

# JANE DOE

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**LEA THOMPSON MAKES HER DIRECTING DEBUT**  
**IN THE HALLMARK CHANNEL MYSTERY MOVIE FRANCHISE**  
**'JANE DOE'**

**Show's Leading Lady Does Double Duty Behind the Camera,  
"The Harder They Fall,"  
Premieres March 4**

Lea Thompson, star of the Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie franchise **Jane Doe**, makes her directing debut with the newest installment, "The Harder They Fall," premiering Saturday, March 4 (9/8c).

"It was a great experience," Thompson says. "It was also a terrifying and all-consuming experience. Between acting and directing and running a house and bringing up kids and trying to keep something growing in my garden, I sometimes didn't know which way was which. But I managed!"

Thompson plays suburban mom and brain-busting puzzle inventor Cathy Davis, who leads a double life decoding crimes for the Central Security Agency. **Jane Doe** also stars Joe Penny ("Jake and the Fatman") and William R. Moses ("Perry Mason" mystery movies).

"My favorite directors that I worked with really enjoyed their actors and enjoyed watching them work," says Thompson, the longtime wife of Howard Deutch, who directed her in 1987's "Some Kind of Wonderful." "My favorite directors had so much fun on the set that it was infectious for everyone. I hope I achieved a little of that."

In "The Harder They Fall," Cathy investigates the drowning death of a billionaire cereal-company magnate. The coroner's findings are that the man died on a Monday night while swimming in the ocean. But Cathy believes he was killed nearly 48 hours

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earlier. But to prove she's right, she'll have to explain how he could have appeared on national TV on Sunday in a live TV interview.

**Jane Doe** is a Hallmark Entertainment presentation. Robert Halmi, Jr. and Larry Levinson are executive producers. Dean Hargrove, one of the core creators of the mystery wheel format, created **Jane Doe** and serves as executive producer of the franchise. Nick Lombardo, Amy Goldberg and Michael Moran are co-executive producers. Kyle Clark and Jim Wilberger are producers. "The Harder They Fall" was written by Ethlie Ann Vare and directed by Lea Thompson. The Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie is an Alpine Medien production in association with Larry Levinson Productions.

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