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'THE NOTE II: TAKING A CHANCE ON LOVE'

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GENIE FRANCIS (Peyton MacGruder) – While Genie Francis is best known for her role as Laura Spencer on the ABC daytime drama "General Hospital," she brings to Hallmark Channel a well-rounded career of stage and television work. The daughter of character actor and AFTRA pioneer Ivor Francis, she moved with her father from Centerport, Long Island to Los Angeles at age six in 1968. Eight years later, not long after asking her dad to submit her school photo to agents, Francis won her first television role as Alice Dennison on ABC's Aaron Spelling-produced "Family."

Shortly thereafter, at age 14, she was cast as Laura Spencer on "General Hospital," in what would turn out to be an iconic role which not only brought a Newsweek Magazine cover in 1981 (for her character's marriage to Luke Spencer), but a Young Artist Award and Soapy Award.

She was nominated three times for Daytime Emmy Awards, winning in 2007 after a brief return to the series in 2006. Francis also appeared in two other daytime dramas, "Days of Our Lives" and "All My Children," the latter featured as Ceara Connor, an adult incest survivor.

Other television work through the 1980s included "Bare Essence," "Hotel," "Murder, She Wrote" and the ABC miniseries, "North and South." It was during the latter, after working together on several previous projects, she got together with her husband, actor/director Jonathan Frakes. The two were married in 1988.

Her later television work includes appearances on "Roseanne," "The Incredible Hulk," "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," "Roswell," "3rd Rock From the Sun," and in a number of films for television, including "Terror in the Shadows," "Perry Mason: The Case of the Killer Kiss," and the 1994 mini-series, "Heaven & Hell: North & South, Book III," reprising her role as Brett Hazard from the original series.

Francis has also had a busy stage career, appearing on and off Broadway in such productions as *Crimes of the Heart*, *See How They Run* and *Defying Gravity*. She portrayed her favorite role as a pregnant hillbilly, filling in for actress Linda Pearl, off Broadway in *The Baby Dance*. Francis credits veteran stage and television actress Madeleine Sherwood as her mentor, offering her advice and support throughout her life and career.

Francis and her husband reside in Los Angeles, along with their two children, Elizabeth, 11, and Jameson, 14. She also owns a cottage furnishings and home accessories store called The Cherished Home.

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TED MCGINLEY (King Danville) – Ted McGinley is perhaps best known to audiences for his portrayals of the Bundys' neighbor 'Jefferson D'Arcy' for seven successful seasons on the hit series "Married...With Children" and as 'Stan Gable' in the "Revenge of the Nerds" films, which have become a cult hit.

His extensive television credits include roles on the series "Hope and Faith," "The West Wing," "Sports Night," "Dynasty," "The Love Boat" and "Happy Days." Notable guest appearances include "The Practice," "The John Larroquette Show," "Evening Shade," "Perfect Strangers," "Hotel," "B.L. Stryker" and "Dream On." He has acted in telefilms including "Hard Time: Hostage Hotel," "Every Mother's Worst Fear," "Netnapped," "Deadly Web" and the mini-series "Wild Justice."

McGinley joined the seventh season of ABC'S "Dancing with the Stars." He was paired with newcomer Inna Brayer, who is the current U.S. Amateur 10 Dance Champion.

On the silver screen, the versatile actor appeared with Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett in the blockbuster "Pearl Harbor." He co-starred with Roy Scheider in the thriller "Daybreak," acted in the comedy "The Big Tease" opposite Frances Fisher and Mary McCormack and shared the screen with Kirsten Dunst and Michelle Williams in "Dick." McGinley had leading roles in "Major League: Back to the Minors," "Wayne's World 2," and the popular "Revenge of the Nerds." Additional feature films include "Frozen Impact," "Not Your Ordinary Girl," "Three Tornadoes," "Young Doctors in Love" "Troop Beverly Hills" and "Physical Evidence." McGinley has also appeared on stage, with performances in *6 Rms Rtv Vu* for Kansas Theatre, and *I'm Not Rappaport* at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre.

McGinley is a true southern California boy, born and raised in Newport Beach. He graduated from Newport Harbor High School, the same high school as Olympic gold medalist and fellow "Dancing With the Stars" competitor Misty May-Treanor. He attended the University of Southern California, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and captain of the water polo team. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Gigi Rice, and their two sons. He enjoys coaching the boys' soccer and baseball teams and playing a good round of golf.

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KATIE BOLAND (Christine) - Only 20 years old, Katie Boland has been acting professionally since the age of nine. With more than 25 starring roles so far, she shows no sign of slowing down, spending her time in Toronto and Los Angeles.

In the past year, Boland has starred alongside Rosanna Arquette in "Growing-Up," an indie-comedy and coming-of-age story and "Adoration," which competed for the Palme D'or at the

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Cannes Film Festival in 2008, and had a gala Screening at the 2008 Toronto Film Festival. It will be released in 2009 by Sony Picture Classics. She also played an autistic-savant in "Dancing Trees," directed by multiple Gemini Award winner and Order of Canada holder Anne Wheeler.

