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"J.L. FAMILY RANCH"
WITH LEGENDARY AWARD-WINNING ACTORS
JON VOIGHT AND JAMES CAAN
WITH MELANIE GRIFFITH, GRANT BOWLER, TERI POLO,
STEVEN BAUER AND ABBY BRAMMELL TO PREMIERE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES

STUDIO CITY, CA – May 25, 2016 – Two incomparable award-winning legendary actors **Jon Voight** ("Ray Donovan," "Coming Home," "Midnight Cowboy") and **James Caan** ("The Godfather," "Misery," "Las Vegas") join **Melanie Griffith** ("Working Girl," "Something Wild,"), **Grant Bowler** ("Defiance," "Ugly Betty"), **Teri Polo** ("Meet the Parents," "The Fosters"), **Steven Bauer** ("Ray Donovan," "Scarface," "Primal Fear") and **Abby Brammell** ("The Unit," "Jobs") in **"J.L. Family Ranch,"** an original movie for **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries** premiering on **Sunday, August 21, at 9pm ET/PT.** The movie will be distributed worldwide by SP Releasing through Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

"We are extremely honored and proud to work alongside Jon Voight, James Caan, Melanie Griffith and the award-winning cast in 'J.L. Family Ranch,'" said Michelle Vicary, Executive Vice President, Programming, Crown Media Family Networks. "'J.L. Family Ranch' is a sweeping dramatic story about a family with a complicated history that will be expertly portrayed by this extraordinary cast."

"J.L. Family Ranch" follows veteran rancher and former sheriff John Landsburg (Voight), who is forced to face the federal bureaucracy when an old enemy, Tap Peterson (Caan) seeking revenge over a decades-old grudge falsifies documents and alleges Landsburg doesn't actually own his beloved family ranch. John however isn't the type to go down without a fight.

Jon Voight plays John "J.L." Landsburg – an old-fashioned cowboy, veteran rancher and former sheriff. J.L. owns a ranch in a small Texas town and is the patriarch of a large family that all take shelter under his roof.

James Caan plays Tap Peterson – a handsome multi-millionaire with a charming smile and a deceptively engaging manner. Tap is a vicious and overbearing schemer whose hatred of Landsburg is purely pathological - and purely dangerous.

Melanie Griffith plays Laura Lee – John's former girlfriend who shows up in town when she hears JL is having trouble with his land. Laura Lee knows all the players in town, knows how to play the game and gossip is her middle name.

Teri Polo plays Rebecca Landsburg, John's determined, headstrong daughter who only remained on the family ranch because she has plans of her own for her homestead. Grant Bowler plays Sheriff Whitlock, a handsome local lawman who has adored Rebecca from afar for years. Steven Bauer plays Hector, John's trusted number one hand and loyal friend who is not about to let anyone take J.L. Ranch while there is breath left in his body. Abby Brammell plays Reagan Higgins, John's daughter who lives at the ranch with her husband Jerry and kids. Reagan has been having anxiety attacks over a secret that she fears will soon come to light.

"J.L. Family Ranch," starring Jon Voight, is a Steven Paul/Crystal Sky production. Executive producers are Jon Voight and Steven Paul.

ABOUT HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES

Along with sister network **Hallmark Channel**, **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries** is the second 24-hour linear channel under the **Crown Media Family Networks** umbrella. Distributed in both (HD) and standard definition (SD) in 66 million homes across the United States and one of the fastest growing networks in cable, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries is a leading destination for quality family friendly entertainment. Launched in 2008 as Hallmark Movie Channel, the network underwent a brand evolution in fall of 2014 when it transitioned to become Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. True to its name, the channel brings the lighter side of the suspense and mystery genres into focus with rich, dramatic, and thought-provoking storytelling. The network's programming lineup features a unique mix of original movies, presentations from the acclaimed **Hallmark Hall of Fame** library, and such time-honored acquired series as *Murder She Wrote*, *Matlock*, *Hart to Hart*, and *Diagnosis Murder*. The channel is also home to annual 8-week holiday programming event, *The Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas*, which helps viewers celebrate the season with new original movies and all-time classics like *A Christmas Carol*; *Holiday Affair*; *Babes in Toyland*; and *Christmas in Connecticut*.

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