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 Discovery

# SEASON 2 SYNOPSIS

*New alliances threaten to topple the established power dynamic, loyalties shift, and old wounds fester in the thrilling second season of Discovery's adventure series, FRONTIER.*

Fort James is left in chaos after Michael Smyth (*Landon Liboiron*), Sokanon (*Jessica Matten*), and Grace Emberly (*Zoe Boyle*) detonated the munitions magazine, and Declan Harp (*Jason Momoa*) slips through the hangman's noose. With Harp gone, the Black Wolf Company is fractured and scattered to the wind. No one knows if Harp survived or not... but Lord Benton (*Alun Armstrong*) is not taking any chances; he offers a dead-or-alive bounty for Harp, unleashing a dangerous threat to Harp and his allies as killers come to the frontier in search of the reward.

With Lord Benton making reckless decisions in the wake of being bested by Harp, Captain Chesterfield (*Evan Jonigkeit*) angles for an opportunity to make his mark. Laying a dangerous proposal on the table for Emberly, Chesterfield puts everything she's worked for at risk, including Mary (*Breanne Hill*) and Imogen (*Diana Bentley*), at the alehouse. Lord Benton gets to work righting the deceitful trespasses against him, and promises to revisit the pain upon his enemies tenfold in response – all while the Black Wolf Company attempts its riskiest gamble yet to destroy the stranglehold the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) has on the fur trade.

In the burgeoning city of Montréal, the power dynamic of the trade is in flux, as serious battle lines are drawn between Elizabeth Carruthers (*Katie McGrath*) and Samuel Grant (*Shawn Doyle*). No one is safe in the crossfire of their escalating personal war, and no one is above their manipulations – something the Brown Brothers (*Allan Hawco, Michael Patric*) and Clenna Dolan (*Lyla Porter Follows*) will come to know all too well, as the unpredictable Cobbs Pond (*Greg Bryk*) interferes in their business.

*The frontier expands in Season 2 with spectacular new views of the northern wilderness, and new players entering the ruthless game in the quest for power and wealth – pushing everyone to either embrace unknown alliances or arm themselves against them.*



# EPISODE SYNOPSES

## Episode 201 DEAD RECKONING

With a price on Harp's head, Fort James fills up with bounty hunters. Emberly and Chesterfield conspire against Benton for the good of the Fort. Michael and Sokanon struggle to keep the Black Wolf in business, as Grant and Carruthers compete for supremacy.



## Episode 202 WANTED

Bounty hunters find Harp in the North. Benton sails to England at the mercy of Everton, but makes a new friend. Michael has a plan to make the Black Wolf more money. Carruthers and Grant vie for the attention of a French Marquis, and Emberly finds herself in danger of losing her independence.



# EPISODE SYNOPSSES

## Episode 203

### THE WOLF AND THE BEAR

Sokanon and Michael are surprised by an unexpected reunion and Michael formulates a plan to steal from the HBC. Benton makes a few more friends in low places, and Chesterfield turns the screws on Emberly. Carruthers investigates sabotage at her factory as Grant prepares to ensnare the Marquis with newly minted Lady Clenna.



## Episode 204

### MUTINY

Harp travels to Montréal to do business with Elizabeth Carruthers. Michael and Sokanon arrive in Fort James to put in place their part of the plan, but Sokanon gets distracted. With Emberly gone, life has slipped from bad to worse at the alchouse.



# EPISODE SYNOPSSES

## Episode 205 CANNONBALL

Michael digs the tunnel as Chesterfield conducts live drills. Emberly returns to Fort James to discover what Chesterfield has done to her alehouse. Elizabeth Carruthers lets Douglas get close and comes face to face with Grant.



## Episode 206

### KEETOM TAKOOTEEOO MAHEEKUN (The Return of the Wolf)

Chesterfield reels from the theft of the pelts and searches for Harp. Michael meets with Pond and is faced with a hard choice when Sokanon arrives. Josephette and the Brown Brothers unite against Grant, and Harp must deal with enemies on all sides and make new alliances in the Season 2 finale.



