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**MERRITT PATTERSON AND STEVE LUND FIND LOVE IN
'THE CHRISTMAS COTTAGE,'
A NEW ORIGINAL PREMIERING DECEMBER 9 ON HALLMARK CHANNEL**

Part of the Network's Popular, Annual "Countdown to Christmas" Programming Event



STUDIO CITY, CA – November 3, 2017– Merritt Patterson (“The Royals,” “A Royal Winter”) and Steve Lund (“Reign,” “The Art of Us”) star in **“The Christmas Cottage,”** a new original premiering **Saturday, December 9 (8 p.m. ET/PT)** on Hallmark Channel. Part of the network’s popular, annual “Countdown to Christmas” programming event, Brittney Wilson (“Gap Year”) and Victor Zinck (“Motive”) also star.

Taking a rare break from her career designing modern buildings, Lacey (Patterson) travels to her friend Ava’s (Wilson) Christmas Eve wedding. Though her business partner and boyfriend Roger (Zinck) is concerned about her taking time off right before an important sales pitch, Lacey promises to work in between her maid of honor duties. While at the wedding events, Lacey reconnects with her former flame, Ean (Lund). The two decorate the cottage where the newlyweds will spend their honeymoon – a cottage said to bring true love to anyone who stays there – and feel their chemistry return. When Ean confesses his feelings for Lacey, though, she is unable to acknowledge her own. Heartbroken, Ean takes a job in Finland, and plans to leave Christmas day. As Christmas approaches, Lacey sees the sharp contrast between

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Ean’s family values and Roger’s sole focus on work, and must decide if the professional goals she shares with Roger or the connection and history she shares with Ean are more important in a lasting relationship.

“The Christmas Cottage” is a Cabin Productions Inc. production. Paul A. Kaufman, Joey Plager, Sean Williamson and Jamie Goehring are the executive producers. John MacCarthy is the producer. Paul A. Kaufman directed from a script by Claudia Grazioso.

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