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## <u>LOVE, ROMANCE & CHOCOLATE</u> Cast Bios

**LACEY CHABERT (Emma Colvin)** – Lacey Chabert is regarded as one of the best young actresses of her generation. From an early age, she was exposed to dramatic and musical performances in and around her hometown of Purvis, Mississippi. Chabert received her first break in a cough syrup commercial before successfully auditioning for the Broadway production of *Les Miserables*, in which she played young Cosette for two years. In 1998, she made her feature film debut as Penny Robinson in *Lost in Space*.

Chabert's resume is as extensive as it is versatile. Consistently delivering memorable performances, she has become one of Hollywood's most sought-after talents. She is best known for her role as Claudia on the Golden Globe Award<sup>®</sup>-winning FOX television series "Party of Five" and has appeared on ABC Family's "Baby Daddy," ABC's "All My Children" as well as in several made-for-TV movies, including "Gypsy" starring Bette Midler; "A Little Piece of Heaven" with Cloris Leachman; Lifetime's "What If God Were the Sun?" starring opposite Gena Rowlands; and the Hallmark Channel Original Movies "Moonlight in Vermont" with Carlos Marks and Jesse Moss, "All of My Heart" with Edward Asner, "Matchmaker Santa" opposite Florence Henderson, "A Royal Christmas" alongside Jane Seymour and John Ratzenberger, "All of My Heart: Inn Love" with Brennan Elliott, "The Sweetest Christmas," "Love on Safari" opposite Jon Cor, "All of My Heart: The Wedding" with Brennan Elliott and most recently, "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe." Chabert also starred in the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original "The Color of Rain," which was the highest rated and most watched original film in the network's history. She will also star later this year in "The Crossword Mysteries: A Puzzle to Die For," a new mystery franchise premiering on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

Chabert's feature film credits include Warner Bros.' *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, starring opposite Jennifer Garner and Matthew McConaughey; box office hit *Mean Girls*, for which she received outstanding reviews and an MTV Movie Award; *Daddy Day Care*, starring as Anjelica Huston's daughter; and A&E's "The Brooke Ellison Story," playing the lead in Christopher Reeve's final directorial project.

Known for her natural acting skills and charming personality, Chabert's cotton candy voice has been featured in numerous animated films and TV shows, including Nickelodeon's "The Wild Thornberrys," Sony's "The Spectacular Spider-Man," FOX's "Allen Gregory," Hasbro's "Transformers: Rescue Bots" and, most recently, Warner Bros.' "Young Justice."

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**WILL KEMP (Luc Simon)** – An accomplished dancer, Will Kemp began his dance training at the age of nine with Elizabeth Harrison, a Fellow of the Imperial Society Teachers of Dance (FISTD), and later joined The Royal Ballet Senior Associates as well as The Royal Ballet Upper

School in England. His dancing credits include the role of the Gypsy Lover in Fredrick Ashton's *The Two Pigeons* at the Royal Opera House, and after graduating from the Royal Ballet school, he joined Adventures in Motion Pictures (AMP) for the creation of Matthew Bourne's award-winning production of *Swan Lake*.

As a Principal Dancer, Kemp portrayed the lead in Swan Lake, in both Broadway and West End productions and danced the role of James in *Highland Fling* at the Sandler's Wells Theatre. In addition, he originated the role of The Angel in *Cinderella* in both the West End and Los Angeles productions, Angelo in *The Car Man* at The Old Vic in England, and Anthony in *Play Without Words* at the National Theatre. Kemp also danced in gala favorite, *Spitfire* at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Theold Vic and National Theatre.

For choreographer Will Tuckett, Kemp created Ratty in *Wind in The Willows* at the Linbury Theatre and the West End, The Narrator in *The Soldier's Tale* at the Linbury Theatre, as well as a Japan Tour, and Stromboli in *Pinocchio* at the Linbury Theatre and on BBC Film. For choreographer Matthew Hart, he portrayed both the Grandfather and Narrator in the revival of *Peter and the Wolf* alongside Sergei Polunin at the Royal Opera House

As an actor, his stage work includes starring as Nugget in the West End revival of *Equus*, alongside Daniel Radcliffe and the late Richard Griffiths, and on film he appeared in *Van Helsing*, alongside Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale, and in *Mindhunters*, alongside Val Kilmer and Christian Slater. His other film credits include: *Step Up 2: The Streets, The Midnight Man, Slumber, The Secrets of Emily Blair*, and *Miguel and William*. On the small screen, Kemp's credits include TV movies "The Royal Matchmaker," "Unveiled," "Petals on the Wind," "Christopher and His Kind," "Peter and the Wolf," "The Soldier's Tale," "HR," "Non-Stop," "Kristin's Christmas Past," "Grace" and the miniseries "The Great Fire," as well as "The Prisoner." His TV series credits include "90210," "Nikita," "New Tricks," and most recently "Doom Patrol", "Code Black," "Reign" and "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce."

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**BRITTANY BRISTOW (Marie)** – A native of Toronto, Canada, Brittany Bristow began acting at the age of six. By age 12, after numerous national commercials, a television guest star appearance and four films, she auditioned for Canada's National Ballet School, and upon acceptance, put her acting career on hold. In 2008, Bristow graduated from the professional training program, but knew that her true passion was acting, so she made the transition back into the film and television industry. Taking time to study intensive programs at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and with Larry Moss, she has found further passion and joy for the work she does.

Interested in understanding every aspect of the industry, Bristow has worked as a producer, writer and script editor. At the end of 2017, she was elated to accept the CIFF (Canadian International Faith & Family Film Festival) Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Johanna in *Saul: The Journey to Damascus*.

Over the past few years, Bristow has been delighted to work on several projects with Hallmark Channel, including "Love Blossoms," "Royal Matchmaker," "Christmas Next Door," "Love on Safari" and most recently, "Christmas at the Palace." She also stars in the television series "Rising Suns," and serves as host of "Wildlife Quest," a show created, written and produced with her family for National Geographic.

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