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'THE GOOD WITCH'S CHARM'

CAST BIOS

CATHERINE BELL (Cassie) – Best known for her work as the headstrong Marine Corps attorney Lt. Sarah 'Mac' MacKenzie on the action drama series "JAG," Catherine Bell now stars in "Army Wives," the one-hour ensemble drama series on Lifetime. "Army Wives" captures the struggles, dreams and friendships of a diverse group of women – and one man – living with their spouses and families on an active army post. They deal with the pressures and traditions the military imposes on those who are left behind while their partners serve their country. Bell plays Denise Sherwood, a devoted wife who has returned to work as a nurse while her husband is a major in Iraq and whose son was killed in combat in Afghanistan.

Bell was born in London and moved to Los Angeles with her family at the young age of three. While studying biomedical engineering at UCLA, Bell ventured into modeling, which soon led to immediate recognition in both the United States and overseas. Building on her success as a model, she decided to pursue an acting career, which was launched soon thereafter.

Her feature film credits include Universal's mega-hit "Bruce Almighty" opposite Jim Carrey and opposite Steve Carrell in the sequel, "Evan Almighty," as well as "Men of War."

Bell starred in Hallmark Channel's highest-rated original movie series "The Good Witch," "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift" and "The Good Witch's Family" as Cassandra "Cassie" Nightingale. Bell's other recent small screen credits include Lifetime's "Still Small Voices," "Law & Order" and "Friends."

Bell, along with her 2 children, divides her time between their home in Southern California and Charleston, South Carolina where "Army Wives" is filmed.

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CHRIS POTTER (Jake) – Born in Toronto and raised in London, Ontario, Canada, Chris Potter is best known for his starring role as Peter Caine alongside David Carradine in "Kung Fu: The Legend Continues." Potter also starred for three seasons as Det. Sgt. Tom Ryan in "Silk Stalkings" and currently stars in the Canadian television series "Heartland."

He discovered his love of acting in school, but he didn't initially pursue it professionally, working instead as a stockbroker, until he was discovered in an amateur theater production. He soon landed the lead in the Canadian Broadcast Television show "Material World." He also starred opposite Joely Fisher in the Lifetime series "Wild Card." Other TV credits include "Queer as Folk," "The Young and the Restless," "Will & Grace" and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," and the recent TV movie "The Perfect Assistant."

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Potter's feature credits include "Hairspray," "The Pacifier," "Spymate," "Will and Grace," and Hallmark Channel's "The Good Witch," the network's highest-rated film of 2008, "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift" and "The Good Witch's Family." In addition, Potter has lent his voice to animation, bringing the character of Gambit to life on "X-Men: The Animated Series."

In 2001, he received the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival Award for best actor for his first feature film role in the drama "Rocket's Red Glare." Potter and his wife live in Ontario, Canada. They have three daughters and one son.

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CATHERINE DISHER (Martha) – Catherine Disher is a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada. Disher is known for her varied work in series television for which she has received seven Gemini nominations, the first being for her role as Natalie Lambert in the cult vampire series "Forever Knight." She won the Gemini award in 2004 for her role as volatile Federal Cabinet Minister Audrey Flankman in the CBC series "Snakes and Ladders" and won again in 2010 for her role as Superintendent Maggie Norton in the CBC drama "The Border."

Disher has also appeared in many television movies in roles as diverse as showgirl Dulcie Dobbs in the period heist "Grand Larceny," Betty Fox in "The Terry Fox Story" and Chief Catherine Novak in the recent, highly rated Lifetime movie "An Officer And A Murderer." Disher has been honored to portray Martha Tinsdale, the doyenne of Middleton society in the popular Hallmark Channel Original Movies "The Good Witch," "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift" and "The Good Witch's Family."

Disher is also an accomplished voice actress appearing in countless radio dramas; video games such as "Resident Evil" (as Jill Valentine) and cartoons such as "X-Men" (as Jean Grey), "Care Bears," "Atomic Betty," "Babar" and as Mom in the Emmy® winning "Rolie Polie Olie."

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HANNAH ENDICOTT-DOUGLAS (Lori) – After an exhaustive search spanning all across Canada, the hunt for finding someone to play Anne Shirley in the movie "Anne of Green Gables – A New Beginning" (2008), finally came to an end when 12 year-old, Hannah Endicott-Douglas, was selected to reprise the role made famous by Megan Follows.

A Toronto native, Endicott-Douglas landed her first role at the age of nine in "Samantha – An American Girl Holiday," (2004) for Warner Bros. She then went on to star in the Hallmark Channel Original Movies "The Good Witch," "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift" and "The Good Witch's Family."

In addition, Endicott-Douglas has lent her voice for many characters in popular animated shows

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including "Miss BG," "Will and Dewitt" and "My Friend Rabbit." More recently, she can be seen guest starring in various television series such as "Flashpoint" and "Murdoch Mysteries" as well, alongside Kevin Spacey in "Casino Jack." Most important to Endicott-Douglas is that she is an Elementary School Ambassador for the non-profit organization Free The Children.

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NOAH CAPPE (Derek) – Hailing from Toronto, Ontario Noah Cappe began his professional career at the age of 13, starting with the traveling theatre group Stage Kids. After 4 years and hundreds of performances, Noah moved into the world of film, television, and voice. A student of York University's prestigious theatre program and world famous "The Second City," Noah has studied with some of the country's most formidable teachers. There was an immediate demand for Noah's talent in the entertainment industry, and he made his film debut in "Ursa Major" (1997) with Scott Speedman while still in school.

Since then Cappe has had numerous guest starring roles including "Exhibit A," "Real Kids Real Adventures," "The Zack Files," "The 5th Quadrant," "Degrassi: The Next Generation," "Wild Roses," ABC's "Rookie Blue," A&E's "Breakout Kings," Space Channel's "Nikita" and a recurring role on the smash hit "Being Erica." Cappe then broke into the world of voice and had recurring roles on the series "6teen," "Z-Squad" and "The Dating Guy," as well as the series lead for over 50 episodes on "Di-Gata Defenders." Shortly after, Cappe starred in the critically acclaimed Hallmark Channel Original Movie "The Good Witch" with Catherine Bell and Chris Potter, due to huge ratings and overwhelming success they have gone on to make "The Good Witch's Garden," "The Good Witch's Gift" and "The Good Witch's Family" all breaking records in their time slot.

Referred to as a "Rising Canadian Star," Cappe has also enjoyed an exciting film career. Cappe filmed "Rub & Tug" alongside Don McKellar, which went on to be an official selection of the Toronto International Film Festival in 2002. After that, he filmed the critically acclaimed short film "On That Day" alongside acting legend Michael Ironside.

Most recently, Cappe was asked to host the "Vancouver Olympic Torch Relay" live 106-day tour across Canada, the longest in the history of the Olympic games. Performing in over 100 shows and for upwards of half a million people in total. Cappe, having starred in over 100 television commercials and radio ads, recently became the official voice of Molson Canadian across Canada after a massive cross country search.

Cappe has also continued to make appearances in the world of Canadian theatre. In 2005, he starred in the highly praised production of *Little Shop Of Horrors* as the Dentist Orin Scrivello DDS. Cappe has since appeared in Eric Bogosian's *Suburbia*, twice, being asked to reprise his role in another mounting of the show after his success in his original performance.

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