



ENTERTAINMENT'S BIGGEST SUCCESS STORY!

## **'A GINGERBREAD ROMANCE'**

### **Cast Bios**

**TIA MOWRY-HARDRICT (Taylor Scott)** – Tia Mowry-Hardric is a multi-talented actress, producer, author and one of social media's most prominent influencers. She has been in the public eye for over 20 years, gaining initial fame and becoming a '90s pop culture icon in her teens while starring alongside her twin sister, Tamera, in the hit comedy, "Sister, Sister" from Paramount Television.

Most recently, Mowry-Hardric has partnered with Kin on a YouTube channel titled "Tia Mowry's Quick Fix." The digital brand includes a 20-episode series and social amplification across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. Her channel is Kin's fastest growing channel to date. Mowry-Hardric boasts an impressive social media presence with over 12 million followers.

In March 2017, she released her first cookbook – the Amazon #1 best seller, Whole New You, by Random House Publishing Group. She also wrapped season three of her Cooking Channel series, "Tia Mowry at Home."

Mowry-Hardric rose to fame with a six-year run on the successful hit series, "Sister, Sister." She won two NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series and three Kids Choice Awards for Favorite Television Actress. She was also nominated for three Young Artist Awards for Best Performance by a Young Actress in 1995, 1996 and 1997, for her work on the show. In 1999, Mowry-Hardric wrapped production on the show and obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from the prestigious Pepperdine University in Southern California.

Throughout 2000 to 2006, Mowry-Hardric made appearances in various projects, including starring with her sister in the Disney Channel's highly rated original movie "Twitches" in 2005, and again in "Twitches Too," two years later. Off camera, she voiced the character of Sasha on the animated series "Bratz." In 2006, Mowry-Hardric landed the role of Melanie Barnett, a medical student turned wife of pro-football player Derwin Davis (played by Pooch Hall) on "The Game." A fan favorite, the comedy series chronicled the lives of women involved with players of a fictional San Diego pro football team. Her work on "The Game" landed her two more NAACP Image Award nominations, for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series.

"The Game" aired for three seasons on The CW before it's finale in 2009. Less than two years later, due to popular demand by fans, BET picked up the series and gave it new life. Season four aired in the winter of 2011. It was an overwhelming success for the network and ranked as the #1 ad-supported scripted series premiere in cable history, and debuted to an audience of 7.7 million viewers in January 2011. In January 2012, "The Game" returned to television once again, pulling in 5.3 million viewers, making it cable's #1 scripted series telecast among 18-49. Tia Mowry-Hardric also starred with her sister in "Double Wedding," an original film for the

Lifetime Movie Network in June 2010, for which she also served as executive producer. In 2013, Mowry-Hardrict appeared in the Fox Searchlight feature film *Baggage Claim*, opposite Paula Patton and Trey Songz.

In the summer of 2011, Tia and Tamera Mowry entertained audiences once again, in their self-titled STYLE Network series "Tia and Tamera," for which she served as executive producer. That year the show set record ratings for the network, being the most watched series launch in their history. Throughout 2012-2013, Mowry-Hardrict secured her sixth NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series for her work on "The Game," a People's Choice Award nomination for Favorite TV Celebreality Star, and two Teen Choice Award nominations for Choice TV: Female Reality/Variety Star (in 2012 and 2013).

From 2013 to 2015, Mowry-Hardrict served as executive producer and starred in the Nickelodeon/TV Land comedy series "Instant Mom." She starred as Stephanie Phillips, a food blogger and party girl who becomes a stepmother of three children alongside her husband, Charlie, played by Michael Boatman. The series produced the time block's best debut ratings in the channel's history.

In 2012, Mowry-Hardrict released her debut book, [Oh Baby! Pregnancy Tales and Advice from One Hot Mama to Another](#), (Penguin Books) which quickly became a national bestseller. In the summer of 2016, Tia Mowry-Hardrict and her sister Tamara released their second book, [Twintuition](#), a series of books for middle school children published by HarperCollins Children's Books.

When not acting, Mowry-Hardrict spends time working with several charities including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Partnership for a Healthier America, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, actor Cory Hardrict, and their two children.

# # #

**DUANE HENRY (Adam Dale)** – At the young age of 17, Duane Henry left his hometown of Birmingham, England to become a working actor in London. Henry's first acting role was alongside Samantha Janus on "The Afternoon Play," a British television anthology series. From 2004 to 2011, Henry made a variety of guest appearances on popular British television dramas, including "Doctor Who," "The Bill," and "The Cut," earning him a nomination for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Screen National Award for Best Emerging Talent in 2010.

From 2005 to 2013, Henry played five roles on the British medical soap opera "Doctors," originally set in Birmingham. He played Gareth Broadhurst, a former soldier with PTSD in a three-part special of the show released in 2013 entitled "Doctors: War Zone." Henry attributes his success on "Doctors" to the fact that he is a native of Birmingham and is therefore automatically considered for roles on the show. Then, in 2011, Henry played a security guard in Madonna's historical romance drama *W.E.*

Following his dream, Henry moved from London to Los Angeles in November 2013. He knew very few people there so he mostly couch-surfed and on rare nights slept in his car. He took a

year to learn about Los Angeles and to perfect his American accent in order to expand his range as an actor. He sought out a manager and began auditioning for many roles. His first audition was so impressive, casting asked him to come back and read in front of Jennifer Lopez and Barry Levinson. The pilot was "Shades of Blue." Soon after, Henry booked a series regular role in the USA pilot "Paradise Pictures" (about Hollywood in the 1940s) and a recurring role in the pilot of "Cruel Intentions."

Henry first entered the "NCIS" cast as MI6 agent Clayton Reeves in May 2016 for the 23rd episode of the show's 13th season. It was unclear whether Henry's character would return for the following season. In July 2016, it was confirmed that his character would be featured as a regular on the show beginning in the 14th season, which aired on September 20, 2016. According to Henry, the character of Clayton Reeves did not originally have roots in Birmingham, but he incorporated his upbringing into his character's backstory.

-- HALLMARK CHANNEL --