



SEASON II

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SHORT SYNOPSIS

Bo on the GO! returns for a second season to Kids' CBC with all new episodes. *Bo on the GO!* promotes an active lifestyle and an active mind for preschoolers while linking their activity to a plot-driven story.

Bo is a positive, super-energetic and inquisitive young heroine who, along with her young friend Dezadore dragon, 'Dezzy', encourages children at home to go on amazing adventures by actively joining her in a variety of movements that assist her on her quest. Like all heroes, Bo faces challenges and obstacles and receives small rewards and achieves victories along the way. Bo's 'Bo-Buddies' – the young viewers – must move along with her. Cheerful and determined to solve all problems she encounters Bo will lead the way for kids at home to get 'on the go'. Maximum Bo power!

Bo on the GO! is produced by Halifax Film, a DHX Media company in association with CBC Television.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Bo on the GO! encourages children to move and learn new movement skills by linking their activity to a plot-driven story. While many 'movement' shows simply encourage children to dance and move around, *Bo on the GO!* adds the critical (and fun) component of high-stakes.

Bo is an aspirational, super-energetic and inquisitive young heroine, slightly older than our audience. Bo lives in a beautiful castle with Dezadore the dragon, "Dezzy" for short. Dezzy is younger than Bo and naturally curious, with a knack for getting into trouble. Dezzy is not as physically adept as Bo. He's a bit of a klutz.

Each adventure is a mythic quest with a clear goal for Bo. Like all heroes, Bo faces challenges and obstacles and receives small rewards and victories on the way to her ultimate objective. Bo's "Bo-Buddies" – our young viewers – must help Bo by moving along with her.

Positive, cheerful, energetic, and determined to solve all problems she encounters, Bo will lead the way for kids at home to get 'on the go'.

Bo is devoted to her loveable sidekick, Dezadore the Dragon. Though he can at times try her patience, Bo never loses it. She is his ardent protector and best pal. Mostly, he makes her laugh. He amuses her even when he needs encouragement.

Bo has a great respect for her mentor, Wizard. She listens attentively to his wise advice and knowledge of how to achieve the quest at hand.

Bo can become puzzled by the new things she and Dezadore encounter, but Bo never falls into any traps of doubt. She firmly knows that the quest will be accomplished, with the help of all of her Bo Buds.

Bo moves with ease and confidence. She is always perky and full of fun. Bo's core calmness provides our young viewers with comfort that they are in good hands as they embark on amazing adventures with her. Maximum Bo power!



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BO

Bo is the positive, cheerful and energetic young heroine who guides kids at home to get on the go. She is slightly older than her “Bo Buddies” – her preschool viewers. Motivated and focused, she is never afraid of the challenges she and Dezzzy face. Instead, she uses her innate enthusiasm and gentle humour to motivate Dezzzy and her Bo Buddies to get *on the go*. She is perky and full of fun, but underneath is a core calmness that provides young viewers with comfort that they are in good hands as they embark on amazing adventures with her.

Although adventurous and brave, Bo never goes on an adventure alone. She is devoted to her loveable sidekick, Dezadore Dragon. Although he can try her patience, she is his ardent protector and best friend. She understands that he can get cold feet, but encourages him on. Bo also seeks advice from her mentor, Wizard, who appears to guide Bo and her Buddies on each mission.

Bo also takes her Bo Buddies with her. She encourages them to get active, reminding them that they give her energy and the strength she needs to stay on the go. By completing Animoves such as climbing like a monkey, or jumping like a kangaroo, the power band on her wrist gets brighter and brighter; and she, stronger and stronger. Maximum Bo Power!

When she’s at maximum strength, no challenge is too big for Bo. Whether hopping through Kitty Cat Alley or leading the Ostrich Orchestra, together with Dezzzy and her Bo Buddies, Bo can reach any goal.

DEZADORE DRAGON

Dezadore Dragon, better known as Dezzzy, is Bo’s best friend and companion. He is like a three-year-old brother: a fun loving, silly klutz who is both a timid soul and lovable as can be. He follows Bo wherever she goes, unless his curiosity leads him down some unforeseen path. He loves to show Bo what he can do, and often stumbles upon useful information along the way. With his larger-than-life enthusiasm, Dezzzy is often the one to spot their goal.

Dezadore embodies the fears and reluctance from which Bo is free. He is keen to go on adventures, but at times can find them difficult or frightening. Dezzzy is also less physically capable than Bo. He represents the younger Bo Buddies, who can relate to Dezadore's emotional ups and downs, since they mirror the things they too can feel when facing something hard to do.

