detention for the next three decades. Meanwhile, it's Gisela's birthday, but as far as she can tell, she's a thousand miles from anyone who even cares. Alone and homesick, she finally gets a message about a private birthday celebration. Gisela leaps at the invitation - and right into the clutches of her deadliest enemy! With Gisela's life hanging in the balance, Connor struggles to escape school in time to help her... and Gisela learns that the enemy's plans – for Gisela, Ed, and the entire nation of Cordoba – are even more devious than anyone guessed. Has Connor learned enough about the enemy, his friends, and the spy game itself to save the day?



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## CAST BIOS

### MAX MORROW

'Connor Heath'

*Connor Undercover*



Max Morrow is a highly accomplished award winning Canadian actor. At the ripe age of 18, Max has already appeared in over 20 film and television productions. He may be best known for his roles in *Monk*, *The Christmas Shoes*, and *The Great Goose Caper*. Max also appeared in CBC's mini-series *Shattered City*, Disney's *Santa Who?*, *The Brady Bunch in the White House*, and in Shaftesbury Films *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*. He recently had a lead role in Mordechai Richler's feature film *St Urbain's Horseman* playing the role of Young Jake Hirsh. Currently Max can be seen in Shaftesbury Films *Connor Undercover*.

Max has been nominated for 4 Genie Awards and 5 Young Artist Awards which include: Best Male Lead Artist in a TV Movie (2003), Best Family Movie (2003), Best Supporting Actor in a Series (2003), Best Performance in a TV Movie (2002) and Best Actor in a TV Movie (2001).

When not in front of the camera, Max enjoys swimming, rollerblading, ice skating, running, baseball and soccer.

### LOLA TASH

'Gisela Calicos'

*Connor Undercover*



Newcomer Lola Tash will be making her second television appearance in *Connor Undercover*. She recently guest starred on family channel's hit comedy sitcom *The Latest Buzz*. Lola has also been seen in a variety of television commercials.

In addition to her acting, Lola takes up Jazz, hip-hop and ballroom dancing. She also plays soccer, loves gymnastics and enjoys singing.

### JORDAN FRANCIS

'Dave "Whynot" Whynacht'

*Connor Undercover*



Jordan Francis showed signs of talent at a very young age. He recently played the role of Barron in Disney's television movie phenomenon *Camp Rock* and reprised his role in *Camp Rock 2*. At the age of seven he landed the role of the mischievous Shuggie on an episode of *Real Kids Real Adventures*, he took a break from television and went on to do live shows including *Peter Pan* and the leading role of Simba in Disney's *The Lion King*. When he was only eleven years old Jordan went on to writing music, one of his first songs, "No Matter", and he recently wrote a song that will be featured in an upcoming feature film *How She Moves*. His dancing has landed him roles in movies such as *Honey*, starring *Jessica Alba* and *Music Man* starring *Mathew Broderick*.

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## PRODUCTION BIOS

### CHRISTINA JENNINGS - SHAFTESBURY FILMS

Executive Producer

*Connor Undercover*



Christina Jennings is one of Canada's most accomplished producers of successful films and television programs. Jennings established Shaftesbury Films and has built the company into a position of unique leadership and strength as a multi-format, multi-genre and award-winning producer and distributor. Jennings oversees and is an Executive Producer on all of the productions. Jennings is the Executive Producer of CTV's *The Listener*, and the award-winning drama series *Murdoch Mysteries* and *ReGenesis*.

Shaftesbury produces a variety dramatic television programming including: series, mini-series, TV movies, family and children's programming, in both live-action and animation formats and most recently original online content. Shaftesbury Films prides itself on working with all of the major broadcasters, specialty channels and buyers of dramatic programming in Canada and internationally. Highlights include: the highly anticipated drama series *Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures* based on the award-winning book by Dr. Vincent Lam; *The Listener* drama series for NBC and CTV and on Fox International Channels in 180 countries; the *Murdoch Mysteries* drama series now in production on its third season for Alibi in the UK and CityTV in Canada; the successful drama series *ReGenesis* for *The Movie Network*, *Movie Central* and *Showcase* which also aired in 20 languages in more than 115 countries; the highly rated CTV movie *Terry* about Terry Fox; the half-hour Global comedy series *The Jane Show*; the record-breaking TV movie *Eight Days to Live* starring Kelly Rowan, *In God's Country* also starring Kelly Rowan, *The Robber Bride* adapted from Margaret Atwood's novel, starring Mary-Louise Parker, who won a Gemini Award and was nominated for an International Emmy for her role as 'Zenja', and also starring Wendy Crewson and Shawn Doyle; the International Emmy Award-winning live-action/animation series *Dark Oracle* which aired on YTV; and the internationally successful children's comedy series *Life with Derek* for Family Channel which plays in over 120 countries.

Jennings was a graduate of the film program at the Canadian Film Centre and currently serves as a member of their Board of Directors. Jennings began as a feature film producer and has consistently attracted international award-winning talent including: Jessica Tandy and Bridget Fonda in *Camilla*; Miranda Richardson and Brenda Fricker in *Swann*; Gary Busey and Mark McLnney in *Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang*; and Sandra Oh in Mina Shum's *Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity*.

