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'AURORA TEAGARDEN MYSTERIES: HOW TO CON A CON'

Cast Bios

CANDACE CAMERON BURE (Aurora Teagarden) – Bure lights up the entertainment industry as a role model to women of all ages, reaching millions of fans. She is an award-winning actress and producer, New York Times Best-Selling Author, wife, and proud mother of three. Viewers watched Bure grow up as 'D.J. Tanner' in the beloved television series "Full House" and today see the iconic role reprised on the original Netflix hit series, "Fuller House." She has remained a staple in the homes and hearts of families across the country after her successful and Emmy-Nominated tenure as a host on the TV show "The View" as well in her record-breaking and ongoing series of Christmas and mystery movies for Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

Bure is an accomplished businesswoman boasting an array of successful entrepreneurial endeavors such as Candy Rock Entertainment and prominent partnerships with Walmart, DaySpring, StarKist, CookCraft, Dr. Lancer Skincare and more. Bure has successfully authored six inspirational books including the children's stories, Candace Center Stage and Grow Candace Grow. She uses her many gifts in communication as a philanthropist. She is passionate about non-profits Compassion International, Skip1.org and many more. She continues to build a strong, ambitious and kind community wherever she goes.

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NIALL MATTER (Nick Miller) – Originally from small town Alberta, Canada, Niall Matter started out working on the oil rigs before pursuing a career in film and television. He got his first break when he signed on as Trent Hamilton for the hit Canadian TV series "The Best Years."

Matter is perhaps best known for his series regular role as Zane Donovan on Syfy's "Eureka" and as the lead, Evan Cross, on Syfy's "Primeval: New World." Matter maintains a balance of work on Canadian as well as American projects including guest starring roles on ABC's "The Good Doctor" alongside Freddie Highmore and Nicholas Gonzalez, NBC's "Constantine" and The CW's "Supernatural" and "iZombie." Matter also played a lead role alongside Julia Stiles in TNT's pilot "Guilt by Association," directed by Nelson McCormick.

Previous credits include a major recurring role as ER doctor Peter Cutler on the Canadian drama "Remedy," with Enrico Colantoni and Sara Canning. He had a starring role in the independent feature film *Chokeslam* alongside Amanda Crew and Michael Eklund, as well as in *Ally Was Screaming* opposite Camille Sullivan. Notably, Matter was hand-selected to portray the Mothman in Zach Snyder's feature film *Watchmen* and had major recurring roles on "Melrose Place" and The CW's "90210."

Most recently, Matter starred in the Hallmark Channel original movie "Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater," and before that, "Christmas at Dollywood" opposite Danica McKellar, "Stop the Wedding" with Alan Thicke and Rachel Boston and "Frozen in Love" with Rachael Leigh Cook. On Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, Matter played Ian in "Finding Father Christmas," "Engaging Father Christmas" and "Marrying Father Christmas." This marks his fourth "Aurora Teagarden Mysteries" movie portraying Nick Miller.

Matter had a large supporting role in *The Predator*, filming every scene opposite Emmy Award-winning actor Sterling K. Brown.

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MARILU HENNER (Aida Teagarden) – With the energy of a teenager, the wisdom of a sage, and the memory of a superhero, Marilu Henner has deservedly earned the nickname "Perpetual Motion." Along with starring in over 30 films, six Broadway shows, and two hit classic sitcoms, "Taxi" and "Evening Shade," this five-time Golden Globe® nominee is also a New York Times best-selling author of 10 books on health, parenting, memory and lifestyle improvement. Her books, including bestseller Changing Normal: How I Helped My Husband Beat Cancer, as well as Total Health Makeover, The 30-Day Total Health Makeover, Total Memory Makeover, I Refuse to Raise a Brat, Healthy Life Kitchen, Healthy Kids, Healthy Holidays, Wear Your Life Well, and By All Means Keep On Moving, have changed the lives of millions in her quest to make the world a healthier place.

Along with hosting her own nationally syndicated radio show, "The Marilu Henner Show," Henner has previously hosted and executive produced two talk shows ("Marilu" and "Shape Up Your Life"), and has guest-starred on most major talk shows, earning her the title "Talk Show Guest of the Year" several years in a row. As a two-time competitor on Donald Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" (2008) and "Celebrity Apprentice All-Stars" (2013), she made it to the Final Five and played for her favorite charities: The Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) and the Alzheimer's Association. In fact, at PCRM's 25th Anniversary Gala she was awarded their Voice of Compassion Award.

As one of only 12 people documented with Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory, Marilu was the subject of a three-part special on "60 Minutes" and on "60 Minutes Australia," as well as news programs and newspaper articles around the globe. She also served as the consultant on the CBS series "Unforgettable," which premiered in the fall of 2011. Her ninth book, Total Memory Makeover: Uncover Your Past, Take Charge of Your Future! was released in 2012, and became an instant New York Times and Publishers Weekly Best Seller. The release of her book was followed by a national multi-media book tour, which included appearances on "Nightline," "Good Morning America," "The View," "Anderson," "Piers Morgan" and "The Talk," to name a few. Her 10th book, Changing Normal: How I Cured My Husband's Cancer, was released in 2016, and became the number one book on Amazon its first day.