WIZARD

Wizard is indeed a wizard, and Bo's teacher and coach on her quests. Wizard appears at Bo's beckoning at the beginning of each adventure to explain the quest Bo and her buddies are about to embark upon. He lists the doors that must be found. He magically reappears during the quest to keep everyone on course.

Wizard is a reliable guide on the journey and in a joyful, seriously silly poem will give Bo and the viewers clues as to how they can proceed through the environment. Wizard loves the game and has every confidence that Bo and her Buddies will find their way through. Wizard has been around. He has stories to tell. He's cool. He loves to move and groove in his own wizard way. He knows that true 'magic' is the cultivation of health and vitality.



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EPISODE SYNOPSES

EPISODE 201 - Bo and the Glimmer Critter

Someone has been taking all of Bo and Dezzy's glittery, sparkly stars and jewels! Wizard sends them on a quest to find the Glimmer Critter, a creature that loves anything and everything shiny. After galloping like a Horse past a tickling Panda Pirate Ship, and Kangaroo-jumping high to catch Shooting Stars, Bo and Dezzy find the Glimmer Critter. With the help of the Super Star Making Star, they rescue all the sparkly and shiny things in the world.

EPISODE 202 – Bo and the Creaky Crink

Wizard reveals all the noisy creaks in the castle are the work of The Creaky Crink, who makes everything around him Bo-creaky and stiff! After creeping like Kitties past some Sleeping Sailor Dogs, and hopping like Bunnies while playing checkers with Bullfrogs, Bo and Dezzy find the Creaky Crink. A little Super-Slippery-Goop and the Crink spreads creaks no more!

EPISODE 203 – Bo and the Stuffly Sniffler

There's a flower thief on the loose – the Stuffly Sniffler! Bo and Dezzy creep like kitties through a Fox's Flower Shop, then flap like Bats to help some Hummingbirds up into their nests. They are able to give a Super-Sized Hanky to the Stuffly Sniffler, who blows his nose, and is delighted to find he can smell again! He won't have to take everybody's flowers looking for one he can smell!

EPISODE 204 – Bo and the Gobsobber

The Gobsobber is so sad; he makes puddles of tears everywhere! To cheer him up, Bo and Dezzy have to jump like Kangaroos across open umbrellas, then waddle like Penguins around bumping snowmen. They make their way to the Gobsobber's lonely and sad room, and cheer him up with the Forever Friendly Snowman! No more tears!

EPISODE 205 – Bo and the Blockhead

Good grief! The Blockhead is taking everything that's square-shaped, so that he can build a tower of blocks up to the sky! To track him down, Bo and Dezzy have to waddle like Penguins past some ice block-cutting Walruses, then climb like Monkeys over a very BIG bay's castle! The baby rewards them with a Magic Block Making Block, which they give to the Blockhead, and stop him from taking every block in the whole wide world!

EPISODE 206 – Bo and the Melody Maestro

When their musical instruments go missing, Bo and Dezzy must seek out the Melody Maestro, a fellow who loves music so much; he wants ALL of the musical instruments in the world! After stomping like Elephants to make a beat for some guitar-playing Bullfrogs, and Bunny-hopping on an Octopus' keyboard, Bo and Dezzy come face-to-face with the Melody Maestro himself. By giving him a Plays-Every-Instrument-Pitch-Pipe, Bo and Dezzy make the M-M so musically happy he doesn't need any other instruments at all!

EPISODE 207 – Bo and the Ding-A-Ling

Ring the alarm! Bells are disappearing from the castle. Only one person could be responsible – the Ding-A-Ling! Bo and Dezzy have to help a momma Bear wake up her babies by jiggling like Jellyfish, and then bring some noisy Parrots in from the playground by clapping like Seals. Once they find the Ding-A-Ling, they present him with a Rings-Different-Things-Bell, and satisfy his need to hear all kinds of bells.

EPISODE 208 – Bo and the Fun Fair

Huggly Snugs needs a stuffed animal friend to play with! Where are they going to find one? Wizard points Bo and Dezzy in the direction of the Fun Fair. To get there, they must scamper like Foxes past some Polar Bears on pogo sticks, and then Leapfrog over some bowling Armadillos. Once at the Fun Fair, Bo and Dezzy use a Super-Loves-To-Roll Baby Armadillo to play a game and win a stuffy buddy for Huggly Snugs!



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EPISODE 209 – Bo and the Picture Snitcher

Who could be taking all the pictures from the castle? Could it be.....the Picture Snitcher?

