

Studio Black! back in the studio

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Nathan D. Simmons, Stephen M.D. Lawrence and Micha Cromwell star in the first Studio Black! episode of its second season, The Contented Lady and the Rutabaga Rascals. The miniseries, inspired by African-Nova Scotian folk tales, is in production in Halifax. (Dan Callis)

Structure Plant is producing its second season of Studio Black!, a four-part miniseries broadcast on CBC-TV.

The award-winning series was inspired by African-Nova Scotian stories collected in the 1920s by American historian, educator and social activist Arthur Fauset. The series is being shot in the former CBC-TV studio on Bell Road in Halifax with three black Nova Scotia filmmakers as directors: experienced directors Cory Howles and Juanita Peters, and emerging director Koumbie, an actor who was in last year's cast.

Micha Cromwell, a theatre actor new to TV, joins the cast of Nathan D. Simmons, Kate MacDonald, Stephen M.D. Lawrence, Adrian Bromfield, Cavell Holland-Borden and Brent Williams.

According to a release, the new episodes are stories featuring the devil abducting a young woman from a

ance in Shelburne, a Canadian National Railway porter and his sister living in Africville in the 1940s, the
b. 2 Construction Battalion serving overseas and a crime wave led by the Rutabaga Rascals in
uysborough County.

ne series, which involves members of the black community in front of and behind the camera, was
ominated for best movie or miniseries in the 2016 Canadian Screen Awards and was named best
levision series at this year's Nova Scotia Screen Awards.

cture Plant, of writer-director William D. MacGillivray and producer Terry Greenlaw, produces Studio
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