# CAST AND CHARACTERS



# DECLAN HARP

Played by Jason Momoa

*After barely surviving Benton's noose in the harrowing Season 1 finale, Harp finds solace and spiritual revival with a new ally. He decides to seek revenge on Benton by undercutting the power of the HBC in the region, sidelining his bloodlust in favour of playing a bigger game against Benton. But on his return to the frontier, Harp runs into trouble in the form of a merciless bounty hunter keen on turning in Harp's head – and this won't be the only arrival in Hudson's Bay which upends Harp's plans, setting him on a new and possibly even more destructive course of action.*

**Jason Momoa** is one of Hollywood's most exciting up-and-coming leading men. He plays the iconic superhero "Aquaman" as part of Warner Bros' massive expansion of DC Entertainment properties, including the upcoming *Justice League*, in theatres this fall. Momoa was recently seen in *The Bad Batch*, directed by award-winning writer/director Ana Lily Amirpour, and comedy feature *Once Upon A Time In Venice*, opposite Bruce Willis and John Goodman. As a director, Momoa's talents were showcased in the independent project *Road to Paloma*, a thriller he also co-wrote, co-produced, and starred in. Momoa also appeared as the title character in the LionsGate/Millennium Films reboot of *Conan the Barbarian* and opposite Sylvester Stallone in Warner Bros *Bullet to the Head*. For television, he starred in the acclaimed *THE RED ROAD* and previously played an integral role in launching HBO's groundbreaking series, *GAME OF THRONES*.





# MICHAEL SMYTH

Played by Landon Liboiron

*Michael made a difficult decision to throw his lot in with Harp and stay in the frontier, despite Clenna's pleas for them to go back to London and leave the wilderness behind. In Season 2, Michael attempts to take up the work of the Black Wolf Company with Sokanon, but comes up short. Frustrated at his slow progress, he devises an audacious plan to increase the power of the Black Wolf while also striking at the heart of the HBC at the same time, but the unintended fallout endangers his burgeoning relationship with Sokanon.*

