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CORNER GAS pumps out hundreds of props, set decorations and costumes for sale

- CORNER GAS fans have the opportunity to buy a piece of television history -

Regina, SK (Friday, March 18, 2011) - Fill 'r' up! CORNER GAS props, costumes and set pieces are for sale. Prairie Pants Productions, the production company behind the iconic Canadian television series will be holding a set sale **March 25 through 27, 2011, from noon to 7 pm**. Over 1,000 lots of props, costumes and set pieces from all six seasons of the series will be on sale at the Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios. The studios are located in a 2,300-acre lakeside park at **1831 College Avenue, Regina, minutes from the Saskatchewan International Airport**. Part of the **proceeds from the sale will benefit the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan**. This once-in-a-lifetime sale celebrates one of the most beloved shows in Canadian television history. For more information, go to **cornergas.com**.

The three-day sale includes a live auction of 50 choice items on Saturday, March 26, from 1 - 2 pm, and presiding as auctioneer is **Fitzy Fitzgerald** (Cavan Cunningham), the memorable mayor of Dog River.

Highlights of the sale include:

- Oscar and Emma's kitchen and living room furniture and collectibles
- Leroy's outdoor furniture
- Karen and Davis' desktop items, lamps and wall art
- The Ruby's counters, booths, tables, wall art, menus, dishes, sugar, salt and pepper shakers
- The Corner Gas counters, stools and license plates
- The Police Station desks and files
- Dog River signs

Purchases must be made in-person and in cash only (Canadian and US funds accepted).

"CORNER GAS wrapped its run of 107 episodes in April 2009. Many of the items have been sitting in storage since then. Recently, we took a walk through the Saskatchewan storage facility and realized there were so many cool items. We'd like to give our fans, who have been so supportive, the opportunity to take a piece of the show home with them," said Brent Butt, series creator, writer, star and executive producer.

"We're thrilled the proceeds of the sale are going to Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan," continues Thompson. Over the course of six seasons, we have raised over \$500,000 for charities in Saskatchewan and across Canada. Giving back to our audience was a motto at CORNER GAS, and we're continuing the tradition with this sale."

The executive producers have also begun to look at the prospect of dismantling the standing set, which encompasses the gas station and the restaurant and sits near the highway in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. "The set was built to make 13 episodes of CORNER GAS over the course of one summer. When the show became a hit, the set's life was extended to accommodate six seasons. It's now deteriorated to the point where extensive work needs to be done on the structure and foundation. The set must be dismantled at this time but we hope to rebuild it one day for potential future CORNER GAS projects, although we have no definite plans in place for such a project at this time." states Executive Producer Virginia Thompson.

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CORNER GAS stands amongst a short list of Canadian scripted series that have reached the milestone of 100 episodes - a notable list which includes THE KING OF KENSINGTON, DEGRASSI: THE NEXT GENERATION, KIDS IN THE HALL, and THE BEACHCOMBERS, to name few.

Created by Brent Butt for CTV and The Comedy Network, the networks' first-ever original narrative comedy series began production in the summer of 2003. It premiered on January 22, 2004 on CTV with 1.15 million viewers and was an instant hit. Dog River became a favourite Canadian television destination averaging over a million viewers each season. The series finale aired on April 13, 2009 and made television history with a record-breaking total audience of 3.025 million viewers on CTV and /A\, plus an additional 239,000 viewers when the finale aired on The Comedy Network. It was a new audience high for CORNER GAS and the biggest audience on record for a Canadian scripted television series* (Source: BBM Nielsen Media Research; *CTV's electronic measurement records begin in 1994).

The series, which aired in over two dozen countries worldwide (including Superstation WGN in the US), became a cultural phenomenon, spawning a chart-topping book, sold-out comedy tours, a successful line of clothing and merchandise, a top-selling series of DVDs and a thriving tourist industry in Rouleau, Saskatchewan, where CORNER GAS was filmed.

The series has received over 70 nominations for numerous awards (including an International Emmy) and won seven Gemini Awards including Best Comedy Series, nine Canadian Comedy Awards, four Writers Guild of Canada Awards, three Directors Guild of Canada Award and 12 Leos.

CORNER GAS was filmed at Regina's Canada/Saskatchewan Production Studios and on location in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. It is the only network comedy series to be based and shot entirely in the province.

Starring Saskatchewan-native Brent Butt, CORNER GAS follows the adventures of a bunch of nobodies who get up to a whole lot of nothing in the fictional prairie town of Dog River, Saskatchewan. The series focuses on the life (or lack thereof) of Brent Leroy, proprietor of a gas station that is the only stop for miles around and a hub of action on the Prairies. The town's "distinguished" residents include Brent's parents Oscar and Emma Leroy (Saskatchewan natives Eric Peterson and Janet Wright), coffee shop owner Lacey Burrows (Gabrielle Miller), his best friend Hank Yarbo (Fred Ewanuick), police officers Davis Quinton (Lorne Cardinal) and Karen Pelly (Tara Spencer-Nairn) and retail assistant Wanda Dollard (Nancy Robertson).

The laughs came courtesy of an award-winning writing team, led by Brent Butt, that over the years has included: Supervising Producers Mark Farrell (Dan For Mayor, This Hour Has 22 Minutes), Kevin White (Dan For Mayor, This Hour Has 22 Minutes) and Paul Mather (Men With Brooms, Rick Mercer Report); story editors/writers Andrew Carr (Hiccups, Comics), Dylan Wertz (Hiccups), Chris Finn and Emmy-winner Norm Hiscock (Saturday Night Live, King Of The Hill, Kids In The Hall) as consulting producer/writer.

CORNER GAS features directors David Storey (The Seán Cullen Show, Blackfly) along with Robert de Lint (InSecurity, Hiccups, renegadepress.com), Jeff Beesley (InSecurity, Men With Brooms, Little Mosque), Mark Farrell and Brent Butt (Hiccups).

Producers are Virginia Thompson (InSecurity, Incredible Story Studio, renegadepress.com) and David Storey (Hiccups, Keep Your Head Up Kid: The Don Cherry Story, Blackfly, The Seán Cullen Show). Executive Producers are Brent Butt, David Storey and Virginia Thompson.

CORNER GAS was produced by Prairie Pants Productions, comprised of Vérité Films and 335 Productions in association with CTV.

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