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'LOVE'S CHRISTMAS JOURNEY,'

A HALLMARK CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIE EVENT WORLD PREMIERE NOVEMBER 5

STARRING NATALIE HALL, GREG VAUGHN,

ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINEE SEAN ASTIN,

ACADEMY AWARD® AND THREE-TIME EMMY® AWARD NOMINEE JOBETH WILLIAMS,

EMMY® AWARD WINNER CHARLES SHAUGHNESSY

AND ACADEMY AWARD® AND GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER ERNEST BORGNINE

Four-Hour Movie Event Inspired By Janette Oke's Book Series *Love Comes Softly*

Natalie Hall ("All My Children") and Greg Vaughan ("General Hospital") star with Academy Award® nominee Sean Astin ("Kangaroo Court," "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy), Academy Award® and three-time Emmy® Award nominee JoBeth Williams ("On Hope," "Frasier"), Emmy® Award winner Charles Shaughnessy ("Stanley," "Days of our Lives") and Hollywood legend, Academy Award® and Golden Globe winner Ernest Borgnine ("Marty") in the World Premiere of "Love's Christmas Journey," a Hallmark Channel Original Movie Event, Saturday, November 5 (8p.m. ET/PT, 7C). Inspired by Janette Oke's award winning *Love Comes Softly* book series, the four-hour, star-studded movie event is an inspiring tale of love, trust and miracles.

While still mourning the loss of her husband and daughter, recently widowed Ellie King (Hall) visits her brother Aaron Davis (Vaughan) and his children for Christmas. Ellie does her best to enjoy the holidays, even making new friends with Mrs. Thompson (Williams), a local shop keeper and handsome admirer Deputy Strode (Dylan Bruce, "The Bay," "As the World Turns"). Settling in nicely with her brother's family, Ellie also meets Erik (Bobby Campo, "The Final Destination"), a young man abandoned by his outlaw father whom Aaron has taken in as one of his own. Ellie agrees to watch her niece and nephew when Aaron travels out of town to purchase adjacent land for farming.

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Weaver (Shaughnessy), a corrupt attorney, sees the Mayor (Astin) hide design plans for the town's new railroad in his barn. Weaver sneaks in to steal the plans and inadvertently burns the barn down. Deputy Strode believes Erik to be the culprit, but Ellie believes Weaver is guilty and begins spying on him. Ellie breaks into Weaver's office and discovers the missing railroad documents, but Weaver has followed Ellie and threatens her. Ellie is safe only because Deputy Strode has also had suspicions about Weaver and arrives in time to take the real perpetrator to jail. Ellie has more concerns than Erik. It's been weeks since Aaron left to buy farmland and no one has heard from him. Ellie begins to fret. When all seems lost, Ellie receives a holiday miracle—her brother is delivered home safely on Christmas morning by a jovial man named Nicholas (Borgnine). Nicholas seems to have brought Christmas cheer to all as Ellie and Deputy Strode begin their romance in earnest.

"Love's Christmas Journey" is a Mediapool Production in association with Larry Levinson Productions. Larry Levinson is executive producer and Lincoln Lageson is producer. David S. Cass, Sr. directed from a script written by George Tierney.

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