HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE, DION JOHNSTONE AND PATTI LABELLE STAR IN ‘A FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT’
A NEW ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES

Part of the Network’s annual “Miracles of Christmas” programming event

STUDIO CITY, CA – November 15, 2019 – Holly Robinson Peete ("Morning Show Mysteries: Murder Most Fair," “Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy”) and Dion Johnstone (“Sweet Magnolias,” “Star Falls”), along with Patti LaBelle (“Star,” “Christmas Everlasting”) star in Hallmark Movies & Mysteries “A Family Christmas Gift,” a new original premiering Sunday, December 22, (9 p.m. ET/PT), on Hallmark Channel as part of the network’s annual “Miracles of Christmas” programming event.

When music magazine editor Amber (Peete) goes to Colorado for Christmas with her aunt Dora (LaBelle), the famous singer Dora DuChamp, she bosses the handsome driver who meets her. Later, she learns he’s Alan (Johnstone), Dora’s friend, the school music teacher, who was doing her a favor. Off to a frosty start, Amber and Alan are none too happy to find out at the tree lighting Dora has volunteered them to organize the school fundraiser. In charge of the event for years, Alan bristles when Amber wants to turn it into an elaborate gala. Claiming it’s a showcase for the kids since the music program is funded by a grant, Alan is blasé when Amber leaves. But when the grant is canceled, he becomes open to Amber’s ideas, especially when her magazine becomes a sponsor. But, of course, there’s one condition: Amber must get Dora, who isn’t fond of the press, to give an interview. Agreeing to write the article herself, Amber convinces Dora and the two enjoy catching up in the process. As Alan and Amber warm up while planning everything, all is going well, until the auditorium pipes burst. Luckily, Dora comes to the rescue, suggesting the church holds the event and offering to come out of retirement to draw people in.
With the fundraiser a success, the warmth between Alan and Amber grows into a romantic flame. Too bad Amber is offered a huge promotion that will launch her career.

“A Family Christmas Gift” is a Gift Road Productions Ltd film. Charles Cooper is the producer. Allen Lewis, Holly Robinson Peete, Orly Adelson, Harvey Kahn are executive producers on the movie. Kevin Fair directed from a teleplay by Amber Benson and Alex Wright.

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