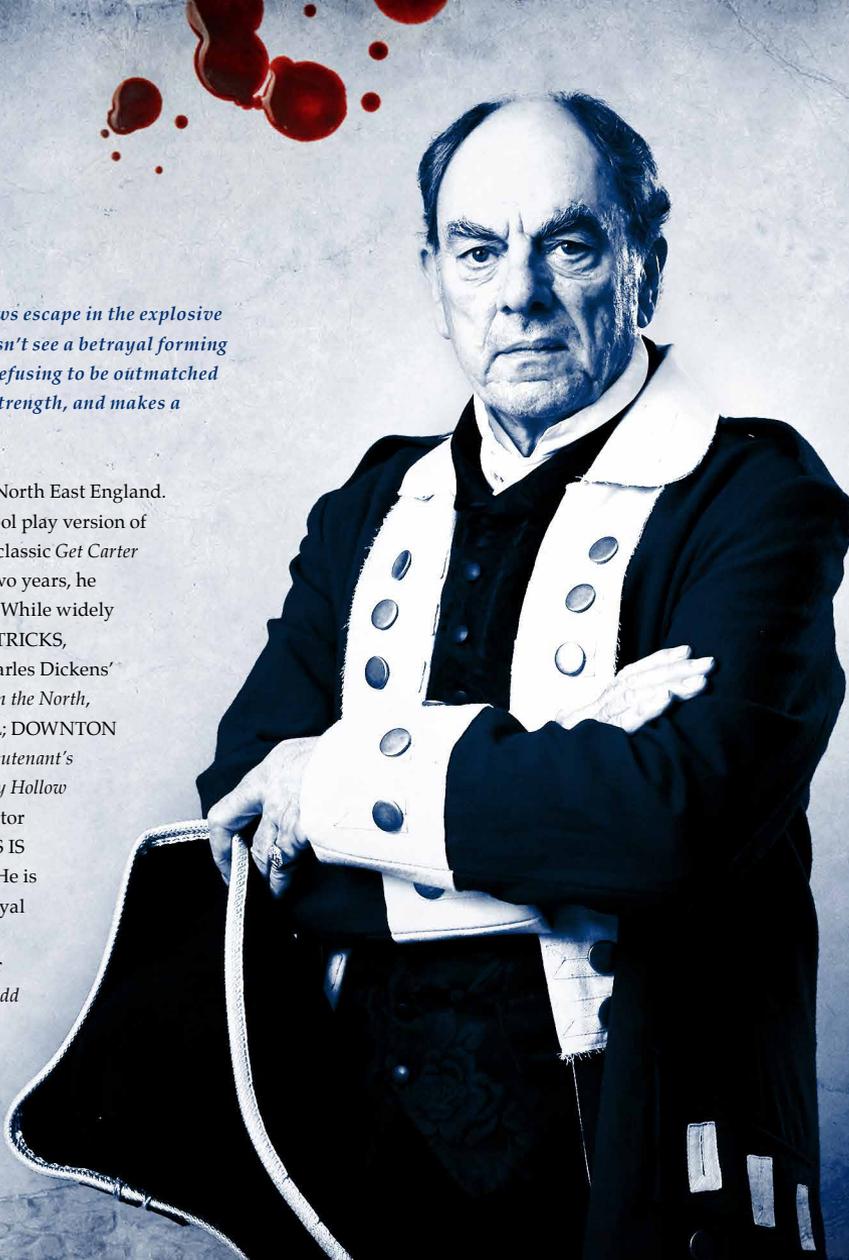
Originally from Alberta, **Landon Liboiron** starred in one of Netflix's first original series HEMLOCK GROVE, produced by Eli Roth. Prior to that, Liboiron starred in the Steven Spielberg series TERRA NOVA, and had a recurring role on LIFE UNEXPECTED. He has also worked extensively on Canadian productions, including a series regular role on DEGRASSI: THE NEXT GENERATION. In 2014, Liboiron starred as the male lead in the independent movie, *Burning Bodhi*, which also stars Kaley Cuoco and Cody Horn and premiered at the 2015 Austin Film Festival. In 2013, he starred opposite Kiefer Sutherland and Donald Sutherland in the independent film, *Forsaken*, directed by 24's Jon Cassar. He also starred opposite Eva Mendes and Patricia Arquette in the independent film, *Girl In Progress* and as the male lead in the film *The Howling: Reborn*. Other film credits include *Daydream Nation*, *Passchendaele*, and *Altitude*.

# LORD BENTON

Played by Alun Armstrong

*Recuperating from his injuries sustained at Declan Harp's gallows escape in the explosive Season 1 finale, Benton is so focused on finding Harp that he doesn't see a betrayal forming right before his eyes – and by the person he would least expect. Refusing to be outmatched or outwitted, Benton sets in motion a plan to regain his former strength, and makes a couple of important new allies in the process.*

Award-winning actor **Alun Armstrong** was born and raised in North East England. His interest in acting began in Grade 6 when he appeared in a school play version of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. A role in the Michael Caine classic *Get Carter* gave Armstrong his professional acting start in 1971, and within two years, he launched a TV and film career that has continued nearly non-stop. While widely known for his role as Brian Lane on the long running series *NEW TRICKS*, Armstrong has also appeared in seven different adaptations of Charles Dickens' novels. More recently, he played Austin Donaghue in *Our Friends In the North*, with Christopher Eccleston and Daniel Craig; *PENNY DREADFUL*; *DOWNTON ABBEY*; and *GARROW'S LANE*. Film credits include *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, *Krull*, *American Friends*, *Patriot Games*, *Braveheart*, and *Sleepy Hollow* alongside Johnny Depp. Armstrong was nominated for the Best Actor Award by the Royal Television Society for his performance in *THIS IS PERSONAL: THE HUNT FOR THE YORKSHIRE RIPPER* in 2000. He is also an accomplished stage actor who spent nine years with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He originated the role of Thénardier in the London production of *Les Misérables*, and won the Laurence Olivier Theatre Award for Best Actor in 1994 for his lead role in *Sweeney Todd* at the Royal National Theatre.





