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## 'WHEN CALLS THE HEART'

### Cast Bios

**ERIN KRAKOW (Elizabeth Thornton)** – Best known for her starring role as Elizabeth Thatcher-Thornton in Hallmark Channel's "When Calls the Heart" and her recurring role on Lifetime Television's "Army Wives," Erin Krakow has graced both the stage and screen during her acting career.

Krakow is a classically trained actor and graduated with a BFA from The Juilliard School. She had starring roles in a number of the esteemed school's productions, including Viola and Sebastian in *Twelfth Night*, Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Yelena in *Black Russian*. Beyond her work at Juilliard, Krakow has appeared in many prominent stage roles, including Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Shelby in the stage adaptation of *Steel Magnolias*.

Krakow has transitioned from stage to screen, earning series regular, recurring and guest-starring roles on top television series. On Lifetime's "Army Wives," Krakow played the recurring role of Specialist Tanya Gabriel. She also earned the recurring role of Molly on CBS's hit daytime soap "Guiding Light." Krakow guest-starred on "Castle" for ABC, "NCIS: Los Angeles" and "NCIS" for CBS and "Good Girls Revolt" for Amazon/Sony.

Elizabeth Thatcher-Thornton on "When Calls the Heart" is not Krakow's only beloved character for Hallmark Channel. She also played lead roles Samantha in "Chance at Romance" and Christie in "A Cookie Cutter Christmas." On Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, Krakow played Miranda in "Finding Father Christmas," "Engaging Father Christmas" and "Marrying Father Christmas."

Born in Philadelphia, Krakow grew up in South Florida where she attended Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts. She continued her dramatic studies at The Juilliard School in New York City. She now resides in Los Angeles when she isn't filming in Vancouver, BC.

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**JACK WAGNER (Bill Avery)** – During a career that has spanned over 30 years, Jack Wagner has proven himself to be not just a triple, but also a quadruple threat. Though most well known for his work in television, Wagner has achieved great recognition as an accomplished stage actor, musician, and holds the rare distinction of being a scratch golfer. Wagner recently starred in and executive produced the original telefilm "The Wedding March," which has now spawned three additional films within the franchise, and he guest starred on Showtime's "Ray Donovan."

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Musically, Wagner recently released his long-awaited, sixth full-length album, *On the Porch*. A collection of 12 original songs, all written or co-written by the Missouri native, the album takes Wagner back to his Americana roots. *On the Porch*, produced by Dave Darling, has an authentic down-home feel brimming with textured acoustic instrumentation (slide guitar, dobro, mandolin, etc.). The collaboration resulted in a thoroughly gratifying 41-minute listening experience.

In 1983, after graduating from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Wagner landed the starring role on the number one daytime series, "General Hospital." Portraying rocker Frisco Jones afforded him the opportunity to record songs for the show, which eventually led to a multi-album deal with Quincy Jones' Warner Bros. imprint, Qwest Records. Wagner's debut LP released in 1984, spawned a massive hit single in the title track, "All I Need." He would go on to release four follow-up albums, generating four more top 40 singles.

Wagner's draw to the theater led him to star in two widely heralded national touring productions, first as Tony in *West Side Story* in 1987, and next playing Danny Zuko in *Grease* in 1988. His work in theater culminated in 2000 when he was cast in the title role(s) of a lifetime in the Broadway production of *Jekyll and Hyde*.

In the 1990s Wagner jumped to primetime television as Dr. Peter Burns on the hit show "Melrose Place" where he spent five years on the set as, not only an actor, but directing episodes as well. More television opportunities followed, including a nine-year run on the huge national and international hit series "The Bold and The Beautiful," numerous guest starring roles on shows such as "Hot in Cleveland," "Castle," "Monk" and 16 movies of the week, for which he was producer on several of them. Wagner was also featured in Season 14 of "Dancing with the Stars."

As a golfer, Wagner has emerged victorious in six club championships at his home course in Los Angeles, The BelAir Country Club. In 1990, partnered with John Cook, he won the Pebble Beach AT&T ProAm event. Additionally, he is a two-time winner of the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship which takes place each July in Lake Tahoe and is broadcasted live on NBC.

Also philanthropically inclined, Wagner is the National Celebrity Ambassador of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which benefits from the annual Jack Wagner Celebrity Golf Classic. Wagner has spent many tireless hours for this charity, fueled by a personal connection to the disease, having lost his father to blood cancer in 1990, and his brother's leukemia diagnosis in 1999.

Equally comfortable on screen, stage, singing and playing guitar for a live audience, or lining up a 30-foot putt, Jack Wagner is a fearless performer just now hitting his stride.

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**PASCALE HUTTON (Rosemary Coulter)** – Pascale Hutton grew up in Creston, BC, with hippie parents who harvested their own honey and were huge proponents of the vegetarian dishes in the Moosewood Cookbook. Her childhood was spent swimming in the raging Goat River, chasing chickens, and swinging from a trapeze her dad constructed out of old piping and rope.

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After performing in living room productions of *Winnie the Pooh* and *The Life and Death of Marie Antoinette*, Hutton went on to study in University of Alberta’s BFA acting program. Although she studied Shakespeare, contact improv, neutral mask and voice, the exercise she credits with truly honing her craft is walking blindfold with a bowlful of water and picking up a shoe. After graduating she wound up in Vancouver because of her desire to eat great sushi, walk along the seawall and work as an actor. All three aspirations have turned out quite well.

