

THE CHRISTMAS SECRET

CAST BIOS

BETHANY JOY LENZ (Christine) - Bethany Joy Lenz is best known for her work on The CW's "One Tree Hill" and for being a series regular on the CBS soap opera "Guiding Light." In late 2012, after completing a nine-year stint on "One Tree Hill," Lenz also appeared in an episode of the TBS half-hour comedy "Men at Work." Additionally, she played a major role in the final season of the Showtime hit "Dexter."

Lenz recently won the lead role in E!'s first scripted series "Songbyrd," produced by Oscar® winners Neil Meron and Craig Zadan and based on the life of famed Grammy-Award® winning songwriter Diane Warren. She will play the role of Lauren Byrd (intended to be Diane) alongside Robert Hoffman and Rumer Willis.

In addition to her work as an actor, Lenz enjoys a successful musical career, including two albums as a solo artist, two albums with her band Everly and a 25-city tour with The Wreckers and Gavin DeGraw. She also logged many musical performances during her time on "One Tree Hill."

Lenz adapted Nicholas Sparks' novel *The Notebook* into a libretto, eventually presenting it as a live theatrical workshop, which served as a preliminary step toward an opening in New York City.

Lenz's philanthropic work includes an online boutique called Lark. This boutique sells apparel, with original designs by Lenz and all proceeds benefit the charities Love 146 (an NPO dedicated to the abolition of child trafficking), To Write Love On Her Arms and Reading is Fundamental.

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JOHN REARDON (Jason) – John Reardon has accomplished what most actors can only dream about: A dynamic and extensive resume of coveted roles in film and television. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Reardon captured the spotlight as an All-Star football player at Mount Allison University. With his classic good looks and athletic build, it wasn't long before Hollywood took notice.

Reardon's first break came in 2001, when he was cast in an episode of the Showtime series "The Chris Isaak Show." A slew of roles followed, including stints on the FOX Family Channel series "Edgemont," FOX's "Tru Calling," Syfy's "Eureka," Showtime's "The L Word," The CW's "Hellcats," the Hallmark Movie Channel Original Film "Son of the Dragon," co-starring David Carradine and the Hallmark Entertainment distributed hit miniseries "Merlin's Apprentice," in which he starred alongside Sam Neill and Miranda Richardson.

On the big screen, Reardon became a fan favorite with his supporting roles in the Wayans brothers' hit "White Chicks" and the slasher comedy "Scary Movie 4." He made a lasting impression in the film world with his role in the 2010 blockbuster film "Tron: Legacy," starring

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Jeff Bridges and Olivia Wilde.

In 2014, Reardon will revisit the role of Blake Laviolette for the third season of "Arctic Air" on CBS. "Arctic Air" continues to wow audiences with its captivating content, set in Yellowknife and portraying renegade bush pilots at work and play in Canada's north. He will also return to reprise the role of Greg Cameron in season three of the Showcase sci-fi series "Continuum."

Reardon currently splits his time between Vancouver and Los Angeles.

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SUSAN HOGAN (Judy) – Trained at the National Theatre School of Canada, Susan Hogan is a veteran actor who's been working in the entertainment business for decades. She's performed onstage in every major theatre in Canada, including four seasons at the Shaw Festival and one season at Stratford. Of her many stellar performances, some of her favorites include *King Lear* (Necessary Angel), *The Clean House* (M.T.C.), *Dinner With Friends* (The Arts Club) and most recently *Kayak* (Revolver Festival - Alley Theatre), which will be remounted again next year. Last year, Hogan directed her first play, *Marion Bridge*, which was performed at the Havana Theatre. She is now developing *Eve*, a one-woman show, written and directed by James Fagan Tait, which will soon go into production.

Hogan's work in film and television is extensive, appearing in 130 episodes of Canada's first soap opera "Family Passions" and 100 episodes of the police drama series "Night Heat." She's also been featured on various TV series, including "Battlestar Galactica," "Warehouse 13," "Life Unexpected" and "The L Word." Hogan has also starred in many television movies including "Gone" and "Ashes to Ashes," for Lifetime, "Among Friends," for Hallmark Channel and most recently "The Color of Rain" for Hallmark Movie Channel.

On the big screen, Hogan's impressive acting chops can be seen in such films as "White Fang," "Narrow Margin," "Rupert's Land," "Everything's Gone Green," "Every Second Tuesday" and Robert Redford's "The Company You Keep," in which she made a memorable cameo.

Hogan taught acting for film and television at the acclaimed Studio 58 from 2000 to 2012. She also sings with Sweet Lips, an a cappella singing group who just had their 20-year reunion concert in Toronto.

Hogan has three children and lives with her husband, actor Michael Hogan, on a little piece of paradise, off the coast of British Columbia.

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MICHAEL HOGAN (Marshall) – Michael Hogan has had an extensive career in the entertainment industry, appearing in countless plays, films, TV series, radio dramas and even an opera.

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He first appeared on the big screen in 1978 with his portrayal of Reggie in the film, "High-Ballin'." His subsequent film credits include "Klondike Fever," "Gas," "Deadly Eyes," "The Peanut Butter Solution," "Lost!," "Cowboys Don't Cry," "Palais Royale," "Stella," "Solitaire" (for which he won a 1992 Gemini Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role), "Clearcut," "Road to Saddle River," "Soul Survivor," "Nights Below Station Street" (for which he won the Blizzard Award for Best Leading Actor) and "Marine Life."

Hogan's additional feature film credits include "Red Riding Hood," opposite Amanda Seyfried and Gary Oldman, the independent film "Searching for Sonny," with Minka Kelly and most recently "Intramural," with Nikki Reed, Jake Lacy and Kate McKinnon, which premiered at Tribeca 2014.

On the small screen, Hogan made his debut in the television movie "Klondike Fever." From there, roles on a variety of shows and TV movies followed, including "The Intruder Within," "Vanderberg," "Adderly," "The Little Vampire," "The Twilight Zone," "E.N.G.," "Mom P.I.," "War of the Worlds," "Counterstrike," "Street Legal," "The Last Best Year," "Beyond Reality," "Gross Misconduct," "Lifeline to Victory," "Road to Avonlea," "Millenium," "Jake and The Kid," "The Boys Next Door," "Two," "Dead Man's Gun," "The Outer Limits," "Shadow Lake," "Scorn," "UC: Undercover," "Monk," "Night Visions," "Andromeda," "Betrayed," "Blue Murder," "Dollhouse," "Warehouse 13" and "Psych." In 1998, he became a regular cast member of the crime drama, "Cold Squad," portraying Detective Tony Logozzo. In 2003, he landed the role of the hard-drinking, cantankerous Colonel Saul Tigh on the re-imagined miniseries "Battlestar Galactica" and reprised the role when the miniseries was made into a TV show on the Sci-Fi channel the following year. Additionally, Hogan and his wife, actress Susan Hogan, appeared on four episodes of the Showtime hit drama series "The L Word."

His recent television credits include "Falling Skies," "Teen Wolf," "Artic Air," "The Republic of Doyle" and "The Mentalist."

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