# GRACE EMBERLY

Played by Zoe Boyle

*With Benton causing nothing but chaos in his pursuit of Harp, Grace Emberly encourages Captain Chesterfield to take a greater leadership role at Fort James, hoping that having Chesterfield's ear will help her regain some control over her domain. But this deal with the devil won't be as easy to manipulate as she thought. Emberly finds herself fighting to keep what she has intact and ends up making big sacrifices to save Harp's life. Against all odds, Emberly is within reach of getting everything she wants – until someone threatens to pull the very ground out from beneath her.*

**Zoe Boyle** is best known for her critically acclaimed performance as Lavinia Swire in *Downton Abbey*. Boyle made her professional debut at the Royal Shakespeare Company in the highly celebrated productions of *King Lear* and *The Seagull*, and appeared on stage at Kevin Spacey's Old Vic Theatre in London in *Six Degrees of Separation*. In 2010, she starred as Trinity Ashby in multiple episodes of the award-winning *Sons of Anarchy*. Boyle also appeared in *Grey's Anatomy*, and starred alongside Jennifer Love Hewitt in *Ghost Whisperer*. Most recently, Boyle was seen in *The Astronaut Wives Club*, in which she played the wife of astronaut Wally Schirra, and has starred in the BBC's comedy series *Witless*, recently confirmed for a third season to air in 2018.

# SOKANON

Played by Jessica Matten

*Becoming closer to Michael as they work to keep the Black Wolf Company afloat, Sokanon finds her feelings for the young Irishman deepening. She gives in to her increasingly complex feelings for Michael, until he makes a decision, forcing her to rethink his motivations – and her place within the Black Wolf Company. She develops a relationship with a young, Europeanized native girl named Victoria, and vows to help her find her way home to her family from whose safety she was ripped. After coming face to face with another grotesque facet of the HBC, the trafficking of young indigenous women, Sokanon finds her true path to justice in the frontier, and it's not in trading pelts.*

**Jessica Matten** shines in the role of Sokanon in *FRONTIER*. On the horizon, Matten can be seen in the feature film *The Empty Man*, starring James Badge Dale. Other credits include a recurring role on the Gemini Award-winning series *BLACKSTONE*, as well as starring in the acclaimed short film *Pilgrims*, an official selection for the Cannes Film festival and the Toronto International Film Festival. She has also developed a cult following for her performance in *A Red Girl's Reasoning*, which premiered at various festivals and received an award at the prestigious ImagineNATIVE Film festival. Matten made her professional television acting debut in 2009 after graduating from Shoreline's Acting School. Besides acting, Matten runs an Aboriginal wellness and fitness company with her family called Lemon Cree, where they have helped thousands of Aboriginal People achieve their fitness, wellness, and health goals. She also started the viral social media campaign #N8Vgirls to help spread global awareness on the issue of murdered and missing Indigenous women in Canada.





# DOUGLAS BROWN

Played by Allan Hawco

*Wrongfully imprisoned at the end of Season 1 for a murder he didn't commit, Douglas gets a second chance from Elizabeth Carruthers, the widow of his supposed victim. Now on track to restore the Brown name and reputation in Montréal, Douglas and brother Malcolm find themselves wrapped up in the dangerous business of Samuel Grant once again, as Douglas' new patron Elizabeth prepares to take on the most powerful man in the city's fur trade.*

