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## 'WINTER LOVE STORY'

### Cast Bios

**JEN LILLEY (Cassie)** – A star on both the silver and small screens, including the Academy Award®-winning film *The Artist*, NBC's iconic daytime series "Days of Our Lives," ABC's "General Hospital" and a frequent leading lady in Hallmark Channel Original movies, actress/singer/philanthropist Jen Lilley has tackled countless roles throughout her illustrious career. Her Hallmark Channel Originals include "Yes, I Do," "Harvest Love," "Eat, Play, Love," "Dash of Love" and, most recently, "Mingle All the Way," which premiered during 2018's "Countdown to Christmas" programming event.

Lilley's creative prowess does not end when the director yells cut; she is also a renowned singer and songwriter. She balances her day job with her lifelong passion for 1960s girl groups to create a collection of timeless songs aimed at having a whole new generation singing along. She is set to release her debut album this fall, featuring Rosie Danvers and her 50-piece orchestra.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia, Lilley became interested in acting as a young adult when she was attending University of Virginia, where she played the lead in an indie film called *The Loss of Life*.

When Lilley is not busy in front of a camera, or perfecting her vocals in a studio, she can be found working with various charities and spending time with her foster children and husband. She received the National Educators Award for her work in Guatemala. She is known for advocating children's rights and supports charities that focus on protecting children against physical and sexual abuse, human trafficking, and the world water crisis. She recently became a foster parent and is a celebrity ambassador for the child abuse and treatment organization Childhelp, ECPAT and The Dave Thomas Foundation.

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**KEVIN MCGARRY (Elliot)** – Kevin McGarry was recently seen on season 11 of CBC's hit show "Heartland," returns in the upcoming season 12, and will be joining the Hallmark Channel hit drama "When Calls the Heart" as a series regular in the show's sixth season. Recent credits include guest spots on Freeform's "The Bold Type," NBC's "Taken," CBS's "Ransom," FX's "Man Seeking Woman" with Jay Baruchel, Paramount Pictures *xx: The Return of Xander Cage* with Vin Diesel and Global's "Private Eyes" starring Jason Priestly. This past summer saw him working with Kerry Condon in the television movie "Final Destiny" by Incendo Prod, and with William Shatner on CBC's "Murdoch Mysteries." He also starred in the series "Open Heart" (YTV, Teennick, and ABC Spark). Some of McGarry's past film and television credits include the Hallmark

Movies & Mysteries Originals "A Song for Christmas" and "Signed, Sealed, Delivered: To Paris With Love," Hallmark Channel's "Love at First Bark," *Saw 7* and CBC's "Being Erica".

McGarry also has a strong theatre background with seasons at the renowned Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-lake as well as a season at the Charlottetown Festival. Other theatre credits include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Complete Work of William Shakespeare* and *She Loves Me*, to name a few.

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**MARY-MARGARET HUMES (Jeannine)** – Mary-Margaret Humes, a native of Northern New York, entered the world of show business when she was chosen by Mel Brooks for the role of Miriam the vestal virgin in the hit movie *History of the World: Part 1*.

Her first television series regular role was on NBC's "Eerie, Indiana" in 1992, although she is best known for her six-year run as a series regular in the role of Gale Leery, the mother of James Van Der Beek's character Dawson Leery on The WB's hit series "Dawson's Creek," which ran from 1998 to 2003. This breakout series, which was created and written by Kevin Williamson, literally changed the landscape of television programming aimed for a younger generation at the turn of the millennium.

During this time, Humes also shined in the emotionally charged USA TV movie "The Stalking of Laurie Show" based on a true story. She portrayed Hazel Show, the grieving mother of a Pennsylvania teenager, played by actress Jennifer Finnigan, who was brutally murdered out of jealousy by the high school prom queen. The following year she played the much more lighthearted mother in the very popular Disney Channel movie, "Motocrossed."

On the edgy HBO series "Luck," produced by Michael Mann in 2012, Humes secured a recurring role as an insurance scam artist. Also in 2012 – but on a much lighter note – she appeared in the Hallmark Channel Original Movie "Matchmaker Santa," playing a very cheerful but scheming mother. This was followed by a role on Lifetime's TV movie "The Girl He Met Online," in which she played the physically, mentally and emotionally abused mother of an adopted teenage daughter. Hallmark audiences most recently saw Humes in "Christmas in Love," which premiered during 2018's "Countdown to Christmas" programming event. Earlier in 2018, she starred in the Hallmark Spring Fever movie "Home by Spring."

Not only has Humes guest starred in dozens of episodic TV shows, but she also worked in the commercial world during her early career. She had a four-year contract as spokeswoman for Tropicana Orange Juice and appeared in well over 100 commercials for a variety of products.

Second only to acting is Humes' passion for dance. She has been married to Hollywood soundman Raul A. Bruce for over 20 years and together they have shared their home in Los Angeles with many adopted four-legged children. Their current "daughter" is a hound dog mix rescued from the San Francisco ASPCA named Bailey.

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