



**HALLMARK CHANNEL GREENLIGHTS THIRD SEASON
OF ITS HIT SERIES 'CHESAPEAKE SHORES'**

**Chesapeake Shores Continues to be One of
The Most Watched Original Series in Hallmark Channel History**

PASADENA, CA – January 13, 2018 – Hallmark Channel announces it has renewed the network's hit, original series "Chesapeake Shores" for a third season. Airing on Sunday nights at 9 p.m. ET/PT, "Chesapeake Shores" was one of Hallmark Channel's most-watched original series. Production on 10 episodes for season three is scheduled to commence this year for a season three premiere Summer 2018. The announcement was made today as part of Crown Media Family Networks' TV Critics Association Winter Press Tour.

"Viewers have fallen in love with the heartfelt and compelling storylines as each character navigates the complexities of life, love and choices," said Michelle Vicary, Executive Vice President, Programming and Network Publicity, Crown Media Family Networks. "We look forward to continuing and further exploring the multi-generational family journeys that people of all ages can enjoy and relate to, which makes 'Chesapeake Shores' a fitting series for our brand and the quality, family entertainment we provide."

Based on the novels of the same name by New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods, the series stars Jesse Metcalfe ("Dallas"), Meghan Ory ("Once Upon a Time"), Golden Globe® nominee Treat Williams ("Everwood," *Hair*), Academy Award® nominee Diane Ladd (*Wild at Heart*), Barbara Niven ("Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove"), Laci J. Mailey ("Falling Skies"), Emilie Ullerup ("Sanctuary"), Brendan Penny ("Motive") and Andrew Francis ("Final Destination 3"). Gregory Harrison ("One Tree Hill"), Victor Webster and Jerry Trimble guest starred in season two.

The multi-generational family drama "Chesapeake Shores" follows Abby O'Brien (Ory), a high-powered career woman, divorcee and mother to twin daughters, as she adjusts to life back in her hometown of Chesapeake Shores. Abby now balances a budding relationship with her former high school sweetheart, Trace (Metcalfe), working for a firm that does business with her uncompromising father Mick (Williams) and raising two young daughters. Returning to her hometown means engaging in the lives of her siblings: Jess (Mailey) a free-spirit trying to succeed as a bed and breakfast owner; Bree (Ullerup), a playwright who buys a bookstore in Chesapeake Shores after moving back home from Chicago; Kevin (Penny), a soldier adjusting to civilian life and new romance; and Connor (Francis), a new lawyer establishing his professional career. Having returned to Chesapeake Shores shortly after Abby, the O'Brien's once-estranged mother Megan (Niven) strives to reestablish relationships with Abby and her siblings, though the O'Brien clan primarily looks to its wise grandmother Nell (Ladd) for guidance.

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