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THE WORLDWIDE LEADER IN *Celebrations*

'A HOMECOMING FOR THE HOLIDAYS'

Synopsis

When singer/songwriter Charlotte (Laura Osnes), a small-town girl from Montana, first meets Matt (Stephen Huszar), a career army guy, she's singing for the men and women being deployed, and he's taking the troops to the airport on his third tour. Among those being deployed is Charlotte's brother Eric (Jessie Irving), whose proud parents toast his leave with hot cocoa as they wipe away tears and prepare to say goodbye to Charlotte as well. With her first album about to be produced, she's a rising star, and though she and Matt feel the spark between them, they're headed off in different directions.

Fast forward three years and Charlotte's finally coming home for Christmas with two albums under her belt and a demanding record label that wants more. Glad to spend the holidays with her family after an exhaustive tour, Charlotte needs a break from fame and false publicity. Though her brief romance with fellow country singer Taylor (Markian Tarastuk) is over, the fans love them together. It's awkward, especially since Taylor used to be the headliner but not gets second billing to Charlotte, whose career is skyrocketing.

Now a civilian, Matt is also back in Charlotte's hometown and working for Operation Homefront, an organization helping veterans and their families with housing needs. Matt's only in town until he finishes a house for fellow veteran Dana (Paula Giroday) and her daughter Hadley (Havana Guppy) and is then off to see where else he can be of service. Erick is back home too, with a big decision to make. Although his dad expects him to take over the construction business when he retires, Eric wants to re-enlist to put his language skills to use in Afghanistan.

Although Charlotte is supposed to be relaxing and enjoying the town's holiday festivities, her manager Gretchen (Loosen Chambers) arrives with big news. Charlotte's been asked to be on the Country Home Christmas Special, live in Nashville on the 23rd, and the network wants her to sing an original duet with Taylor. It's an opportunity Charlotte can't refuse, even if it means writing a new song and leaving when all she wants is to be with her family and Matt, who she's grown close to despite their separate worlds.

Luckily, writing comes easily for Charlotte, especially when she's around what inspires her – family, relationships and the community spirit of her hometown. And the network agreed to film the special from her hometown. Even Charlotte and Matt look like they might be figuring out how to shorten the distance between their independent lives. Too bad a nosy reporter snaps a photo of Charlotte with Taylor that appears to show them kissing. Fame has its perks, but it also can create misunderstandings. It's another hurdle for true love to overcome, and who knows, maybe one of Charlotte's lyrics will prove to be right in making their love work: "Moving mountains is easy when we choose to push together."

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