**Allan Hawco** (Executive Producer) is a Newfoundland-born actor and graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada in Montréal. Most recognized from his lead role as Jake Doyle on hit TV series *REPUBLIC OF DOYLE*, Hawco also served as the co-creator, showrunner, executive producer, and head writer for the Gemini-nominated series for six seasons. The multiple award winner starred in some of the most acclaimed television productions in Canada prior to *REPUBLIC OF DOYLE*, including *ZOS: ZONE OF SEPARATION*, *H2O*, *TROJAN HORSE*, and *ABOVE AND BEYOND*. He starred opposite Cuba Gooding Jr. in the acclaimed miniseries *THE BOOK OF NEGROS*. Beyond television, Hawco has maintained his roots in the theatre as the co-founder of Toronto-based theatre company, The Company Theatre, where he garnered rave reviews as the star in its inaugural production of *Whistle In The Dark*, and for his roles in *Festen* and *Belleville*. Hawco's feature film credits include Michael Melski's *The Child Remains*, Bruce McDonald's *Nineteenseventysomething*, and a lead role in Paul Gross' *Hyena Road*. Hawco's upcoming project *CAUGHT* is another anticipated television program from Take The Shot Productions. He is writing the series and is starring as the lead of the story based on the bestselling book by Lisa Moore.

# ELIZABETH CARRUTHERS

Played by Katie McGrath

*Ambitious, beautiful, and fearless, Elizabeth Carruthers intends on running her Montréal-based textile empire herself after the murder of her husband, but her male counterparts in business refuse to acknowledge her as an equal. Not to be ignored, Elizabeth finds a way to make sure her company stays intact by pulling the struggling Brown Brothers into her scheme – which puts them all squarely in the path of ruthless Samuel Grant and his dandy gunslinger, Cobbs Pond.*

Young Irish actress **Katie McGrath** has accomplished an impressive number of strong roles in award-winning television and film projects in her short career. Most recently, McGrath can be seen in acclaimed filmmaker Guy Ritchie's feature film, *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*, the second season of *SUPERGIRL*, and has wrapped filming the musical feature *Buttons*, narrated by Kate Winslet and featuring an ensemble cast including Dick Van Dyke, Alivia Clark, Charles Shaughnessy, and Jane Seymour. McGrath is perhaps best known for her breakthrough role in the award-winning series *MERLIN*, taking on the female lead as Morgana and garnering multiple award nominations and wins over five seasons. She's starred in the TV miniseries *SLASHER*, drama series *DRACULA*, and *THE TUDORS*. Other notable TV credits include *DATES*, *LABRYNTH*, and as the young Princess Margaret in the five-part docudrama, *THE QUEEN*. McGrath has made notable appearances in film, including *Jurassic World*, *Leading Lady*, *The Throwaway*, and Madonna's directorial debut feature *W.E.* as Lady Furness.





# CAPTAIN CHESTERFIELD

Played Evan Jonigkeit

*A committed soldier through and through, Chesterfield is a loyal right hand to Lord Benton... until his class-climbing ambitions get in the way. Having the respect of the men he commands, Chesterfield is always ready to carry out Benton's orders, but he's not always in agreement with the Lord's decisions, making him prone to dissatisfaction and scheming. His aggressive nature in trying to achieve his goals cause his aspirations to suffer – as is the case when trying to develop a relationship with ale house owner Grace Emberly, for whom he has great affection but has trouble showing it. Chesterfield has his eye on a longer game, however, and anyone who bargains with him is little more than another step in his climb to the top. Season 2 sees Chesterfield grapple with finding a way to gain power – but how will he behave if he gets it?*

