

Excellent Fellows From Canada

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Part Four

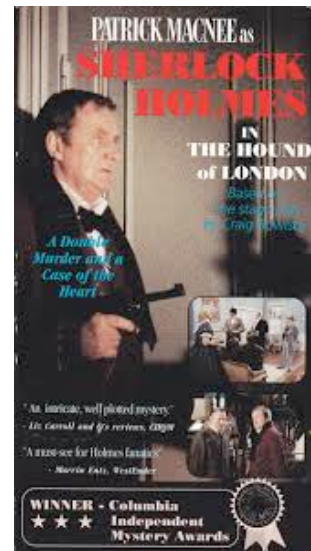
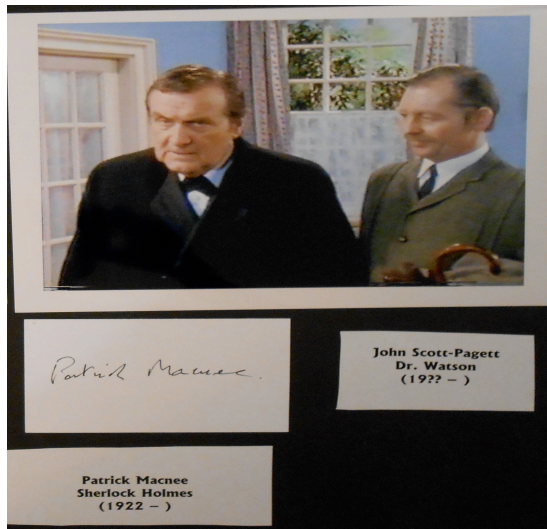
Matt Frewer (1958 -), played Sherlock Holmes, and **Kenneth Welsh (1942 -)**, played Dr. Watson, when Canada's Muse Entertainment made a series of 4 TV movies (2000-2002). The productions were "The Hound of The Baskervilles", "The Sign of the Four", "The Royal Scandal", and "The Case of the Whitechapel Vampire".



Born in Washington D.C. and raised in Canada, Frewer attended a Peterborough, Ontario area high school. Welsh was born in Edmonton, Alberta, his father worked for the Canadian National Railway.¹ The distinguished Kenneth Walsh is the third, and final actor of this list, to have been awarded an Order of Canada.

Patrick Macnee (1922 -), an English actor best known as John Steed of "The Avengers", played Sherlock Holmes, and **John Scott-Paget**, a little known Canadian actor, played Dr. Watson, in a Canadian made for TV film. "The Hound of London" (1993), whose screenplay was derived from a play written by Craig Bowlsby, and was first performed in September 1987 in

¹ "We Talked to the Majical Cloudz", Vice 1/4/13



Burnaby, British Columbia.² Author Alan Bates in his work "Sherlock Holmes on Screen", claimed the film was "Cheap, nasty and painful to watch", and he described Macnee's Holmes as "a truly dreadful Holmes, wheezing out every line while resembling nothing less than an unshelled tortoise poured into a monkey suit."

Jaspar Mitchell, as Sherlock Holmes & **J. P. Beaudoin**, as Dr. Watson from "221B - The Web Series" (2013). This web-series is a creation of Beaverton's Carter DeLaat, a recent film student graduate from Humber College. While only being a five episode series, it is still important, as an early part of the new growing craze of Holmes web adaptations, initiated by Ross K. Foad with



his 'No Place Like Holmes Players' adaptations: <http://nplh.co.uk/> . Bye-the-

² Barnes, Alan (2002). *Sherlock Holmes on Screen*. Reynolds & Hearn. p. 60.

bye, that Jaspar Mitchell is quite a fetching Holmes. "The year is 1891. Dr. John Watson has just recently returned from a grueling tour in Afghanistan, making it difficult to adjust to civilian life. His quest for new living arrangements bring him to the infamous 221B Baker Street, where he is introduced to his new flat mate, a 'Miss Sherlock Holmes'. Shot in five days in Beaverton, Ontario."³

You can follow Carter's Canadian Holmes web-series which features a FEMALE Holmes at: <http://221b.ca/>

³ Carter DeLaat, <http://221b.ca/>