Wizard sends Bo and Dezzy on a hunt for the picture nabber, and they must fly high like flapping Bats to get over some Emus, then tip-toe like Turtles through a Puppy's Painting class to find him! Once they find the Picture Snitcher, they give him a Forever-Changing Painting, which keeps him so busy he never has to take another painting, EVER!

EPISODE 210 – Bo and the Eager Beaver

An industrious Eager Beaver has been finishing all of Bo and Dezzy's building projects for them, taking away all their building fun! They creep Kitty-like across a wobbly card bridge, and Bunny-hop across some racetracks to find the Eager Beaver. They give him an Ever-Changing-Toy-Car-Kit, which keeps him busily building happily ever after!

EPISODE 211 – Bo and The Unwrapping Chappy

Someone is spoiling Bo and Dezzy's fun by unwrapping presents! It can only be the surprise-loving Unwrapping Chappy! To find the Chappy, Bo and Dezzy climb like monkeys up and over some Giraffe's gift boxes, then gallop like Horses to get past some swinging Orangutans. They find the Unwrapping Chappy and are able to give him an Always-Another-Present-To-Unwrap Present, which leaves all the presents and gifts in the world safe from the curious Chappy!

EPISODE 212 – Bo and the Berrygrabber

A berry shortage hits the castle, and Wizard discovers it's the work of the Berrygrabber, who loves all kinds of berries! Bo and Dezzy have to crawl like Critters to keep out of the way of some silly pie-throwing Clowns, then stomp like Elephants to shake some berries off trees for Teddy Bears, to find the Berrygrabber. Luckily, they have a Non-Stop-Every-Kind-of-Berry-Growing-Bush to give him, which provides him with all the berries he needs forever after!

EPISODE 213 – Bo and the Wrong Side Uppy

Everything in the castle is Upside Down. It can only mean one thing – the Wrong Side Uppy has been there! Bo and Dezzy must scamper like a Fox to stay out of the way of some wacky Ostriches, and waddle like penguins to round up some Polar Bear Cubs, before they find the Wrong Side Uppy in his upside down house. By putting a little hat on his head, Bo is able to make the Wrong Side Uppy see that he's wrong-side-roundy, and saves the day!

EPISODE 214 – Bo and the Polka Dot Snatcher

Every kind of dot has been taken from the castle, and Wizard reveals the culprit to be none other than the Polka Dot Snatcher! To track her down, Bo and Dezzy must jump like Kangaroos over a Mechanical Elephant's flying discs, then crawl like Critters under a Dalmatian's tug-of-war game. Once they find the Polka-Dotty, they give her a Non-Stop-Dot-Shedding-Dalmatian as a friend, and she never has to take anyone else's dots for ever after!



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PRODUCER BIOGRAPHIES

MICHAEL DONOVAN – Executive Producer

Michael Donovan, co-founder of Halifax Film, a DHX Media company has over 20 years experience creating, financing, producing and marketing Canadian film and television programming. He co-founded the Canadian production company Salter Street Films in 1983, which merged with Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. in 2001.

His work in the Canadian television and film industry has been recognized with numerous Gemini Awards, three International Emmy nominations, a Primetime Emmy nomination and an Academy Award for the feature documentary *Bowling for Columbine*.

Mr. Donovan is currently the Executive Producer of the hit comedy series *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, the motion-capture CG animation pre-school series, *Bo on the Go!*, the CG animation pre-school series *Animal Mechanicals*, the live action puppet series *The Mighty Jungle* and the upcoming kids spelling challenge series *Canada's Super Speller* for CBC Television. As well, he is Producer for the recently released feature film *Shake Hands with the Devil* based on retired General Romeo Dallaire's award-winning book of the same name.

CHARLES BISHOP – Executive Producer

Charles Bishop's producer credits include the Academy-Award winning feature documentary *Bowling for Columbine* and numerous television series such as the highly acclaimed CBC pre-school series *POKO*. Operating his own production company until 1998, Bishop merged with Salter Street Films and began managing the company's production slate including the notable series *Made in Canada/The Industry*, *Emily of New Moon*, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and *The Awful Truth*. In 2001, he took on the job of overseeing television series (fiction) worldwide for Alliance Atlantis Entertainment.

In 2004, with Michael Donovan, he co-founded Halifax Film, which is now publicly traded as DHX Media in Toronto and on London's AIM Exchange. As well as being President, Bishop continues to produce film and television programs, most recently: *Lunar Jim* a pre-school series for CBC and BBC; and for Kids' CBC the award winning stop motion pre-school series *POKO*, the motion-capture CG animation children's series *Bo on the GO!*, the recently launched live action puppet series *The Mighty Jungle*, the CG animation pre-school series *Animal Mechanicals* and a primetime drama series, *The Guard*, for Canwest Global.

