



## **'SAILING INTO LOVE'**

### **Cast Bios**

**LEAH RENEE (Claire Richards)** – Multi-platform talent Leah Renee has captured the attention of the entertainment industry and has positioned herself as a leading lady in Hollywood. She began her career at just five years old and appeared in more than 50 commercials and on the pages of countless catalogues and magazines by the time she was 15.

Renee burst onto the Hollywood scene after being cast as Bunny Alice on the NBC/Imagine Television series "The Playboy Club." Renee was next cast as the lead character in the television comedy "Satisfaction," which depicted life on the edge of adulthood and navigating the transition. Other small screen credits include "I Was a Sixth Grade Alien" and "My Babysitter is a Vampire;" "Blue Mountain State" for Spike TV; "True Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet" for Lifetime; "MVP" for CBC; "Runaway" for The CW; "Degraasi: The Next Generation" for CTV and "The Snow Queen" for BBC. She starred in "Mission Control," produced by Will Ferrell, Adam McKay and Krysten Ritter (also starring Ritter). She appeared in the independent film *Stag* alongside Donald Faison and Eva Amurri and in an episode of NBC's "Grimm." Most recently, she starred in UpTV's "A Snow Capped Christmas" and the independent feature *Best Thanksgiving Ever*.

Renee has enjoyed an extremely successful voiceover career as well, having appeared as the voice of many television favorites such as Beaver in the beloved animated series "Franklin" (Nickelodeon), "Growing Up Creepie" (Discovery Kids), "Atomic Betty" (Breakthrough Entertainment) and "Stickin Around" (Nelvana).

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**CHRIS MCNALLY (Captain Tom)** – Canadian actor Chris McNally has appeared in several critically acclaimed films and television series spanning his career of more than a decade. Next, he will appear as Lucas Bouchard in upcoming episodes of Hallmark Channel's hit drama series "When Calls the Heart." 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 had a recurring role in the Netflix series "Altered Carbon."

McNally has starred in numerous television movies, most recently Hallmark Channel's "A Winter Princess" and "The Sweetest Heart." Others include the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Originals "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."

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

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