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'NATURE OF LOVE'

Cast Bios

EMILIE ULLERUP (Katie) – Born in Copenhagen, Denmark to a diplomatic family, Emilie Ullerup grew up all over the world. After graduating, Ullerup knew she had to pursue her ever-growing appetite for acting. She made the choice to leave her native Denmark to move to Vancouver, Canada, where she attended the Vancouver Film School.

Post film school, Ullerup managed to secure a top agent and was sent out on her first real-life audition to book at real-life job. And she did. This out-of-the-gates hot streak continued that same year when she booked leading roles in two television shows: "jPod" and the worldwide sci-fi success, "Sanctuary." "jPod" garnered her Best Female Lead in a Dramatic Series at the Leo Awards, which celebrate excellence in film and television.

Ullerup continued her journey and enjoyed versatility in her work bouncing between genres of drama, horror, action and comedy. She spent three seasons on the hit show "Arctic Air" as the lovably temperamental Swedish pilot, Astrid – a role which earned her multiple nominations for Leo Awards and UBCP Awards over several seasons of the series.

Ullerup is best known for her role as playwright and bookstore owner Bree O'Brien in Hallmark Channel's acclaimed family drama, "Chesapeake Shores." She has recently been seen in the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original "Christmas Bells Are Ringing," the Netflix feature film, "True Memoirs of an International Assassin," opposite Kevin James, and *Life on the Line*, opposite John Travolta and Kate Bosworth. Her other credits include "Battlestar Galactica" (NBC), "Supernatural" (The CW) and "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" (Hallmark Movies & Mysteries).

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CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL (Will) -- Christopher Russell is a first generation Canadian, born in Toronto to British parents.

His many television credits include series regular roles on BBC America's cult hit "Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency" and Lifetime's critically acclaimed series "UnREAL." Recurring and guest star roles include CBS's "Star Trek: Discovery," Amazon Prime's "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," SyFy's "Van Helsing," The CW's "iZombie," "Supernatural," "Beauty and the Beast," "Nakita" and last year's "BH 90210." Russell was also the lead in ABC Family/Freeform's sitcom pilot "Gorgeous Morons," created by the "The Office" alums Lee Eisenberg and Gene Stupinisky, and written by Danny Chun.

Russell has starred in multiple TV movies, including the lead in "Love Unleashed," "Mr. 365," "Wedding Bells," "Midnight Masquerade," "Love, Again" and "Merry Matrimony," among many others.

On the big screen, Russell's credits include the lead role in the indie thriller *Gone Tomorrow*, *Center Stage: Turn It Up*, the late George A. Romero's *Land of the Dead*, as well as *The Right Kind of Wrong*, which was an official selection for the Toronto International Film Festival in 2013.

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