



'HOME FOR CHRISTMAS DAY' **Cast Bios**

CATHERINE BELL (Jane) – Catherine Bell is best known for her work as the headstrong Marine Corps attorney Lt. Sarah 'Mac' MacKenzie on the action drama series "JAG" and in the ensemble drama series "Army Wives," where she portrayed Denise Sherwood on the long running Lifetime series.

Born in London, Bell moved to Los Angeles with her family at the age of three. While studying biomedical engineering at UCLA, Bell ventured into modeling, which soon led to immediate recognition in both the United States and overseas. Building on her success as a model, she decided to pursue an acting career, which was launched soon thereafter.

Bell has built a new, loyal fan base with Hallmark Channel's "The Good Witch" movie franchise, the most successful in network history. Starring as Cassie Nightingale, Bell completed seven original movies in the series, including "The Good Witch," "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift," "The Good Witch's Family," "The Good Witch's Charm," "The Good Witch's Destiny" and "The Good Witch's Wonder." In 2015, "The Good Witch" movie franchise transitioned into a successful television series for Hallmark and premiered April 30. Other TV credits include Lifetime's "Still Small Voices" and "Last Man Standing," CBS' "Company Town" and TNT's "Good Morning Killer" as well as guest starring roles on "King & Maxwell" and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Bell's feature film credits include Universal's mega-hit *Bruce Almighty* opposite Jim Carrey, as well as *Men of War*, and Netflix's *The Do-Over* alongside Adam Sandler. Most recently, she wrapped filming the Hallmark Channel movie "Christmas in the Air," premiering during Countdown to Christmas in 2017. She will next be seen in UPtv's "High-Rise Rescue."

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VICTOR WEBSTER (Jackson) – Webster has become known to Hallmark Channel fans for his roles in "Love Blossoms" and "Summer Villa." Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, his family moved to California when he was 13. Webster trained in martial arts and worked at different jobs before pursuing acting. After a turn in "Days of Our Lives," he was cast in "Mutant X." Within a year, People Magazine named him one

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of their “50 Most Eligible Bachelors.” Webster has played notable roles in several successful television shows including “Sex and the City,” “Castle,” “Bones,” “CSI,” “NCIS,” “Charmed,” “Criminal Minds,” “Melrose Place,” “Rio Heat” and “Girlfriends’ Guide to Divorce,” among others. He also brought to life Detective Carlos Fonegra, one of the leads in “Continuum.”

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MATREYA FEDOR (Betsy) – It’s not a terrible stretch for Fedor to play a rising college freshman, as the Vancouver native is a University of Victoria student, working on a science degree. Growing up the youngest of three daughters in North Vancouver, Fedor had a recurring role as Phoebe in “The Troop,” starred as Echo in “Mr. Young” and was Allison in “Debbie Macomber’s Cedar Cove.”

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ANTHONY KONECHNY (Tyler) – A school play in Vancouver convinced Konechny that acting should be his career and after a two-year theater program, his career took off. He appeared on “Smallville,” “Supernatural” and “The Tomorrow People,” among others. Those led to additional roles, including one in *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Konechny now lives in Los Angeles and when not on set, he studies theater and plays soccer and supports animal welfare charities.

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CHIARA ZANNI (Meg) – Chiara began her career as a nine-year-old voicing one of the most beloved dogs in children’s literature – Pokey Little Puppy. The Vancouver native continued as a child actor voicing another famous animal, Bon Bon in “My Little Pony Tales.” She’s worked steadily since, providing voices for animated characters and has brought many human characters to life. She can be seen in *Good Luck Chuck*, and *X-Men II* among many others. Zanni, who splits her time between Los Angeles and Vancouver, loves cooking, watching funny cat and dog videos and staying home with her husband and kitten.

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CHANELLE PELOSO (Gina) – Peloso’s first professional gig was in a commercial for the iconic doll, Barbie. The company needed a girl for Gymnastics Barbie and Peloso had trained in the sport. This led to other roles and the sketch comedy show, “Incredible Crew” as well as movies including the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries original “A Time to Dance.” Peloso lives in Vancouver.

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KELLY-RUTH MERCIER (Adelaide) – A seriously trained woman of theater, Mercier holds a B.A. in acting and an MFA in directing. She's won Leo Awards (the British Columbia honor for the television industry) for directing and has taught acting. Mercier had recurring roles on "Bates Motel" and "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce." A Halifax native, Mercier is proud to have acted on stages in nine of Canada's 10 provinces.

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