

'A COOKIE CUTTER CHRISTMAS'

CAST BIOS

ERIN KRAKOW (Christie) — Best known for her leading role on Hallmark Channel's Original primetime series "When Calls The Heart," Erin Krakow has graced both the stage and screen during her acting career. A classically trained actor, Krakow studied at Juilliard, earning starring roles in a number of the esteemed school's productions, including Viola/Sebastian in *Twelfth Night*, Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Yelena in *Black Russian*.

Beyond her work at Juilliard, Krakow has appeared in many prominent stage roles, including Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Diana in *George the Fourth* and Shelby in the stage adaptation of *Steel Magnolias*.

Krakow has transitioned from stage to screen, appearing in television movies and earning recurring and guest-starring roles for top series and soaps. Krakow starred in Hallmark Channel's Original Movie "Chance at Romance," and on Lifetime's "Army Wives," she played the recurring role of Tanya Gabriel. Krakow also guest-starred alongside Nathan Fillion in ABC's Emmy® nominated series "Castle," and earned the recurring role of Molly on CBS's hit daytime soap "Guiding Light."

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DAVID HAYDN-JONES (James) — David Haydn-Jones was born in the northern wilds of Saskatchewan, Canada to a Welsh Father and an American Mother. It would prove to be an eclectic genesis that would color the rest of his career.

Haydn-Jones performed from a young age at music festivals and community theatre plays, then later, singing and dancing during his high school summers at various amusement parks. It wasn't until he moved to Montreal to study architecture and engineering that the acting bug took full root. Haydn-Jones crafted a Theatre minor in conjunction with his Architecture major, performing in drama festivals, major English department productions such as *Tartuffe* and *Ten Lost Years*, and performing weekly in the student union pub with his comedy troupe, The Place Walbrae Players.

After graduation from college and a stint as a singing park ranger in the foothills of Kananaskis Country, Alberta, Haydn-Jones moved to Toronto to begin his acting career in earnest. He formed the popular and local favorite, comedy duo Joke Boy, landed dozens of national commercials, and understudied the lead roles in the Canadian Stage premiere of *Angels in America, Parts I & II*. It was a couple of years of invaluable study for the burgeoning actor, and after a number of supporting TV roles he garnered attention from the American Networks after a particularly successful run at the world famous Montreal Just for Laughs comedy festival.

After relocating to Los Angeles, Haydn-Jones worked on such shows as "NCIS," "King of Queens," "Charmed" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." While working on these various projects, Haydn-Jones continued to hone his talents with the acclaimed Los Angeles theatre company, Theatre Tribe.

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Bigger roles and more high profile projects were to follow as Haydn-Jones landed the lead in the critically acclaimed CBC dramedy, "Rumours." A supporting role in the feature "The Last Kiss" (Zach Braff, Casey Affleck) and follow up leads in the Lifetime TV movies "Fatal Trust" (opposite Amy Jo Johnson) and "Secrets of the Summer House" (opposite Lindsay Price) began to raise Haydn-Jones' profile.

Haydn-Jones continued to build career momentum with powerful projects and stellar fellow actors in the Emmy®-Award nominated "Taken from Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story" (Taraji P. Henson, Terry O'Quinn) on Lifetime and "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior" (Forrest Whittaker, Janeane Garofalo) on CBS. Haydn-Jones also reveled in the opportunity to return to his sketch comedy roots, playing as a series regular in the wonderful world of "Debra!" for Canada's Family Channel.

The past year offered even more success for Haydn-Jones as he starred opposite Amy Acker in Lifetime's heartfelt and surprise Christmas hit, "Dear Santa." He also shot a pilot for CBC called "Layla and Jen" (a half hour comedy) and landed a supporting role in his biggest movie to date, "White House Down" starring Channing Tatum and Jamie Foxx. All of this has led to his exciting appearance in the Lifetime thriller starring opposite Sarah Carter: "The Toyman Killer," and a guest starring role in the popular ABC series, "Modern Family."

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ALAN THICKE (Chef Krueger) – Alan Thicke has earned a Golden Globe® Best Actor nomination and seven Emmy® Award nominations (five for writing, two for acting). He starred as the dim-witted diva Dennis Dupree on the NBC series "Hope & Gloria" and has guested on countless episodics ranging from "Just Shoot Me," "Arli\$\$," "Son of the Beach" and "Married with Children" to "Seventh Heaven" and "Outer Limits." Television audiences know Thicke best as psychiatrist and father Jason Seaver from ABC's "Growing Pains," now syndicated in over 65 countries. "Growing Pains: The Reunion" was one of Disney's highest-rated TV Movies. He has also appeared on the CBS hit comedy "How I Met Your Mother." Other TV movies and feature films include Disney's "Not Quite Human" trilogy, "The Calendar Girl Murders," "Windsor Protocol," "Rubdown," "Any Place But Home," "Obsessed," "Betrayal Of The Dove," "Ice Angel," "Crossroads," "Teddy Bear's Picnic" and recently starred in Hallmark Channel Original Movies "Notes From Dad" and "Let It Snow."

In theatre, Thicke received rave reviews opposite Jason Alexander in the Neil Simon/Burt Bacharach musical *Promises, Promises* and for his Broadway debut as Billy Flynn in *Chicago-The Musical*.