Among her many roles on television and in film, Hutton starred in CBC’s drama “Arctic Air;” had a recurring role in Syfy’s “Sanctuary” and guest starred on USA’s “Royal Pains,” ABC’s “Once Upon a Time,” FOX’s “Fringe” and ABC’s “Rookie Blue,” to name a few. In addition to her role on “When Calls the Heart,” Hutton also starred in the Hallmark Channel Original Movies “Wedding of Dreams,” “The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells,” “The Perfect Bride,” “Summer of Dreams” and “Recipe for Love.”

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**KAVAN SMITH (Leland “Lee” Coulter)** – Kavan Smith is an intelligent, thoughtful actor, blessed with a wide and versatile range. Born in Edmonton, Alberta both Smith and his brother were raised by his father when his parents divorced. He excelled in many sports as a child and focused on football and martial arts. During his teenage years he cultivated a love for performing with a friend. They would often skip school to record and rehearse skits they would eventually take public on local busses and to shopping centers. After graduation, Smith attended the University of Calgary and worked towards a degree in Economics but dropped out after a year and-a-half.

He spent a year contemplating his next move and then enrolled in the Mount Royal University performing arts program. It was here that Smith developed a love of books and started writing. Soon after graduating he landed a lead role on the Canadian television show “Destiny Ridge” and moved to Vancouver. Smith has been continuously adding versatile film and television roles to his acting repertoire since discovering his passion for performance.

In 1999, he caught the eye of Brian DePalma and was cast in the sci-fi adventure *Mission to Mars*. Since then he has played key roles in FOX’s “Human Target,” The CW series “Smallville” and “Supernatural;” Syfy’s “The Outer Limits,” “Sanctuary” and “Battlestar Galactica;” USA’s “Fairly Legal” and DirecTV’s “Rogue.” Smith has also had large recurring roles in USA’s “The 4400” as Jed Garrity, Syfy’s “Stargate: Atlantis” as Major Evan Lorne, Syfy’s “Eureka” as Deputy Andy, ABC’s “Mistresses” as Ellis Boone, The CW’s “Supernatural” as Cuthbert Sinclair and recently, in the hit Netflix/BBC show, “Dirk Gently’s Holistic Detective Agency.”

In addition to his role on “When Calls the Heart,” Smith recently starred in the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original “Hello, It’s Me” and the Hallmark Channel Original Movies “Wedding Bells,” “The Perfect Bride” and “The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells.”

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**CHRIS MCNALLY (Lucas Bouchard)** – Canadian actor Chris McNally has appeared in several critically acclaimed films and television series spanning his career of more than a decade. He has guest starred on several hit television series, including FOX’s “Lucifer” and “Killer Instinct,” the Emmy®-nominated TNT series “Falling Skies” and The CW’s “Supernatural.” Recently, McNally was seen in a recurring role in the hit Netflix series “Altered Carbon.”

McNally has appeared in television movies, including the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Originals “The Sweetest Heart,” “Rocky Mountain Christmas,” “Eat, Drink & Be Buried: A Gourmet Detective Mystery” and “Hearts of Christmas;” PixL Entertainment’s “Same Time Next Week” and ABC’s “Beauty and the Beast: A Dark Tale.” In 2019, McNally will appear in a starring role in “Heaven,” Lifetime’s highly anticipated television movie based on the VC Andrews Book of the same name.

On the big screen, McNally starred in the critically acclaimed features *John Apple Jack* and *The Orchard*.

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**KEVIN MCGARRY (Nathan Grant)** – Kevin McGarry was recently seen on season 11 of CBC’s hit show “Heartland,” and will be in the upcoming season 12. 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 *xXx: 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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**PAUL GREENE (Carson Shepherd)** – In 2004, Paul Greene’s passion for acting brought him to Los Angeles. After studying in New York at Stella Adler, Uta Hagen’s HB Studios and Susan Batson’s Black Nexxus, Greene’s commitment to developing his craft continued in Los Angeles at Improv Olympic West, The Groundlings, Ivanna Chubbuck, Margie Haber and Sandy Marshal. Greene has appeared in Sofia Coppola’s *Somewhere* and in the hit HBO series “The Newsroom.”

His television experience reveals a broad range of characters and considerable versatility including 42 episodes on FOX’s “Wicked Wicked Games” as Tatum O’Neal’s love interest, appearances on ABC’s “Freddie,” “Eastwick” and “The Whole Truth” (Jerry Bruckheimer); CBS’s “CSI: NY,” “CSI,” “Shark” and “NCIS;” NBC’s “My Own Worst Enemy,” and “Harry’s Law;” FOX’s “The Wedding

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Bells” (David E. Kelley);Lifetime’s “The Client List;” HBO’s “The Newsroom;” Adult Swim’s “NTSF:SD:SUV;” SyFy’s “Bitten” and Bravo’s “Girlfriends Guide to Divorce.” Greene has also starred in more than 100 television commercials.

Recently, Greene starred in the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original “Christmas in Angel Falls,” and the Hallmark Channel Original Movies “My Favorite Wedding,” “Campfire Kiss,” “A Wish for Christmas,” “Anything for Love,” “A Christmas Detour” and “Perfect Match.”

From a small family farm in Alberta, Canada, Greene was discovered by renowned talent agent Kelly Streit. He is an avid pilot, accomplished musician, singer and filmmaker. He was recently featured in and helped film a documentary following five riders on motorcycles through the Himalayas from north India to the Tibetan plateau called *The Highest Pass*.

In November, Greene took the stage at Carnegie Hall in a performance benefitting Kate Winslet’s Golden Hat Foundation. Greene has worked to help find a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) through the creation of Art for ALS.

Paul Greene lives in Los Angeles with his partner, Kate and his son, Oliver.

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