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'ANGEL FALLS: A NOVEL HOLIDAY'

Cast Bios

JEN LILLEY (Hannah) – A star on both the silver and small screens, including the Academy Award®-winning film *The Artist*, the iconic daytime television series “Days of Our Lives” and “General Hospital.” Actress/singer/philanthropist Lilley has tackled countless roles throughout her illustrious career. Her Hallmark Channel Originals include “Yes, I Do,” “Harvest Love,” “Eat, Play, Love,” “A Dash of Love,” “Mingle All the Way,” “Winter Love Story,” “Paris, Wine & Romance,” and “Love Unleashed.”

Lilley’s creative prowess does not end when the director yells cut, since she is also a renowned singer and songwriter. She released her first original single, “King of Hearts” in the fall of 2018, with 100% of her initial proceeds going to Project Orphans to provide lifesaving heart surgery for a boy named John. Her debut album is set to release in 2020, featuring songs by Rosie Danvers and her 50-piece orchestra.

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 family. She received the National Educators Award for her work in Guatemala and is known for advocating for children’s rights and supporting charities that focus on foster care, adoption, protecting children against physical and sexual abuse, human trafficking, and the world water crisis. She recently became an adoptive parent and is a celebrity ambassador to many charities such as the child abuse and treatment organization Childhelp, ECPAT and The Dave Thomas Foundation to name a few.

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CARLO MARKS (Ryan) – Carlo Marks was recently featured as the recurring character Cillian in The CW’s hit show “The 100,” and he also appeared as William Seaver in The CW’s “The Flash.” In addition, he spent three seasons in the role of David Peck on Hallmark Channel’s “Chesapeake Shores” opposite Meghan Ory and Jesse Metcalfe. His other memorable roles on television include Alec Abrams aka Stephen Swift in The CW’s hit show “Smallville,” and appearances on “Pretty Little Liars” (ABC Family), and “Stargate Universe” (Syfy).

Marks starred in “The Deadly Pledge” opposite Leighton Meester and Kaley Cuoco, “3 Times a Charm,” and he worked with Tom Green and director David Mitchell in both *Revenge of the Boarding School Dropouts* and *Shred*. Additional film credits include *The Bone of the Whale*, *Crossroads*, *Indie Jonesing*, and *Sex, Drugs & Awkward Office Encounters*. He was also featured in the webseries “Lovebites,” produced by Paul Reiser.

A regular member of the theater community in Vancouver, Marks made his directorial debut last summer with John Patrick Shanley's *The Dreamer Examines His Pillow*. He is a graduate of the University of Victoria, and he has studied at the Lyric School of Acting.

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ERIC CLOSE (Anthony) -- Eric Close is currently starring opposite Tommy Flanagan in the Amazon film *Legal Action* as an attorney who must defend his brother-in-law on a murder charge. He can also be seen starring in the war drama *Indivisible* based on a true story about a family's real-life events during the 2007 Iraqi war.

Previously, Close starred opposite Connie Britton in the hit series "Nashville," created by Oscar®-winning writer Callie Khouri for the ABC network. Before this, Close starred for almost a decade on the critically acclaimed CBS series "Without a Trace," nominated for a Golden Globe® for best ensemble cast. Close then teamed up again with the network as the lead of their dramedy series "Chaos" directed by Brett Ratner. He also starred as the crafty lawyer, Travis Tanner on the critically acclaimed USA series "Suits" opposite Gabriel Macht and Patrick Adams. On the feature side, Close joined Bradley Cooper in Clint Eastwood's, *American Sniper* for Warner Bros, playing DIA Agent Snead.

Past credits include the series "American Horror Story," "The Magnificent Seven," "Now and Again," "Dark Skies, and "McKenna." He also took on a number of long-form features including *Seven Deadly Sins, Christmas Crime Story, Hercules, Follow the Stars Home, The Stranger Beside Me, Long Island Fever, Without Consent, and Unanswered Prayers*, which was produced by Garth Brooks, and based on his hit song of the same name. Last, but not least, Close appeared in the Golden Globe® nominated mini-series, "Taken," which was executive produced by Steven Spielberg.

Behind the camera, Close is also an accomplished director. In addition to directing episodes of "Nashville" and "Without a Trace," he recently finished directing and acting in his fourth feature for Hallmark Channel, which included the network's highly rated Christmas films, "Christmas at Graceland," "Wedding at Graceland," and "Christmas at Graceland: Home for the Holidays." In addition, he just finished directing the upcoming Hallmark Hall of Fame film, "A Christmas Love Story," in which he starred alongside Kristin Chenoweth and Scott Wolf.

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