

## **Slevin, Platt and Malatesta team to produce scripted series in Canada**

Canadian writer-producer Kathy Slevin has created a dynamic new partnership with two top veterans of international television, Executive Producer Phyllis Platt of Platt Productions in Toronto, and financing and distribution consultants Cathy Malatesta and Bryan Taw of Lawless Entertainment in Los Angeles.

Slevin is an award-winning writer-producer, and former long time development chief for Paul Haggis (*Million Dollar Baby*, *Crash*) with whom Slevin co-wrote features and developed such series as *Walker Texas Ranger* and *Due South*, the quirky comedy-adventure about a Canadian Mountie and a Chicago cop that became both an international hit and the most popular series in Canadian television history.

During Phyllis Platt's tenure as head of programming at CBC, she supervised the development and production of some of Canada's most popular and award-winning television series, movies and miniseries, including *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, *The Newsroom*, *Wind At My Back*, *Butterbox Babies* and *DaVinci's Inquest*. Since establishing Platt Productions, she has produced a string of successful movies for television including *Betrayed*, *Open Heart*, *Shania*, and recently the hit CBC trilogy, *Booky Makes Her Mark*, *Booky and the Secret Santa*, and *Booky's Crush*.

Cathy Malatesta, formerly Senior V.P. of Warner International, and VP and General Manager of Westinghouse Broadcasting, is a highly accomplished international television producer with more than 20 years of success in securing partnerships both domestically and abroad. Lawless V.P., Bryan Taw, brings over 10 years of experience in marketing, production and distribution in both live action and animation.

Platt, Slevin and the Lawless Entertainment team are now seeking international partners for a slate of drama and comedy series developments that they plan to jointly produce in Canada, taking advantage of Platt's established Canadian company and strong Canadian broadcaster relationships, Slevin's experience as a writer and showrunner of U.S. and international series, and Malatesta's long success in financing co-pros through securing viable partnerships.

Producers interested in partnering in top quality co-productions alongside expert team members are invited to contact Cathy Malatesta or Bryan Taw at [info@lawlessent.com](mailto:info@lawlessent.com)