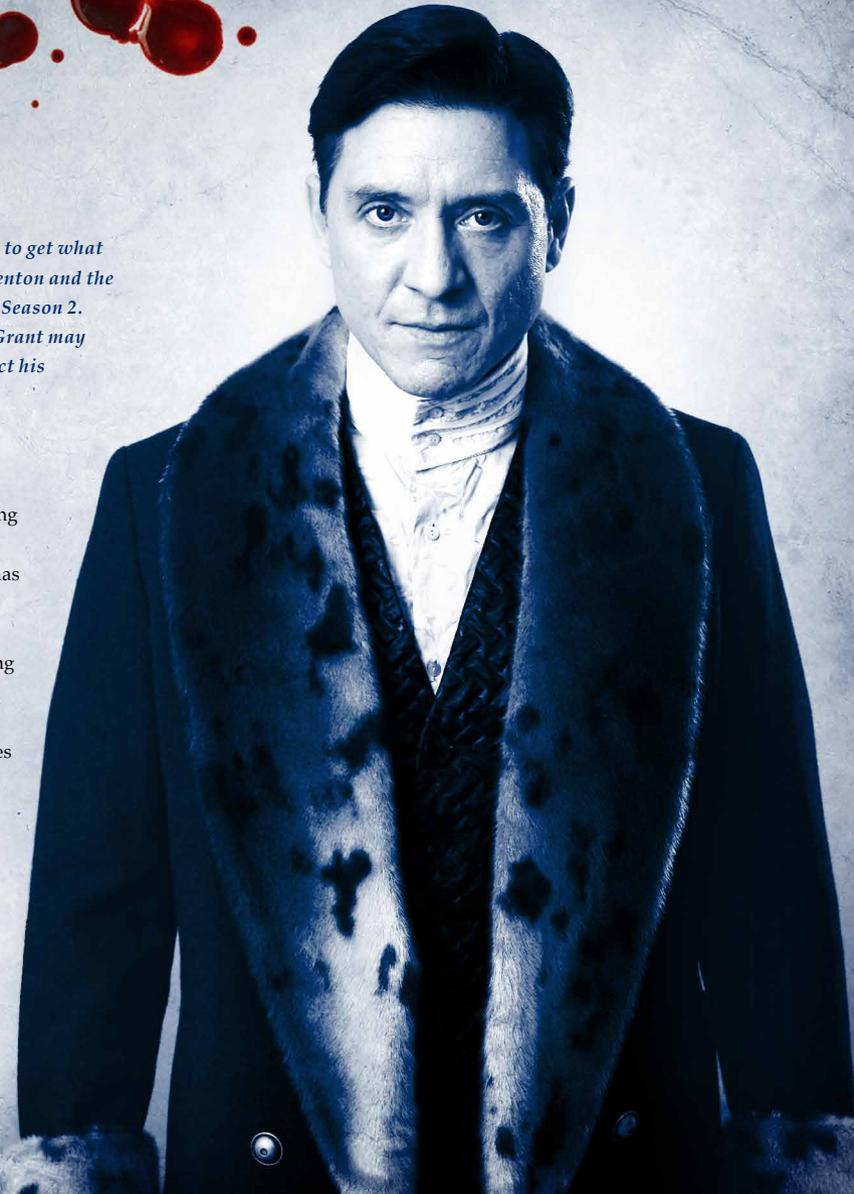
**Evan Jonigkeit** most recently appeared in the feature film *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* opposite Tina Fey, Margot Robbie, and Martin Freeman. Last summer, he shot *The Empty Man* opposite James Badge Dale. He can also be seen in Netflix's *Tallulah* opposite Ellen Page and Allison Janney, and on *EASY* opposite Dave Franco and Aya Cash. Jonigkeit also recently shot the film *Brave New Jersey*. Other previous films include *Bone Tomahawk*, a western with Kurt Russell and Patrick Wilson, and *X-Men: Days of Future Past* as Toad. Jonigkeit got his start in New York theatre. He starred opposite Mary-Louise Parker on Broadway in *The Snow Geese* for director Dan Sullivan at the Manhattan Theatre Club. He was also seen in the off-Broadway play *Really Really*. His theater accolades also include an Outer Critics Award for his role in *High*, opposite Kathleen Turner on Broadway.

