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## **'FOLLOW ME TO DAISY HILLS'**

### **Cast Bios**

**CINDY BUSBY (Jo Mason)** – Cindy Busby has been making waves in Hollywood on the big and small screens alike. Growing up in Montreal, Canada, Busby always dreamed of becoming an actress. From the time she was a child she loved performing for an audience, and throughout her elementary school and high school years she devoted herself to every theater school production. Upon graduating from high school, Busby was accepted into the Professional Theater Program at Dawson College in Montreal and was admitted from amongst hundreds of applicants. The rigorous, three-year training allowed Busby to demonstrate her professionalism, hard work and devotion and was presented with an award of academic excellence.

Busby notes her first passion in the business was theater as she honed her acting skills on the stage while in school and right after graduation. In 2005, Busby crossed into television and film and was given her first lead in the story of the Canadian medical hero Norman Bethune in the television series "Bethune." She filmed in rural China for two and-a-half months and the series attracted several million viewers. In 2006, Busby played a supporting lead in the Lifetime original film "A Life Interrupted" opposite Lea Thompson and landed a regular role on the series "Heartland." Cast as Ashley Stanton, a rich, self-righteous, competitive horseback rider, the series took off and has been nominated for several Gemini Awards as well as winning a Director's Guild of Canada prize, all while becoming one of the most popular shows on Canadian television as well as syndicated in over 81 countries around the world.

Throughout the following years Busby continued having success booking roles, first landing the lead antagonist in the "Picture This" alongside Ashley Tisdale, Shenae Grimes-Beech and Kevin Pollack, and appearing on the smash hit series "The Vampire Diaries" on The CW. In 2011, Busby appeared on the big screen in Fox 2000 Pictures' *The Big Year*, in which she was seen opposite Hollywood heavy hitters such as Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson.

Busby's resume also features guest starring roles on The CW shows, "Supernatural," "The LA Complex" and "The Secret Circle," a guest star spot on USA's "Rush," TNT's "Proof" and she was seen heavily recurring on Hallmark Channel's "Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove." Most recently, she starred in the Hallmark Mysteries & Movies Original "A Godwink Christmas: Meant for Love," and starred in Hallmark Channel Original Movies "Wedding March 5: My Boyfriend's Back," "Royal Hearts" and "Marrying Mr. Darcy." In addition, she was seen as a series regular on UpTV's "Date My Dad" and starring opposite Vivica A. Fox in the Lifetime's "The Wrong Stepmother."

Busby starred in "Love in the Forecast," which recently premiered on Hallmark Channel, and can next be seen in "Romance on the Menu" and "Chasing Waterfalls".

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**MARSHALL WILLIAMS (Blake)** – Marshall Williams recently completed shooting the independent feature *The Ice Road* opposite Liam Neeson and Laurence Fishburne. Directed by Jonathan Hensleigh, the film tells the story of a rescue mission over a frozen lake to save trapped miners in a collapsed diamond mine in the far northern regions of Canada.

Marshall currently recurs on the Hallmark Channel series "When Hope Calls" as Sam Tremblay, a drifter with a mysterious past who disrupts the peaceful existence of two of the town's residents. Additional credits include a recurring role on the FOX series "Glee" and a lead role in the Disney Channel television movie "How to Build a Better Boy."

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