

'WHEN CALLS THE HEART'

CAST BIOS

LORI LOUGHLIN (Abigail Stanton) – Best recognized for her role as Rebecca Donaldson on the long-running hit comedy series "Full House," Lori Loughlin added another iconic series to her resume: The CW's "90210." In it, she played the mother of two teenagers who struggle with their family's move from the normalcy of Kansas to the fast lane of Beverly Hills. Film projects include the 2009 comedy feature "Old Dogs," in which Loughlin starred opposite Robin Williams and John Travolta, playing the latter's love interest. Another recent feature film of Loughlin's was "Moondance Alexander," in which she portrayed an eccentric mother whose daughter finds a pony and is determined to win the Bow Valley Classic. Loughlin has starred in the Hallmark Channel Original Movies, "Meet My Mom" and "Garage Sale Mystery."

Born and raised in Hauppauge, Long Island, Loughlin got her start in show business at a young age. She was cast in the daytime drama "The Edge of Night," for which she received a Young Artist Award nomination for Best Young Actress in a Daytime Series.

In 1985, Loughlin was cast in the feature film "Secret Admirer," a romantic comedy co-starring C. Thomas Howell and Kelly Preston. Loughlin also starred opposite Treat Williams in "Critical Mass," in the beach movie spoof "Back to the Beach," in "Rad," a film about BMX racing, and in "Amityville 3-D," the third installment of the "Amityville" horror franchise.

In addition to "Full House," Loughlin was a regular on "Hudson Street," a comedy starring Tony Danza. She was also the star and producer of The WB's family drama "Summerland." Other television roles have included an after-school special entitled "No Means No," for which she received an Emmy® nomination for Best Actress. Loughlin also worked with Jim Carrey in the TV movie "Doing Time on Maple Drive" and starred in "In the Line of Duty: Blaze of Glory." She has made repeat performances in a number of series, including "The Drew Carey Show" and "Spin City," and guest-starred in such series as "Seinfeld," "Suddenly Susan," "The Larry Sanders Show" and "Birds of Prey."

Loughlin resides in Los Angeles with her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, and their three children.

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ERIN KRAKOW (Elizabeth Thatcher) — Best known for her recurring role on Lifetime Television's "Army Wives," 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*.

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Krakov has transitioned from stage to screen, earning recurring and guest-starring roles for top television series. On Lifetime's, "Army Wives," Krakow played the recurring role of Tanya Gabriel. She also earned the recurring role of Molly on CBS's hit daytime soap "Guiding Light." Krakow guest-starred alongside Nathan Fillion in ABC's Emmy® nominated series "Castle."

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DANIEL LISSING (Jack Thornton) — One of Australia's rising stars, Daniel Lissing has played Lt. James King, a series regular on ABC's "Last Resort," directed by Martin Campbell ("Casino Royale") and produced by Shawn Ryan ("The Shield," "The Unit"). This highly sought after role gave Lissing the opportunity to star opposite Hollywood heavyweights Andre Braugher ("Glory"), Robert Patrick ("Terminator") and Scott Speedman ("Felicity"). "Last Resort" was Lissing's first role in the United States.

Lissing has worked extensively in Australia. In Australia Lissing was a series regular on the ABC TV series "Crownies" and he played the lead role of Ryan in the feature film "The Cure" by Director David Gould, which shot in New Zealand. Additional credits include the feature film "John Doe" by Director Kel Dolen and numerous television series which include "Cops LAC" (Nine), "Out of the Blue" (Southern Star/BBC/TEN), "Packed to the Rafters" (Seven) and "Home And Away"(Seven).

Lissing is also a popular singer/songwriter and performs to packed houses all over Sydney. Worth noting is that Lissing has performed for the Australian troops serving overseas in East Timor (Pacific Islands) and was formally recognized for his peacekeeping efforts by the Australian Defense Force.

Lissing was chosen by *Inside Film Magazine* as one of "Australia's Rising Talents" in their June/July 2012 issue and *Australia's TV Week Magazine* included Lissing in their recent "Australia's Sexiest Blokes on Television" issue.

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