In 2008, Boland garnered attention for her role as Gil Bellows' daughter in last year's TMN series, "Terminal City." She left a lasting impression with writer/producer Angus Fraser, who says, "It's rare to watch someone and know they are destined for something special and far-reaching in the difficult world of entertainment." "Terminal City" aired on the Sundance Channel in 2008, and was released on August 5, 2008 on DVD across North America. Last fall, Boland starred in "The Man Who Lost Himself" (called "The Stranger I Married" in the U.S.), a CTV Lifetime movie.

Among the many television series, MOW's and films Boland has worked on, she has been nominated four years in a row at the Young Artist Awards in Los Angeles. In 2003, she was nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role as Gwen Killerby in "The Zack Files." In 2004, she won Best Leading Actress in a TV Movie or Mini-series for "Salem Witch Trials" (co-starring Kirstie Alley and Shirley MacLaine). She was nominated again for her performances in "Some Things That Stay" (2005) and "A Man Who Lost Himself" (2006).

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JOHN BREGAR (David Danville) – John Bregar started acting at age 11 and has since starred on both stage and screen. Bregar worked with Earl Haig Productions, in performances of *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Glass Slipper*, and *Anne of Green Gables*. He also played The Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz* and The Pharaoh in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Bregar is probably best known for his role as Dylan Michalchuk on five seasons of the award-winning, long-running Canadian TV series "Degrassi: The Next Generation." He has also appeared in series like "Darcy's Wild Life," "The Jane Show" and "Being Erica." Bregar has also starred in a number of made-for-TV movies, including "It's A Boy Girl Thing," "Blew," "Left for Dead," "Dead at 17" and "New Year."

Bregar has studied acting at numerous schools, including Cameron Thor Studios and Dean Armstrong Acting Studio. He has also studied stage combat, stage design, improvisation and swordsmanship. Aside from acting, Bregar remains the entertainer: he plays the guitar, performs magic and juggles.

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KATE TROTTER (Eve Palmer) – Kate Trotter was born in Toronto, but grew up on Lake Simcoe, north of Toronto. She earned her B.A. in film and psychology from Brock University in

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St. Catharines, Ontario. She dabbled in theatre arts during her university years, and went on to study at the prestigious National Theatre School under Douglas Rain.

Since then, Trotter has performed in many stage productions, earning Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations for her roles as 'Miss Alma' in *Summer and Smoke*, 'Laura' in *The Father*, and 'Marlene' in *Top Girls*. Kate was awarded the "Dora" for her performance as 'Sarah' in Brian Friel's beautiful play, *Translations*. Kate has spent several seasons at both The Shaw Festival and The Stratford Festivals playing classical roles. Most recently, Kate played the formidable 'Mrs. Kendal' in Robin Phillips' production of *The Elephant Man*.

Trotter got an early start on television when she played the role of R.H. Thomson's 15-year-old girlfriend in Ralph Thomas's CBC-TV movie "Tyler." Her screen credits now number over 50, and include her Gemini Award-winning guest-starring performances on Global Television's dramatic series "Blue Murder" and a Gemini-nominated performance on "Traders." Trotter's guest turns also include "The Murdoch Mysteries," "Regenises," "Monk," "The Best Years," "Across the River to Motor City," "Playmakers," "Relic Hunter," "Puppets Who Kill," "Missing," "Soul Food," "Nikita," "Psi Factor," "Earth: Final Conflict," "Spoken Art," "TekWar," "Due South" and a two-handed episode with Edward Woodward of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," which earned her a U.S. Cable ACE nomination. She played Sue's mother on "Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye" and series regulars on "The Newsroom" and "Paradise Falls." She was 'Captain Karen Simms' in the long-running Warner Brothers series "Kung Fu: The Legend Continues," where she worked opposite David Carradine. She starred opposite Keith Carradine in his series "Fast Track." Trotter played the slightly deranged and certainly intense 'Stella' for two wonderful seasons of "The Jane Show" for Global TV. She has recently completed two pilots: "The Dark Room" and "The City Next Door." She recently had a recurring role in HBO's popular series "Tell Me You Love Me."

Trotter has also performed in several television movies: the dramatic thriller "Plain Truth," opposite Mariska Hargitay of "Law and Order;" the mini-series "The Lives Of The Saints," where she played opposite Sophia Loren; "Jasper Texas" as Jon Voight's wife; "Fallen Angel," playing opposite Gary Sinise; "Clarence" co-starring opposite the third Carradine brother Robert; "Samantha: An American Girl Holiday," starring Mia Farrow; Shaftesbury's Murdoch Mystery "Under The Dragon's Tail," the third installment of "Murder 19C: The Detective Murdoch Mysteries," "Golden Will: The Silken Lauman Story," "Mary Higgins Clark: You Belong to Me" and "Murder in the Hamptons." She worked with Whoopi Goldberg in "Good Fences" and Gene Wilder in "The Lady in Question." She starred opposite James Woods as 'Jane Trimble' in "Joshua Then and Now," which was based on the book by Mordechai Richler, played 'Lady Capulet' in the CBC-TV movie "Romeo and Juliet," the young protagonist's mother in "Strauss: The King Of ¾ Time" and the title role in "Marie Curie: More Than Meets The Eye." Among her big screen credits, Trotter appeared in "Beyond Borders," appearing with Angelina Jolie and Clive Owen.

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