With an acting career that continues to thrive, Henner most recently starred in feature films *Life with Dog*, *In-Lawfully Yours*, *Vamps* and film festival darling *Imperfections*. In addition to starring with Candace Cameron Bure in the ongoing Hallmark Movies & Mysteries "Aurora Teagarden Mysteries" franchise, based on the books by Charlaine Harris, some of her other Hallmark films include "Love, Lights, Hanukkah!," "Love on a Limb," "Hitched for the Holidays," "June In January"

and "High School Holiday Reunion." Henner also starred in the finale of "Two and a Half Men" (playing Ashton Kutcher's love interest), in a recurring role on the Golden Globe® winning sitcom "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" with Andy Samberg, and as Robin Williams' ex-wife and Sarah Michelle Gellar's mother on the season finale of "The Crazy Ones." Broadway audiences have seen her in *Chicago* starring as Roxie Hart, *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* and most recently *Gettin' The Band Back Together*. Additionally, she co-starred (as Masha) with Christopher Durang (as Vanya) in his Tony Award winning play *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* and *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, both at the Bucks County Playhouse. Henner also tours around the country in her one-woman cabaret show, *A Memorable Evening with Marilu Henner!* which debuted at New York's famed 54 Below to rave reviews.

Henner was a pioneer on the Internet, starting her own website, Marilu.com in 1999. In 2000, she began teaching online classes for her growing membership as well as offering online counseling and support along with her 20 coaches who teach her Total Health Makeover (THM) lifestyle.

She has spoken before Congress on seven occasions about various subjects ranging from dietary supplements, to women's cardiovascular disease, to The Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 2010, to the Veggie Caucus, to deadbeat parents. She was also one of only two private citizens selected to contribute to the shaping of our government's food pyramid. In January of 2014, she again faced Congress to present her recommendations for the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Henner frequently lectures throughout the country as a keynote speaker and motivator for professional organizations, universities, government agencies, interest groups, and corporations on topics including memory, diet and fitness, women's health issues, cardiovascular disease, cancer survival, and child rearing, as well as lifestyle, entertainment, and business organization strategies.

In 2016, she competed on the 23rd season of "Dancing with the Stars" on ABC reaching the quarterfinals with partner Derek Hough.

Henner is married to Michael Brown, CEO of Browntrout Publishers, and is the busy mother of two sons, Nick and Joey. Because she practices what she preaches, Henner has truly become the quintessential portrait of what health and fitness can do for one's life, and she loves to give back to her community in so many ways.

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LEXA DOIG (Sally Allison) – Lexa Doig returns to her role as Aurora's friend Sally Allison in Hallmark Movies & Mysteries' "Aurora Teagarden Mysteries" series. Most recently she has been seen in "Virgin River" in the role of Paige Lassiter and recurred in "Arrow" as Talia al Ghul. Previously, Doig starred as DeAnn Anderson, wife of Terence Anderson (Michael Vartan), in E!'s scripted drama series "The Arrangement" and was featured in the Canadian mini-series "Unspeakable."

Doig starred for five seasons as the Andromeda Ascendant in Gene Roddenberry's "Andromeda" on Syfy alongside Kevin Sorbo and went on to co-star for two seasons on the network's "Continuum." In addition, she has appeared in episodes of numerous popular series, including "V," "Smallville," "Stargate SG-1," "Saving Hope" and "Eureka," among others.

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PETER BENSON (Det. Arthur Smith) – Canadian actor Peter Benson boasts an extensive resume of work on both sides of the border. Benson is instantly recognizable to Hallmark Channel viewers for his roles in the Hallmark Channel original movies “My Favorite Wedding,” “Falling for Vermont,” “Walking the Dog,” “Christmas List,” “The Mystery Cruise,” “A Bride for Christmas” and “Nobody’s Fool,” as well as his recurring role as Detective Arthur Smith in Hallmark Movies & Mysteries “Aurora Teagarden Mysteries” movies and the network’s “Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Home Again.” In addition, Benson stepped behind the camera and directed “Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Heist and Seek,” the 13th installment in the franchise.

Benson starred in the Lifetime movies “Britney Ever After,” “Perfect High,” “The Pregnancy Project,” “Taken from Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story,” “High Noon,” and “Are You My Daughter?” He was a recurring guest star in the Disney XD series “Mech-X4” and the Netflix series “The Healing Powers of Dude.” He has also guest-starred in episodes of numerous popular primetime series, including “A Million Little Things,” “Backstrom,” “Hell on Wheels,” “Salvation,” “The Good Doctor,” “Arrow,” “The Killing,” “Psych,” “The L Word,” “Supernatural,” “Stargate-SG-1” and “Smallville,” to name a few.

Benson has appeared in nearly 50 feature films, most recently MGM’s *Everything, Everything*. Others include *District 9*, *Blonde and Blonder*, *Smokin’ Aces 2: Assassin’s Ball*, *Wingman*, *The Break-Up Artist*, *Death Do Us Part*, *Afterparty* and *Marrying the Family*, in which he starred and directed.

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