



'HEARTS OF CHRISTMAS'

Cast Bios

EMILIE ULLERUP (Jenny Miller) – Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries viewers will surely know this Danish-born beauty from her current role as Bree O'Brien in the Hallmark Channel hit series "Chesapeake Shores," and from her appearances as Dale in three "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" movies that aired this year on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. For as far back as she can remember, Emilie has been passionate about acting, and following her high school graduation in Copenhagen, Denmark, she relocated to Vancouver to pursue her dream, enrolling at the Vancouver Film School and graduating in 2005.

Her first role was that of Julia Prynne in the hit sci-fi series "Battlestar Gallactica," and soon thereafter, she co-starred for two seasons with Amanda Tapping in the series "Sanctuary," which was followed by her starring role in the Canadian TV series "Arctic Air" and, most recently, "JPod," for which she won the 2008 Leo Award for Best Lead Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series. Emilie has had recurring roles in a number of series, including "Blood Ties," and "True Justice," and has guest-starred in many more, including "Smallville," "Supernatural," "Almost Human" and "Mr. Young." For her work in "Jpod," Emilie

On the big screen, Emilie can be seen next co-starring with Kevin James and Andy Garcia in Netflix's *The True Memoirs of an International Assassin*. Other feature films in which she has appeared include *Life on the Line*, *Leprechaun: Origins*, *Step Dogs* and *Hunt to Kill*, among others. Emilie has been featured in numerous TV movies and mini-series as well, including "Asteroid: Final Impact," "Fatal Performance," "The Music Teacher" and "Secrets of an Uncercover Wife," among others.

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KRISTOFFER POLAHA (Matt Crawford) – Kristoffer Polaha starred in the popular CW series "Life Unexpected," and will be familiar to Hallmark Channel viewers for his starring role in "Dater's Handbook," which aired earlier this year. Polaha has starred in a number of TV series over the past ten years, including "North Shore," "Miss Guided," "Made in Jersey," "Ringer" and "Valentine," and he has guest-starred in many more, including "Mad Men," "Awkward,"

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"Without a Trace," "Better Off Ted," "Bones," "CSI: Miami," "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," "Roswell" and "House M.D." Most recently, Polaha co-starred with Rainn Wilson in the Fox series "Backstrom," guest-starred in episodes of the popular series "Lethal Weapon" and "Rizzoli & Isles," and was featured last season in four episodes of "Castle."

Polaha received great attention for his portrayal of John F. Kennedy, Jr. in the TV movie "America's Prince: The John F. Kennedy Jr. Story." He has appeared in other TV movies, among them "Splitsville" and "The Third Degree," as well as numerous independent features, including *Where Hope Grows*, *Back in the Day*, *Devil's Knot* and *Petty Crimes*.

Polaha was born in Reno, Nevada, and he is married to actress Julianne Morris. They have three sons.

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SHARON LAWRENCE (Alice Shelby) – Audiences the world over know actress Sharon Lawrence from her from multiple Emmy-nominated and SAG Award-winning portrayal of ADA Sylvia Costas Sipowitz in the long-running Emmy Award-winning series "NYPD Blue," or from prominent roles she has played on hit the series "Shameless," "Desperate Housewives," "Grey's Anatomy," for which she earned her fourth Emmy nomination, "Monk," "Law and Order: SVU," "Rizzoli & Isles" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm," to name but a few. She starred in the NBC comedy "Fired Up," and recent TV work includes roles opposite Sir Patrick Stewart in "Blunt Talk" and episodes of NBC's "Game Of Silence." Lawrence's recent feature film work includes *Solace*, opposite Sir Anthony Hopkins, *Middle of Nowhere* with director Ava Duvernay, and *The Bridge Partner* with Beth Grant.

An accomplished stage actress, Sharon most recently performed in "The Mystery of Love and Sex" at L.A.'s Mark Taper Forum, and she played twenty different women in the Coward tribute "Love, Noel" at the Wallis in Los Angeles. At the Pasadena Playhouse she starred in Noel Coward's final play, "A Song at Twilight" and as Vivian Leigh in "Orson's Shadow," for which she won the LA Drama Critics Circle Award. At the Taper she created the role of Maureen in the premiere of Theresa Rebeck's "Poor Behavior" and was featured in Carl Reiner's gala "Enter Laughing." Broadway credits include "Cabaret," "Fiddler On The Roof" and as Velma Kelly in "Chicago." Sharon has served as the Chair of Women In Film Foundation, and she serves on the Board of Directors of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation, WeForShe.org, HealTheBay.org and UNC-Chapel Hill General Alumni Association.