# SAMUEL GRANT

Played by Shawn Doyle

*Elegant, rich and ruthless, American businessman Samuel Grant is determined to get what he wants, and by whatever means necessary. Having gambled on a deal with Benton and the HBC and losing, Grant concentrates on becoming the monopoly in Montréal in Season 2. But what he doesn't anticipate is the sheer force that is Elizabeth Carruthers. Grant may have finally met his match, and there's no telling what lengths he'll go to protect his interests from this upstart woman determined to destroy him.*

Born and raised in Newfoundland, **Shawn Doyle** has become a familiar face to audiences worldwide, turning out critically acclaimed performances on both the big and small screens, and quickly amassing an impressive list of credits, including *BIG LOVE*, *ENDGAME*, *DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES*, *24*, *LIE TO ME*, *TERRIERS*, *DARK BLUE*, *LOST*, *CSI*, *NUMBERS*, and *BLIND JUSTICE*. Most recently, Doyle has appeared in premium television hits *BILLIONS*, *FARGO*, and *COVERT AFFAIRS*, as well as hit series *HOUSE OF CARDS* and *BELLEVUE*. He is about to begin shooting his third season of the critically acclaimed series *THE EXPANSE*. Earning multiple nominations, awards, and critical acclaim for his work, Doyle starred in Canadian series *BURY THE LEAD*, and opposite Mary Louise-Parker in the *The Robber Bride* (Gemini Award). Other Canadian television credits include miniseries *GUNS*, *THE CITY* (Gemini Nomination), *Scar Tissue*, *A Killing Spring* (Gemini Nomination), *Peacekeepers*, and miniseries *DIEPPE*. He won the 2013 Canadian Screen Award for Outstanding Male Performance as the Father of Canadian Confederation, John A. Macdonald in *JOHN A: BIRTH OF A COUNTRY*. His work in the film *The Disappeared* garnered him the 2013 ACTRA Award for Outstanding Male Performance. Doyle's film credits include *Away From Everywhere*, *Grown Up Movie Star*, *Whiteout*, *Sabah*, *Don't Say A Word*, *Frequency*, *The Majestic*, and *Knockaround Guys*.





# COBBS POND

Played by Greg Bryk

*Samuel Grant's trusted business associate/lover Cobbs Pond is an impeccable dresser and unrepentant assassin who also has a taste for living large and indulging in the finer things. Living in Grant's mansion and on the company payroll, Cobbs Pond is unerringly loyal to Grant, and does whatever Grant asks of him without question – even if it includes taking out Grant's competition for good with the aid of his fancy pistols. Pond displays a capability for – and love of – brutality, which will serve him well in the frontier.*

Dynamic Canadian actor **Greg Bryk** has created numerous indelible characters while moving seamlessly between comedy and drama. He was first introduced to audiences as Alexander “The Juggernaut Yount” in the Canadian classic *Men with Brooms* with Leslie Nielsen and Paul Gross. Bryk finished his role as one of the leads of the popular series *BITTEN*, and appears in the buzzed about *MARY KILLS PEOPLE*. He has appeared in major TV movies and mini series including *THE GATHERING*, *The Robber Bride*, and *XIII*, and done stand-out work in feature films *A History of Violence*, *Shoot 'Em Up*, and *Weirdsville*. Bryk gave an award-winning performance in *Poor Boy's Game* and starred in the epic mini-series *BOOK OF NEGROES*. Feature film work includes Marvel Comic's *The Incredible Hulk*, *Saw V*, *Saw 3D*, *Red*, *You Might as Well Live*, and the Stephen King thriller *Dolan's Cadillac*. After a Gemini nomination for his work in the television movie *Deadliest Sea*, Bryk played regular roles on *CRASH & BURN*, *REGENESIS*, and *AARON STONE*, and played a major role in *Immortals* and in the award-winning and international Emmy-nominated movie *The Phantoms*. Bryk was also seen in a recurring arc on *THE EXPANSE*, and has been featured in guest starring roles on *FARGO*, *THE DIVIDE*, *REIGN*, *WYONNA EARP*, *ROOKIE BLUE*, *NIKITA*, *THE TRANSPORTER*, *COVERT AFFAIRS*, *LOST GIRL*, and *CRACKED*.

