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## DOYLE'S QUICK PICKS

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#### ROBSON ARMS

This long-awaited Canadian drama series is deftly made and smartly entertaining. A series of half-hour dramas (two air together each week) set among the tenants of a shabby but genteel Vancouver apartment building, it features some outstanding work from an array of Canadian actors. In the first episode, Megan Follows plays a newly separated Mom who is stressed to find herself and her young son in such a rundown place. The building's oily, womanizing super (John Cassini) tells the boy that his mom just needs "a good poke." The boy sets out to put this right. Gentle farce ensues. Creative producer Susin Nielsen has made *Robson Arms* a whimsical but knowing knockabout comedy/drama.

CTV, 10 p.m.

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### Robson Arms CTV, 10 p.m.

Each week, this promising new Canadian series set in a faded Vancouver low rise follows the lives of one apartment's tenants. Rich with humour and complexity, *Robson Arms* could be this summer's breakout hit. In tonight's premiere, sleazy super Yuri (*NYPD Blue*'s John Cassini) tells 10-year-old Henry (Perry Finnbogason), who's just moved in, that what his recently separated mom (Megan Follows) needs is a good poke. Once Henry figures out what a poke is, he starts looking for a prospective poker and settles on their upstairs neighbour (Mark McKinney). Of course, things go seriously awry, especially once Mom discovers why she's been set up. A second episode follows and then next week the show falls into its regular timeslot, Fridays at 10:30 p.m. With 13 apartments to fill, the star-studded cast also includes Margot Kidder, William B. Davis (*The X-Files*), Gabrielle Miller (*Corner Gas*), Shirley Douglas and Gabrielle Rose.

The Critical List