Charles Bishop has three Gemini Awards and numerous international awards



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JEFF ROSEN – Executive Producer

Jeff Rosen is the Creative Head, Children's, Youth and Family for Halifax Film. Jeff was Co-Creator and Executive Producer of the Gemini Award-winning preschool series *POKO*, and Executive Producer on *Lunar Jim*. Jeff currently oversees an ambitious new slate of children's programs set to debut, including co-creating and executive producing *Bo on the GO!*, and creating and executive-producing *Animal Mechanicals*. In addition, Jeff co-created *The Mighty Jungle*. Prior to coming to Halifax Film, Jeff was the Executive Story Editor of the worldwide hit series *Theodore Tugboat*, Creator and Producer of *Pirates!*, and Show Runner for the multi-award winning series *Wonder Why?* The television series and feature films Jeff has been involved in have been sold to more than 170 countries to date.

KATRINA WALSH – Producer

Katrina Walsh has been working in the film and television industry for two decades, in both live action and animation. She is Head of Production for Family, Children's and Youth for Halifax Film. Presently she is producing *Canada's Super Speller*, an exciting new spelling based show for children from across the country; and the second seasons of *Bo on the Go!* and *Animal Mechanicals*, both of which are CG animation series for pre-schoolers. She is also involved in a number of projects currently in development and pre-production. Other series she has produced include the award-winning *Poko* (Gemini – Best Pre-School Program or Series, ACT Grand Prize for Best Program, ACT Award of Excellence), *Lunar Jim*, and *The Mighty Jungle*. Katrina also has extensive post-production experience in feature films and numerous other television series.

STEWART DOWDS – Series Director

Stewart Dowds started his career in the television industry back in the mid 80's after finishing a four-year soccer scholarship down at Indiana State University where he studied business management.

Deciding that a different career path would be more exciting, Stewart pursued a job in television and his first job was with the very successful show *Night Heat* which was huge series in Canadian television back in the day. After becoming an accomplished Picture Editor in Toronto, Stewart was offered a Supervising Editor's job on the series *Black Harbor* that was being filmed in Nova Scotia.

Moving from Toronto to Nova Scotia in 1996 was great move in his career. After 3 great seasons on *Black Harbor*, Stewart joined the ranks of Salter Street Productions as a Supervising Editor on the Sci-Fi series *Lexx* that had 4 very successful seasons.

As an avid scuba diver Stewart was able to combine his love of the ocean along with work, when he shot, directed and edited the series *Marine Machines* for the National Geographic channel.

Stewart got involved in the area of children's television in 2005 on the series *Poko* and *Lunar Jim* as the Supervising Picture Editor and that continued when the new series *Bo on the Go* arrived in 2006. After season 1 of *Bo*, Stewart decided to enter the directing field once again and he took over *Bo on the Go* season 2 as the Series Director. Season 2 was a great success by all accounts and season 3 has started off on the same foot.



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PRODUCTION COMPANY PROFILE

Halifax Film, a DHX Media Company

Halifax Film, co-founded by Michael Donovan and Charles Bishop develops and produces original film and television programming. Halifax Film manages and co-ordinates all aspects of a program's life, including developing original ideas; purchasing literary rights; arranging production financing; carrying out production and post-production; and exploiting worldwide distribution rights. Halifax Film is a subsidiary of DHX Media Ltd., a leading international producer and distributor of television programming and interactive content with an emphasis on children, family and youth markets.

Halifax Film has recently released the feature film *Shake Hands with the Devil*, a co-production with Barna-Alper and Seville Productions. The company has completed production of the Gemini award-winning pre-school stop-motion animation series *POKO III*; the children's stop-motion animation series, *Lunar Jim II*, a co-production with Alliance Atlantis Communications and the recently launched motion capture CG animation pre-school series *Bo on the GO!*. Halifax Film is currently producing a number of projects including *Bo on the GO! II*; the recently launched CG animation pre-school series *Animal Mechanicals* and the live-action children's puppet series *The Mighty Jungle*; the upcoming kids spelling challenge series *Canada's Super Speller*; the primetime drama series *The Guard* for Canwest Global, a co-production with Brightlight Pictures; an original family drama series, *SOUL* for Vision TV and the multi-award winning hit comedy series *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, XVI for CBC Television.