



**BONNIE BEDELIA BRINGS HOLIDAY JOY TO NATALIE KNEPP IN  
'A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS,'  
A NEW ORIGINAL PREMIERING NOVEMBER 26 ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES**

**Part of the Network's Popular, Annual "Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas"  
Programming Event**

STUDIO CITY, CA – October 23, 2017 – Natalie Knepp ("Z: The Beginning of Everything,"), Michael Rady (*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, "Christmas in Homestead") and Bonnie Bedelia ("Parenthood," "The Division") star in **"A Joyous Christmas,"** a new original premiering **Sunday, November 26 (9 p.m. ET/PT)** on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. Part of the network's popular, annual "Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas" programming event, Steve Bacic ("Garage Sale Mystery: A Case of Murder") also stars.

Just before Christmas, bestselling author Rachel Kennedy (Knepp) returns to her hometown to host a promotional event for her upcoming book. Though being home is difficult for Rachel since losing her parents and losing touch with her brother, she finds strength from unexpected sources, namely her local producer, Jack (Rady), and a selfless stranger, Joy (Bedelia). Jack and Joy help Rachel connect with the community, reunite with her brother and reevaluate the motivational message she plans to deliver at her event. As they spend time together, Rachel and Jack develop an undeniable bond, but Rachel is torn between pursuing this budding relationship and the career pressure from her manager, Stuart (Bacic) to stick with the status quo and her bestselling message. As the event approaches, Joy reveals a secret from her past that has a lasting impact on Jack, and Rachel must find a message that brings her fans—and herself—lasting joy.

"A Joyous Christmas" is a Crown Media Productions LLC production. Kim Arnott and Ivan Hayden are the executive producers. John Prince is a Producer. Allan Harmon directed from a script by Heather Provost and Scott Damian.

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