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'TRULY, MADLY, SWEETLY' **Cast Bios**

NIKKI DELOACH (Natalie) – Born in a small town in South Georgia, Nikki DeLoach always knew she wanted to be an entertainer. She started dancing at the age of three, eventually adding singing, modeling and acting to her repertoire. All her hard work paid off when at age 12, DeLoach became a member of “The Mickey Mouse Club,” alongside Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Ryan Gosling. After “MMC,” DeLoach spent several years in Los Angeles pursuing acting and landed a starring role opposite Mark Wahlberg and Bill Paxton in the feature film *Traveller*, and the TV series “Misery Loves Company.” She also played Anthony LaPaglia’s daughter in the television movie “Never Give Up: The Jimmy V Story.” In 1997, DeLoach put her acting career on hold to enter the world of pop music, signing with RCA and BMG Records to become part of the girl group Innosense. When the group disbanded in 2003, DeLoach returned to Hollywood and has gone on to enjoy a successful and diverse acting career.

DeLoach’s recent credits include her starring role on MTV’s critically acclaimed series, “Awkward.,” where she was considered one of television’s “hottest moms” with her portrayal of Lacey Hamilton. Although she is perhaps best known for her role on “Awkward.” and the iconic “The Mickey Mouse Club,” DeLoach has also been guest starring on some of TV’s biggest hit shows, including “NCIS,” “Criminal Minds,” “CSI,” “CSI: NY,” “Cold Case,” “Mad Men” and “Without a Trace,” among many others. She was also a series regular on the popular show “North Shore.” Her films include *A Kind of Magic* opposite Maggie Grace and Hal Holbrook, and the French comedy *Hollywood*. Hallmark Channel viewers will also recognize DeLoach from her starring roles in the network’s original movies “The Perfect Catch,” “Christmas Land” and “A Dream of Christmas.”

Outside of acting, DeLoach is dedicated to sharing her passions and ideas with others. She co-founded What We Are, a community of women that celebrates their unfiltered selves. She is also very well-versed in current events and has previously enjoyed sharing her views on politics and pop-culture as a guest panelist on “The Young Turks” network and “Dr. Drew on Call.” DeLoach also shares her love for acting by coaching at the renowned Warner Laughlin Studios.

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DYLAN NEAL (Eric) – Dylan Neal was born in Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Oakville, just west of Toronto, where he spent the remainder of his childhood. As a young student, he attended the prep school Appleby College, where he was introduced to the game of squash. Neal quickly fell in love with the sport and was soon playing for Canada at an international level. Towards the end of his teenage years, after many years of traveling across North America on the amateur squash circuit, Neal decided a professional squash career was not for him.

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By this time, Neal was attending Blakelock High School, where he was enrolled in the drama program. At the urging of his drama teacher, Neal signed with a Toronto talent agent and began auditioning professionally. It didn't take long for him to realize this was the direction his career would take and in 1992, he moved to Los Angeles where his acting dreams quickly became realized.

Neal is a well-recognized face on television having secured series' regular roles in a handful of American television programs including "Hyperion Bay," "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch" and Aaron Spelling's "Pacific Palisades." He has had major recurring roles including Dr. Anthony Ivo in the CW's breakout TV series "Arrow," and his five-year stint on "Dawson's Creek" as Pacey's brother, Doug Witter. He has had the good fortune to work opposite some of the biggest names in Hollywood, including a leading role opposite Val Kilmer in the Paramount Pictures thriller *The Traveler* and a supporting role in all three installments of the *Fifty Shades of Grey* movie franchise for Universal Pictures. Neal spent three seasons in the role of Jack Griffiths in Hallmark Channel's hit original primetime series, "Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove." He has also starred alongside Anne Heche in the Hallmark Channel's original movie "Looks Like Christmas" and opposite Brooke Burns and Bruce Boxleitner in "Eat, Drink and Be Buried: A Gourmet Detective Mystery."

In addition to his acting endeavors, Neal and his wife, Becky Southwell, write and produce their own projects through Southwell Neal Entertainment. They are the creative force behind the "Gourmet Detective" original films for Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, based on the novels by Peter King. Neal serves as executive producer, co-writer and star of the films from the anthology series, with Southwell also executive producing and writing. The first two installments premiered May and August of 2015, respectively, and the third premiered in 2016. The pair also executive produced the highly successful "Valentine Ever After" from their original screenplay, which aired in February 2016 and was the network's most watched February original movie premiere among W25-54 since 2009.

When not on set, Neal enjoys spending as much time as he can with his family and friends. On occasion, he can also be spotted in his workshop, where Neal, an avid wood worker, has for years recreated 18th and 19th century period furniture.

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