# PRODUCTION BIOS

**ROB BLACKIE** (Executive Producer, Writer, Co-Creator) is an award-winning filmmaker who holds a Masters in Fine Arts in Film from Columbia University (2007) along with a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University (1999). In recent years, Blackie served as a producer, writer, and director for the REPUBLIC OF DOYLE, as well as producer of the feature-length documentaries *Boy on Bridge* and *Shaun Majumder, Every Word is Absolutely True*, as well as MAJUMDER MANOR. Blackie produced the highly anticipated CAUGHT, starring Allan Hawco and Paul Gross, based on the best-selling book by Lisa Moore. Blackie's career in the film and television industry began in 2000 as a production supervisor with Halifax-based production company IMX Communications Inc.

**PETER BLACKIE** (Executive Producer, Writer, Co-Creator) has nearly 20 years' experience as an architect with firms around the world, and has balanced that work with writing and producing television and film in St. John's. His production work includes Gemini Award nominee REPUBLIC OF DOYLE and MAJUMDER MANOR, a docu-reality following the genesis of a significant community project in Shaun Majumder's hometown of Burlington, N.L. Most recently, Blackie produced the highly anticipated CAUGHT.

**JOHN VATCHER'S** (Executive Producer, Director) career has spanned more than 25 years as a producer, cinematographer, and the director of 10 episodes of the Gemini-nominated REPUBLIC OF DOYLE. Vatcher was a producer on *Shaun Majumder, Every Word Is Absolutely True* and a producer/director on *Boy on Bridge*. Vatcher produced and directed the highly anticipated CAUGHT. Previously, Vatcher ran his own commercial production company in St. John's, where he produced more than 500 regional and national spots for a variety of clients.

**ALEX PATRICK** (Executive Producer) is the president of Take the Shot Productions Inc. Called to the bar of Ontario with his previous work experience at a major Toronto law firm and the Clinton Foundation in New York, Patrick served as Executive Producer on Season 1 of FRONTIER, and also serves as an executive producer for the upcoming series, CAUGHT.

**PERRY CHAFE** (Executive Producer, Writer) is a Canadian based television showrunner, writer, producer, and partner in Take the Shot Productions. Born in Petty Harbour, Nfld., Chafe was the cocreator, showrunner, and head writer for REPUBLIC OF DOYLE, and an executive producer and writer for the upcoming and highly anticipate CAUGHT.

**BRAD PEYTON** (Director, Executive Producer) is a Hollywood-based Canadian writer/director/producer best known for directing the hit film *San Andreas* starring Dwayne Johnson. Peyton has directed films including *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island*, *Cats & Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore*, and *Incarnate* starring Aaron Eckhart. FRONTIER Season 1 was Peyton's first major television production with his newly formed production company, ASAP Entertainment. In television, he is the creator and executive producer for the original animated series DR. DIMENSIONPANTS. He also produced and co-wrote the critically-acclaimed animated movie *Pirates Passage*, starring Donald Sutherland. Peyton is currently shooting *Rampage* with Dwayne Johnson, while developing *Black Hole*, and *San Andreas 2*.

**JEFF FIERSON** (Executive Producer) has worked for more than 10 years as a development executive in both live action and animated features. He partnered with Peyton in 2015 to form ASAP Entertainment, which produces both television and feature films. His projects in television include the series adaptation of the *BOOM!* graphic novel THE WOODS and FIRST RESPONDERS. Currently, Fierson is set to produce *Black Hole* with Peyton set to direct, *Ruthless* at Steven Spielberg's Amblin Partners, *Just Cause* based on the franchise video game with Jason Momoa set to star, *Malignant* at FOX, and an *Untitled Military Olympics Film* at Sony with Neal Moritz.