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Nanci MacLean Named President, MEM

– Former COO promoted to new role as company embarks on biggest year ever –

TORONTO (January 13, 2026) – Scott McGillivray, CEO of leading unscripted content production company McGillivray Entertainment Media Inc. (MEM), announced today the appointment of [Nanci MacLean](#) as President, effective immediately. [MEM](#), whose production slate increases by 50% in 2026, has grown significantly since MacLean joined the company in 2022. Recognized last year for Outstanding Achievement in Business at the [2025 WIFT-T Crystal Awards](#), MacLean previously acted as MEM’s COO.

As President of MEM, MacLean is responsible for setting the organization’s strategic direction and overseeing its overall operations. Working closely with McGillivray, MacLean will drive sustainable growth and long-term value creation. The role encompasses leadership of MEM’s Content Strategy and Development, as well as oversight of key corporate functions including Human Resources, Finance, Legal, and Business Affairs.



(Nanci MacLean, President, MEM)

“Nanci has proven herself to be one of the most capable production execs in the country,” said McGillivray. “Her leadership acumen, organizational vision, fiscal shrewdness, and fail-safe creative instincts make her the perfect person to take MEM to the next level.”

“I’m proud of the team we’ve built here at MEM and excited to lead them as we continue to expand and grow,” said MacLean. “As we face our biggest production year ever, MEM is well-positioned to deliver on all fronts.”

In 2025, MacLean led MEM's rapid expansion into large-scale franchises, which saw the company take the reins of both [MASTERCHEF CANADA](#), and the original MASTERCHEF, creating a Toronto-based production hub with a strategic and fiscally innovative framework. CTV re-upped MASTERCHEF CANADA with MEM for a second season before its season premiere last year. MEM begins production on MASTERCHEF (47 x :60) this week.

Other key productions in 2025 included [CANADA'S GOT TALENT](#) (Citytv) and [RENOVATION RESORT](#) Season 3 (Home Network), while MEM's first venture into premium documentaries, NARCO MENNONITES (3 x :60) is upcoming on Crave.

Offscreen, MEM has grown partnerships with new broadcasters and creators, while ramping up key corporate departments and leaders, and enhancing in-house post-production facilities, as it prepares for its biggest slate yet in 2026.

About Nanci MacLean

Nanci MacLean built her career at the intersection of creativity and business, proving that Canadian content can be culturally resonant and commercially successful. As Vice-President of Bell Media Studios, she oversaw THE MARILYN DENIS SHOW, THE SOCIAL, and YOUR MORNING, as well as the long-running entertainment news brand ETALK. She also guided specials such as the MUCH MUSIC VIDEO AWARDS, CANADA'S WALK OF FAME, and OSCARS and JUNO AWARDS red carpet coverage. Meanwhile, she directed Exploration Production Inc., which produced the acclaimed MIGHTY franchise that found audiences worldwide and demonstrated the export value of Canadian factual production. Additionally, in 2018, MacLean was named President, Pinewood Toronto Studios. By successfully bridging local needs with international standards, she primed Pinewood for growth at a critical time.

An alumna of Harvard Business School's General Management Program, MacLean was named Trailblazer of the Year by Women in Communications and Technology in 2016. She is also recognized as a mentor and advocate who champions equity, diversity, and inclusion. MacLean's approach is rooted in the belief that Canadian stories deserve scale and integrity, with success measured by ratings, revenue, and opportunities created along the way.

About MEM

Established in 2014, MEM is a leading unscripted content production company, creating highly rated, original programming for broadcasters and streamers worldwide. Spanning genres from lifestyle and factual, to reality, competition and true crime, MEM's robust library is distributed across platforms around the globe. MEM's strong development slate and accelerated investment strategy continue to respond to the rapidly evolving needs of commissioners, fueling expansive growth and innovative partnerships. Learn more at www.meminc.ca and follow MEM on [LinkedIn](#).

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