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## JILL WAGNER AND KRISTOFFER POLAHA STAR IN 'MYSTERY 101: AN EDUCATION IN MURDER,' A NEW ORIGINAL PREMIERING, MARCH 29, ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES



STUDIO CITY, CA – February 29, 2020 – Jill Wagner ("Hearts of Winter," "Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses") and Kristoffer Polaha ("Double Holiday," *Wonder Woman 1984*) star in "Mystery 101: An Education in Murder," a new original premiering <u>Sunday, March 29, (9p.m. ET/PT)</u>, on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

Professor Amy Winslow (Wagner) can't believe her colleague, a Mark Twain scholar, is capable of murder, and yet there he sits in prison for injecting strychnine into the asthma inhaler of a professor who recently uncovered an early draft of <u>Huck Finn</u> at an estate sale. Determined to prove her friend's innocence, Amy enlists the help of Detective Travis Burke (Polaha), whose predecessor is the very same cop who convicted Amy's colleague. Now the retired police officer is stubbornly insisting his arrest should stand and he's going to great lengths to see that it does. But Amy's not the only one who thinks his conviction should be overturned. A young woman has arrived in town who is working on a book about the case, which is remarkably similar to a five-year-old unsolved murder involving a different poisoned professor who had just accused a student of plagiarism. Both murders certainly bring a whole new meaning to the age old saying "publish or perish."

"Mystery 101: An Education in Murder" is a Lighthouse Pictures Inc. production. Kristofer McNeeley is the executive producer and John MacCarthy, Kevin Leslie, Jamie Goehring and Shawn Williamson are producers. Michael Robison directed from a screenplay by John Christian Plummer.

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