



A CONFIRMED BACHELOR'S WORLD TURNS UPSIDE-DOWN WHEN HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW COME TO STAY RIGHT BEFORE THE HOLIDAY IN 'CHRISTMAS NEXT DOOR'
A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING DECEMBER 16, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

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

Jesse Metcalfe ("Chesapeake Shores") and Fiona Gubelmann ("Wilfred") star in "**Christmas Next Door**," a new, original movie premiering **Saturday, December 16, (8 p.m. ET/PT)** on Hallmark Channel as part of the network's popular, annual "Countdown to Christmas" programming event.

Eric Redford (Metcalfe) is not only a confirmed bachelor, he is a successful author of books on the subject. When circumstance forces Eric to take his young niece and nephew in the week before Christmas, his absolute least-favorite time of year, Eric's life is turned upside down as he must now "make Christmas" for the kids. But with a little help from his lovely next-door neighbor April Stewart (Gubelmann), a violinist who just happens to be the Queen of all things Christmas, Eric learns to shake off not only his dislike of the holiday, but he also grows up a lot and even decides to permanently trade in his sports car for the joy of family, lasting love and yes, even Christmas.

"Christmas Next Door" is a Crown Media Productions LLC production. Leif Bristow serves as executive producer. Agnes Bristow is producer. Jonathan Wright directed from a script by Sandra Berg & Judith Berg.

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