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'ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS'

CAST BIOS

GAIL O'GRADY (Sara Armstrong) – Multi Emmy® Award nominated actress Gail O'Grady has starred in every genre of entertainment, including feature films, television movies, miniseries and series television.

Currently, she is making a splash as the sexy and beautiful Judge Gloria Weldon, James Spader's love interest and sometime nemesis, in David Kelley's "Boston Legal."

In last season's Kevin Williamson drama series "Hidden Palms," O'Grady starred as Karen Miller, a woman tormented by guilt over her first husband's suicide and her son's subsequent turn to alcohol.

O'Grady also recently starred as Ava in the ABC comedy "Hot Properties." Prior to that, she starred as Helen Pryor in the critically acclaimed NBC series "American Dreams." O'Grady will also always be remembered as warm-hearted secretary Donna Abandando on the series "NYPD Blue," for which she received three Emmy Award nominations in the category of Best Supporting Actress in a Dramatic Series. She has made guest appearances on some of television's most acclaimed series, including "Cheers," "Designing Women," "Ally McBeal" and "China Beach."

O'Grady has appeared in numerous television movies and miniseries, most recently starring in the Lifetime movies "While Children Sleep" and "Sex and the Single Mom," which was so highly rated that it spawned a sequel, in which she also starred. She received critical praise for her leading role as Lt. Paula Coughlin in "She Stood Alone: The Tailhook Scandal," and appeared with Sally Kirkland in "Another Woman's Husband." Her other television credits include "Medusa's Child," "Monk," "Two of Hearts," "The Three Lives of Karen," "Trial by Fire," "Nothing Lasts Forever" and "Billionaire Boys Club."

O'Grady has worked with some of the most respected directors in feature films, including John Landis, John Hughes and Carl Reiner, and has starred with several acting legends. She appeared in "Walking Across Egypt," with Ellen Burstyn; "That Old Feeling," with Bette Midler; "She's Having a Baby," with Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern, and "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," opposite Rob Schneider. Her other feature credits include "Tricks" and "Celtic Pride."

Born in Detroit, Michigan, O'Grady now resides in Los Angeles.

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GREG GERMANN (Roger Nelson) – Greg Germann, the versatile star of the hit comedy, "Ally McBeal," recently starred as Sherman Yablonsky on the ABC comedy "In Case of Emergency." Germann also starred earlier this year at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles in the hit play "Speed the Plow" alongside Alicia Silverstone and Jon Tenney. "Speed the Plow" is a fast-paced satirical look at Hollywood executives and their monetary decisions in moviemaking profits over the art of cinema.

On the big screen, Germann most recently starred opposite Will Ferrell and Sacha Baron-Cohen in the comedy "Talladega Nights." He has also starred in "Friends With Money," "Down to Earth," "Sweet November," "The Last Producer," "Committed," "Caught in the Act," "Down and Derby," "Once Around" and "Clear and Present Danger."

Germann has established his acting versatility in television as well. He endeared viewers worldwide with his portrayal of the shark-like Richard Fish for several seasons on the hit series "Ally McBeal." He appeared with Kevin Spacey in the American Playhouse presentation of "Darrow," opposite Samuel L. Jackson in Showtime's "Conduct Unbecoming," as well as recent appearances on "Bernie Mac," "Listen Up" and "Twilight Zone."

Born in Houston and raised on Lookout Mountain outside of Golden, Colorado, Germann was exposed to the performing arts at an early age, particularly through his father, an award-winning children's playwright and theater professor. As a theatre major at the University of Northern Colorado, a constant stream of plays led him to the gradual realization that acting would be his professional future. Buckling down at UNC, he graduated in two years and moved to New York.

Germann became a member of Circle Repertory Company and Ensemble Studio Theatre, accumulating credits in such off-Broadway and Broadway plays as Steven Sondheim's musical "Assassins," "The Person I Once Was" opposite Holly Hunter and David Mamet's "War Games," among others.

In addition to acting, Germann also devotes himself to writing. His short film, "Pete's Garden" for which he also served as director and star, premiered in competition at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival and went on to air on The Sundance Channel in January 1999. Germann also recently penned "The Observatory," a play performed at New York's Ensemble Studio Theatre, which The New York Times described as "full of fireworks."

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ROBERT MAILHOUSE (Ben Grant) – Robert Mailhouse, who recently starred in the Hallmark Original Movie "Love is a Four Letter Word," studied acting and music throughout high school,

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landing him on the daytime drama "Days of Our Lives." Since then, Mailhouse has amassed an exciting array of guest starring roles including "Las Vegas," "Without A Trace," "CSI: New York," "Judging Amy," "Sports Night," "Chicago Hope," "The Larry Sanders Show," "Melrose Place," "Dream On" and "Seinfeld."

Mailhouse has also starred in several feature films, including "Glimmerman" and "Speed," and the independent films "Kimberly" and "Just a Little Harmless Sex."

An accomplished musician, Mailhouse not only plays piano but currently plays drums for the rock band "Dogstar," along with fellow thespian and bass player Keanu Reeves.

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JIMMY 'JAX' PINCHAK (Jesse Armstrong) - Born in Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey, eleven year old Jimmy Jax Pinchak relocated to California when the WB cast him as Jody Davis in the remake of the 1960's hit series "Family Affair." In 2004, he landed a lead role along side Tom Hanks in "The Polar Express" and later that year worked on "Hostage" with Bruce Willis. In 2005 Pinchak was cast as a series regular in Steven Bochco's critically acclaimed FX series "Over There." Pinchak's most recent work was in the pilot episode of "Brothers & Sisters," where he played Rachel Griffiths son.

On weekends Pinchak studies filmmaking at the New York Film Academy, and has already written and directed three short films. Besides acting and directing, Pinchak has a passion for Magic and is hoping to become a Jr. member at the world famous "Magic Castle" in Hollywood.

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