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CBC KIDS OPENS NEW INTERACTIVE STUDIO K WITH LIVE THANKATHON SPECIAL STREAMING OCTOBER 6

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CBC Kids celebrates the opening of Studio K with a special Thankathon launch party and the series premieres of Becca's Bunch and Holy Baloney

October 4, 2018 – CBC Kids will launch Studio K, a new vibrant, 360-degree, public access interactive studio, on **Saturday**, **October 6**. Located on the main floor of the Canadian Broadcasting Centre in downtown Toronto, kids and their caregivers are invited to celebrate the launch of Studio K on **Saturday**, **October 6** from **8:00 a.m.–12 p.m. ET** with a **THANKATHON** event, a live special that will be available to stream on the CBC TV app, cbc.ca/watch, cbckids.ca and youtube.com/cbckids.

Featuring fans and families from CBC Toronto, the fun-filled THANKATHON morning event is free and open to the public. There will be crafts, activities, and a Facebook Live broadcast with hosts Janaye Upshaw and Tony Kim, along with CBC Kids puppets, with a chance for kids to win a special giveaway. The morning will also see the launch of the CBC Kids Studio Tour program, for both schools and the public. The tour sign-up page is available here.

Studio K's glass-walled studio and control room will offer onlookers the opportunity to watch television being made. More accessible than ever before, the public can watch tapings and engage with CBC Kids via a speaker's corner-style kiosk at Studio K. In addition, kids across the country can connect live with the hosts, send video messages and share their art, allowing CBC Kids to feature more kid-created content than ever before. Whether singing on the WOW stage with Cottonball Cat, reading letters in the mailroom with Gary the Unicorn, securing special guests with Security Moose Mr. Orlando or getting a new look with Makeup Monster, there will always be something interesting and engaging to see in Studio K.

Also on **October 6**, two new CBC Kids original series will make their broadcast debuts on CBC, in addition to streaming live and on demand for free on the **CBC TV app** for <u>iOs</u> and <u>Android</u> and at <u>cbc.ca/watch</u>.

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• Becca's Bunch (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 a.m. and 8:12 a.m., beginning Saturday, October 6 at 8:45 a.m.)

In Wagtail Woods, a little bird named Becca, and her Bunch of friends, Russell, Sylvia and Pedro, are ready for adventure. Becca is a happy bobble hat-wearing bird who sees adventure in every situation and as a result often bites off more than she can chew, landing herself and her Bunch in some sticky situations. It's in the midst of these 'oops' moments that Becca's unique ideas, positive thinking, and leadership skills really shine. That's when simple, kid-relatable challenges take a bold turn towards the best day ever! Thinking on her feet, Becca will urge a generation of kids to never give up, aim high and have big ideas; because once they do, adventures just seem to happen.

• Holy Baloney (Saturdays at 9:41 a.m., beginning Saturday, October 6) Produced by Matt Hornburg and Mark Bishop of marblemedia, along with Jesse Shamata, creator of the hit series Gaming Show (In My Parents Garage), **Holy Baloney** challenges viewers to guess the answers to everyday questions and pick out fact from fiction. Each episode features three kids who take time out of their lunch hour to answer a poignant question about everyday things and each giving a different, hilarious response. The range of questions could include anything from where in the world something comes from, to why something is the way it is, or why people do the things they do. The guestions – and sometimes the answers – will be tricky for both kids and parents. It's up to the viewers to watch the convincing answers of all three schoolyard experts and decide which answer is right, and which two are complete baloney.

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About CBC Kids

CBC Kids creates entertaining and inspiring media for children and the grownups who care for them. Part of Canada's public broadcaster, CBC Kids is committed to excellence and innovation in children's content, reaching audiences across the country on all CBC platforms including television, digital and social media.

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