



The crew of Saint John-based film production Car Wash Wars is seen on the last day of shooting on Haymarket Square in August. The series debuts Feb. 7.

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Saint John-based car wash comedy gets release date

Car Wash Wars airs weekly on Bell FibeTV1 starting Friday

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A comedy set in an "absurdist, comedic" version of Saint John will hit the airwaves Friday.

Car Wash Wars, which was filmed last summer in the Port City, will premiere Friday on Bell Fibe TV1 and the Bell Fibe TV app, according to a release from producers Paratactic Pictures and Cazador Inc.

The five-episode series stars Kristyn Green as Kayla Polley, a daughter who takes over a manual car wash and contends with corporate competition from "wealthy and insecure oligarch" Mr. Dulso,

played by Jimmy MacKinley.

"We are excited to bring this vision of Saint John to a national audience," co-producer Sandy Hunter, of Fredericton-based Cazador Inc., told Brunswick News. "We're pumped."

The show filmed at Haymarket Square using Polley's Pro Car Wash as its base.

The show offers an "absurdist, comedic take" on life in a "heightened version of the Port City," Hunter said.

Showrunner Steven Sutures, of Saint John-based Paratactic Pictures, said it has bionic arms, a secret society of Loyalists, pagan



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scrolls, ancient rituals, a Bricklin and a car being covered in molasses.

"We're building a world that kind of operates in its own rules, but it's grounded in this — sort of logic that's tied to Saint John itself," he said.

Sutures said it was "surreal" to prepare the show for release.

"Basically a year ago, this was just literally a synopsis. Up to this point, it was really a collaborative effort," Sutures said. "It's super exciting. I think people are really going to love it."

The writer's room involved Sutures, Hunter and some cast members, with writing in June and July, filming in August and post-production the rest of the year. Sutures said

"Everybody... infused their own personalities and interest into the creative, so each character and their storylines. I think there's going to be something for everyone," he said.

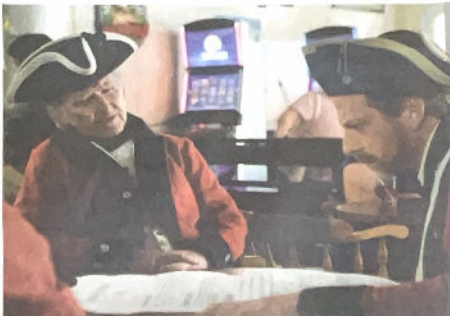
"Personally, what I'm most excited about is the villain, Mr. Dulso. I feel like he's very quotable... every

time he's evil, he's really speaking about how much he despises himself."

The director is Bruce LeGros, and the cast also includes Kozimble, Taylor Olson, Clem McIntosh, David Rossetti, Doug Sutherland, Jake Martin, Sheldon Garland, Shane Ogden, Ross Richardson and Michelle Lynn Pettie.

The shows will release weekly on FibeTV1 and the Fibe TV App from Feb. 7 to March 6, according to the press release.

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