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'THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS'

Cast Bios

DEAN CAIN (Michael Sherman) – Dean Cain garnered international attention portraying a national icon on television, and he has since parlayed his craft into an accomplished film and producing career.

Cain starred in the drama "Our Child is Missing," based on a true story about a small town that bands together to find a missing child. He also completed production on the independent comedy, "Five Dollars a Day" alongside Christopher Walken, Sharon Stone and Amanda Peet. The film follows the conservative son of a thrifty conman who begrudgingly joins his father on the road after being released from jail for one of his dad's earlier crimes.

Cain also starred in "Final Approach," a Hallmark Original Movie Event about a group of militant American terrorists aboard a doomed airliner. He was also seen in the controversial "September Dawn," a love story written and directed by Cain's father, Christopher Cain; the movie is set during a tense encounter between a wagon train of settlers and a renegade Mormon group.

Cain's other film credits include "Out of Time," opposite Denzel Washington and Eva Mendes, the independent film "Lost" and "Bailey's Millions," opposite Tim Curry. On the small screen, Cain has played guest roles on "CSI: Miami" and "Smallville." He also recently starred in "Crossroads: A Story of Forgiveness," a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation on CBS, "The Gambler, The Girl and the Gunslinger" and "The Three Gifts" for Hallmark Channel. Cain's other television credits include "The Perfect Husband," "Clubhouse" opposite Christopher Lloyd, "Hope and Faith," and "Law and Order: SVU," a recurring role on "Las Vegas," a starring role in the NBC movie "10.5: Apocalypse" and the Lifetime Original Movies "A Christmas Wedding" and "Making Mr. Right."

Cain's shot to stardom came when he starred as Clark Kent/Superman in the highly acclaimed television series "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman." He has also starred on the big screen in films such as "Rat Race" opposite Whoopi Goldberg, Cuba Gooding Jr., Seth Green, and John Cleese and "The Broken Hearts Club," a romantic comedy that premiered with rave reviews at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival.

Cain grew up in Malibu and made his feature film debut in 1984 in the critically acclaimed "The Stone Boy" with Robert Duvall and Glenn Close. An athlete at heart, he attended Princeton University, where he was an All-American football player and set three NCAA records for interceptions, two of which still stand today. After graduating as Princeton's top athlete, he signed with the Buffalo Bills, but a knee injury ended his professional career before it began. He turned back to acting and starred in the police comedy "Best Men" with Drew Barrymore and Luke Wilson, "Flight of Fancy," the telefilms "Dog Boys," "Rag and Bone," "Christmas Rush,"

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"Futuresport" co-starring Wesley Snipes and Vanessa Williams, as well as the Hallmark Hall of Fame film "The Runaway" with Maya Angelou. Cain also spent a season playing Rick on the popular series "Beverly Hills 90210."

In 1995, Dean added the title of producer to his résumé. His production credits include several smaller films and the hit syndicated series "Ripley's Believe It or Not," which he also hosted. The show premiered as the highest rated original series on cable. He has also developed a number of series with Sony Pictures, including the reality-based "On Parole" and an instructional dance DVD starring choreographers Cris Judd and Eddie Garcia.

Cain currently resides in Los Angeles with his son Christopher.

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Rachel Blanchard (Lauren) – Actress Rachel Blanchard is best known for playing the part of Cher Horowitz on the television series "Clueless." Her career was launched with a part in a McDonald's commercial and as an eight-year-old on the Canadian children's show "The Kids of Degrassi Street", in which she played Melanie Schlegel.

Blanchard went on to co-star in "Alex: The Life of a Child", which was filmed in Canada. Several Canadian-produced efforts followed. She played the daughter of a microbiologist as a regular on the syndicated series "War of the Worlds" and appeared as a co-ed on the prep school comedy-drama "Criss Cross". Additional television work includes the Nickelodeon series "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and the WB's beloved television series "7th Heaven."

Blanchard's Canadian TV-movie "On My Own" received a US theatrical run and she also played a young flyer in "Iron Eagle IV", Rowena in the Canadian TV-movie "Young Ivanhoe" and had a featured role in "The Rage: Carrie 2".

In the past decade, Blanchard has starred in several comedies including "Road Trip", "Sugar & Spice" and "Without a Paddle," she starred opposite Kevin Bacon and Colin Firth in "Where the Truth Lies" and opposite Samuel L. Jackson in the thriller "Snakes on a Plane".

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