Shaftesbury also has a distribution arm which sells much of its own television product, either alone, through the Shaftesbury Sales Company, or in partnership with other worldwide sales agents and distributors.

Committed to meeting the global demand for multiplatform content, Shaftesbury recently acquired Smokebomb Entertainment, an award-winning developer of original multiplatform digital content. This groundbreaking deal moved Shaftesbury into the forefront of production of original content for the web and all digital media platforms.

Shaftesbury Films most recently received the 2009 Lionsgate/Maple Pictures Innovative Producer Award at the Banff World Television Festival. Christina Jennings has been honoured with the 2008 PROFIT Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship at the RBC's Canadian Women's Entrepreneur Awards and, in 2007 Jennings was named *Playback's* Person of the Year. In 2006 Christina was honoured by WIFT-T (Women in Film and Television – Toronto) with a Crystal Award for Outstanding Achievement.

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## JOHN MAY & SUZANNE BOLCH – HEROIC FILM COMPANY

Executive Producers, Writers

*Connor Undercover*

John May and Suzanne Bolch are executive producers and business partners at Heroic Film Company. John was born and raised in Southern Ontario (Wingham, ON) and Suzanne was born and raised in the Southern U.S. (North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia). They joined forces as a writing/producing team in the early 90's to write/produce a wide range of comedy, animation, and live action programs in Toronto, New York and Los Angeles, and they share Gemini nominations and three Writers Guild Awards.

John May and Suzanne Bolch are co-creators and executive producers of the new YTV sitcom, *How to Be Indie*, Family Channel's new spy/comedy series, *Connor Undercover*, *Captain Flamingo* for YTV/Jetix and *Our Hero* for the CBC. Other writing/producing credits include *Naturally Sadie* for Family Channel/Disney, *Screech Owls* for YTV/Discovery, Nickelodeon's *The Journey of Allen Strange* and PBS's *The Magic Schoolbus*.

They both currently reside in Toronto with their families.

## SUZANNE FRENCH – SHAFTESBURY FILMS

Producer

*Connor Undercover*



Suzanne French joined Shaftesbury in 2002 to start up a kid's division, and the result has been a steady stream of highly-rated and award-winning productions including 70 episodes of *Life with Derek*, winner of the prestigious Shaw Rocket Prize for Best Children's Program in 2008. *Life with Derek* currently airs on Family Channel in Canada and Disney Channel in the US as well as on major channels in over 120 countries around the world. Under French, Shaftesbury also produced 26 episodes of *Dark Oracle* for YTV which won an International Emmy award for Best Children and Young People's program in 2005, and 26 episodes of the animated series *Mischief City* for YTV. French is currently working on post-production of 13 episodes of *Overruled!* for Family Channel and Disney Channel, US and is in production on the new series *Connor Undercover* for Family Channel.

Prior to joining Shaftesbury, French launched AAC Kids, the production arm of Alliance Atlantis Communications which produced and distributed such series as *The Famous Jett Jackson* and *In a Heartbeat* for Disney Channel; *Henry's World* for Family Channel; *Ace Lightning and the Carnival of Doom* for the BBC and CBC; *I Was a Sixth Grade Alien* for YTV and Fox Family Channel amongst others. Prior to working at Alliance, French was head of Original Programming at YTV. She currently sits on the board of the Alliance for Children's Television, a group dedicated to the support of quality children's programming.



**David Warry-Smith****Director (104,105,108,109,110,112,113)*****Connor Undercover***

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David Warry-Smith started work in the film and television business by sweeping the carpentry shop floor. He rose quickly through a wide variety of industry jobs and has been directing since 1993. A Film and Drama Major at Queen's University David also worked for a time as an actor primarily with Cheap Seats Theatre Company.

Most of his work has been in series and movies for television along with some commercial and documentary endeavors. He has directed numerous episodes of such popular shows as; Connor Undercover, Aaron Stone, The Latest Buzz, Paradise Falls, Stargate SG-1, This is Wonderland, The Chris Isaak Show, Beggars and Choosers, The Outer Limits, Soul Food, Naturally Sadie, Radio Free Roscoe, Due South and North of Sixty to name a few. David's work has been noted for strong performances and a keen visual style. He has just written a feature screenplay and is currently developing three episodic series. He lives in Toronto with his wonderful wife and a pack of semi-domesticated children.

**STEVE WRIGHT****Director (103, 107, 111)*****Connor Undercover***

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Steve Wright is an award winning Canadian Television Director. Steve has directed over 100 episodes of television for networks throughout North America and Europe. Recent credits include *Overruled* and *Life With Derek* for Disney Channel, *The Latest Buzz* and *Connor Undercover* for Family Channel, and *How To Be Indie* for YTV. Steve currently is in production on *Majority Rules*, a television series for Teletoon.

Steve lives in Toronto with his wife and two children.

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