One of America's most sought-after emcees, Thicke has hosted event specials including; The Emmy® Awards, ABC's Olympic Kick-Off Gala, CBC's NHL Awards, ABC's Disney Christmas and Easter parades, ABC's and NBC's Fall Preview Specials, the Miss Universe, Miss World and Miss USA pageants, Showtime's "Comedy All-Stars," "TV's Funniest Families" and NBC's "World's Greatest Magic." His series hosting includes ABC's "Animal Crack-Ups," the Emmy®-nominated "Pictionary," A&E's "Travelquest," Game Show Network's "All New 3's A Crowd," "Miracle Pets"

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for PAX-TV and "Today's Man" airing on CNBC. From 1980 to 1983, "The Alan Thicke Show" became (and remains) the biggest hit in the history of Canadian daytime television. The American late-night entry "Thicke of the Night" followed.

As a headliner and speaker, Thicke's distinctive charm and humor have established him as one of America's all-purpose entertainers. Motivational lectures: IBM, Ford, Borland Technologies, Slim-Fast. Keynote speaker: including Utah Governor's Conference, Humana Hospitals, OrthoBiotech Industries, Des Moines Medical Society, Miami Health Day, Sacramento Earth Day. Host/Comic: includes everything from Awards Ceremonies for California's Building Industry and Atlanta's Real Estate Conference to The Chiropractic Centennial Celebration and the NHL's All-Star Banquet.

As a headliner, Thicke has played the main Vegas showrooms of the Hilton, Desert Inn and Sands, as well as Atlantic City's Resorts International, numerous cruise ships and corporate events for Borden, Nestle, Mattel, Baskin-Robbins, Brite-Smile and the Tournament Golf Association.

As an author, Thicke has recently come full circle, realizing a lifelong dream by signing a publishing deal for his first novel – *Lovely Parting Gifts*. His second humor book – *How to Raise Kids Who Won't Hate You*—is the sequel to *How Men Have Babies—The Pregnant Father's Survival Guide*, a perennial favorite since its release in 1999 and now translated into Spanish, German and Chinese. (Thicke's recorded version won an Audie Award, the Oscar for Books-On-Tape).

Thicke has written sitcoms for Castle Rock, Warner Bros., Viacom and the feature film scripts "Noone Hour" for Steve Tisch Productions, "Beauty Queens Must Die" for Allegro Films and "Travels With Dad" for TVA. He was executive producer for the NBC Movie of the Week – "The Secret She Carried" and penned his nationally syndicated humor column for the *Toronto Sun*. In fact, his television career began behind the scenes as a writer for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. That talent soon led to the U.S. where he wrote and/or produced comedy specials and series for Bill Cosby, Flip Wilson, Kenny Rogers, Olivia Newton-John, Anne Murray and Barry Manilow. He produced and wrote the revolutionary comedies "Fernwood 2Night" and "America 2Night" for Norman Lear.

Thicke's background in game shows is extensive. He produced "Celebrity Sweepstakes" and "Wizard of Odds," launching the career of his friend Alex Trebek. "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Joker's Wild" are among over 45 television theme songs composed by Thicke, which also include "Facts of Life" and "Diff'rent Strokes."

Alan Thicke is married to Tanya Callau and is a proud father of three sons: Brennan, Robin and Carter.

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MIRANDA FRIGON (Penny) - Miranda Frigon is a Canadian born actress and singer-songwriter. Her work can be seen on Canadian and U.S. television and feature films spanning the last 15 years. She's most recognized for her role in Syfy's "Primeval: New World" for which she received a Best Supporting Actress nomination at the Canadian Leo Awards (2013) and for her three-season turn as Janice Wayne on the hit drama "Heartland." Frigon grew up a competitive gymnast and ballet dancer. She danced for over 18 years, touring with several professional dance companies before attending the University of Alberta as a theatre major. Frigon studied at the University of Alberta and competed on the Varsity gymnastics team before receiving a scholarship to a musical theatre school in New York City, where she trained for the stages of Broadway.

Frigon's television career kicked off with a recurring role on the Disney series "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," which led to her 13 episode run as tech agent Susan Carver on the UPN series "Jake 2.0." Frigon has since guest starred on numerous major network series including "Dexter," "Ugly Betty," "The New Adventures of Old Christine," "Supernatural," "Emily Owens M.D" "V," "The 4400," "Sanctuary" and CBC's hit drama "Arctic Air."

Frigon has also appeared in numerous feature films including "Next" alongside Nicholas Cage and Julianne Moore and "White Noise" with Michael Keaton. Recent projects include a starring role in the film "Anatomy Of Deception" with Natasha Henstridge and a role in "Chappie" starring Hugh Jackman and Sigourney Weaver. Both films will be released in 2015. As for the stage, in 2007 she received a Ticketholder Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress for her comedic role as a depressed mental patient in "*Mental The Musical*." Her nomination stood in good company alongside hit musicals "*Jersey Boys*" and "*Avenue Q*."

Frigon is also well known around the world as a singer-songwriter. Her original songs can be heard on major network television shows including FOX, CW, CBC, Syfy, Space Channel (Canada), Watch (UK), and have aired all over the world in series, features and Indie films. She is currently writing and recording her newest album, which will be released in late 2015.

In addition to all of her creative and athletic talents, Frigon is also a highly skilled mixed martial Artist having trained in boxing, Muay Thai and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for over ten years.

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