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***Marine Machines* begins broadcasting in Canada and over 120 other countries in partnership with National Geographic in January. Local companies prove Halifax is the world's leader in ocean related programs.**

Halifax, NS – January 16 – On January 20 Arcadia Entertainment's newest television series *Marine Machines* will begin broadcasting in Canada on History Television, National Geographic Channel and Z TV (Que.) in conjunction with the international launch of the program in over 120 countries and 26 languages from Vietnam to Germany. The 14 hour long series showcases technology and people exploring, working and living in the world's oceans. Local producers have been circling the world for over a year filming ocean stories for the \$2.9 million series. Halifax is established as a global centre of excellence for ocean films and television. In this new series Arcadia offers a cutting edge look at what's going on on the ocean.

"We are adventurers and explorers and we have only scratched the surface or the depth of the ocean," says **Jean-Michael Cousteau**, one of the many ocean experts who participated in the series, "It's the availability of equipment that makes me able to go deeper, and stay longer, and explore more."

***Marine Machines* features many never before seen stories of the sea**

The series features close up looks at iceberg cowboys who wrangle ice from the path of rigs in the North Atlantic, world record scuba dives, new ocean power sources, high seas hospital ships, the fastest boats, super secret stealth ships, undersea habitats, Hollywood filmmaking underwater, giant dredgers and even a story about commercial divers who have to dive in raw sewage to get the job done.

The *Marine Machines* series is a fast fun tour of the new technology reaching out to our ocean planet.

"Though few people go to sea today, nearly 80% of the world's population lives within a day's travel of the sea," says **John Wesley Chisholm** series creator, "our connection with the sea is undeniable and we are just beginning to develop the technology to truly understand the power and mystery of our ocean planet."

**International Partnership with National Geographic opens many doors for local company**

Working with Nat Geo on the series opened many doors for Arcadia and will put the series on television sets around the world. Google *National Geographic Marine Machines* to see some of the international attention the series has gained leading up to broadcast.

Arcadia Entertainment is a Halifax based television production company. John Wesley Chisholm has been producing ocean related documentary series and specials in Halifax since 1995.

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