

'LOVE BY CHANCE'

CAST BIOS

BEAU GARRETT (Claire) – Beau Garrett has quickly established herself as a highly sought after actress in both film and television.

Garrett was recently seen in the Bravo scripted series GIRLFRIENDS GUIDE TO DIVORCE as the co-lead opposite Lisa Edelstein. The series was just picked up for a second season. Garrett has also played the female lead in the CBS spin-off "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior," opposite Forrest Whitaker. She portrayed Gina LaSalle, a tough girl from the streets who is extremely loyal to her fellow team members.

Garrett's film credits include Disney sequel "Tron: Legacy," as 'Siren Jem' opposite an all star cast including Jeff Bridges, Michael Sheen, Garrett Hedlund and Olivia Wilde. The film was released December 2010 in Disney Digital 3D™ and IMAX® 3D. the independent film FREELANCERS opposite, Forest Whitaker, Robert DeNiro and 50 Cent. Tim Story's "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," "Made of Honor and "Turistas."

Garrett made her TV debut in the first season of "Entourage" playing Fiona, the sexy yoga instructor girlfriend of Adrian Grenier's character, Vincent Chase. Other television credits include guest starring roles on "House", " "Head Cases," and "North Shore." She has also appeared in several television movies and web series including "Celebrities Anonymous" and "Empire State."

From 2007 through 2009, Garrett was one of the new faces of Revlon representing the brand for various beauty products alongside Academy Award winning actress Halle Berry and Jessica Alba. Garrett also received the "Exciting New Face" Award from Hollywood Life Magazine in April 2007.

Born and raised in California, Garrett currently resides in LA.

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BRENDA STRONG (Helen) – Elegant and timeless, two-time Emmy nominee Brenda Strong was most recently seen in the feature film "The Leisure Class," produced in conjunction with HBO's behind-the-scenes documentary series "Project Greenlight." She also recently ended a three-season run as Ann Ewing in TNT's continuation of the classic series "Dallas."

Strong is well known to television audiences for her eight seasons as Mary-Alice Young, the departed narrator of ABC's smash hit "Desperate Housewives," and as Sue Ellen Mishkie (a.k.a. "The Braless Wonder") on the award-winning series "Seinfeld." Other television credits include roles on series such as "Scandal," "The Mysteries of Laura," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Nip/Tuck," "Sports Night," "Gilmore Girls" and "CSI." Strong also starred in the telefilms "Ice Sculpture Christmas" for the Hallmark Channel and "Family in Hiding" for Lifetime.

On the feature side, Strong has starred in the films "The Kid and I," "The Work and the Glory" series, "Ocean of Pearls," "A Plumm Summer," "You" and "Road to Redemption." Other

feature credits include "Starship Troopers," "The Deep End of the Ocean," "The Craft" and "Spaceballs." She also won best actress for the short film "Girl with the Alligator Purse" at the 2014 Chicago Film Festival.

Strong starred in the critically-acclaimed "Titus Redux" at the Kirk Douglas Theatre. The drama was selected by Center Theatre Group for its prestigious "Under the Radar" Festival in 2012. She also recently completed a hilarious turn in the funny and touching play "Trevor" at Los Angeles' Circle X Theatre Company.

In addition to her impressive acting career, Strong is a producer and participant in the Women in Film's 2015 mentorship program. She is also a certified yoga instructor who produces and stars in "Strong Yoga4Fertility," a line of videos designed to help infertile couples through yoga therapy. She has taught at the Mind Body Institute at UCLA and Newport Beach and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Yo San University for her work in the field of women's wellness. Strong is the national spokesperson for the American Fertility Association and a board member of Events of the Heart, an organization dedicated to promoting heart health through the creative arts. She has performed at several Heart events at Lincoln Center, the Geffen Playhouse and Maria Shriver's Women's Health Conference. Her efforts have been featured in Alternative Medicine Magazine, Shape Magazine for Pregnancy, Plum, Conceive, Yoga Journal and Yoga Magazine.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Strong attended Arizona State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Musical Theater.

BEJAMIN AYRES (Eric) – Benjamin Ayres is a leading performer in the film and television industry, well known for slipping seamlessly between genres. After two seasons as a series regular on the CTV hit series DAN FOR MAYOR, Ayres nabbed the role of Dr. Zachary Miller in the highly acclaimed CTV/NBC original series SAVING HOPE – playing the role for four seasons. He also plays Eric Blake on HBO Canada's Gemini Award winning series LESS THAN KIND for which Benjamin recently received a Canadian Screen Award nomination.

During his early twenties, Benjamin studied at The Lyric School of Acting under the direct mentorship of studio head Michele Lonsdale Smith. He later collaborated with her as a performer in a wide range of theatrical productions; including multiple mountings of Eric Bogosian's one man play Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll, Judith Thompson's Lion in the Streets and August Strindberg's Miss Julie. Ayres became one of Vancouver's most in-demand stage actors and was approached to originate the role of Tench in the world premiere of Raul Inglis's In The Eyes of God and again in Inglis's next original play, Surveillance.

Originally from Kamloops, British Columbia, Ayres is possibly still best known for his role as Cancer Cowboy, the chain-smoking sex addict with a morbid death obsession, in the critically acclaimed cult hit CBC series jPod, based on the Douglas Coupland novel of the same name. The role garnered him a Leo nomination in 2008.

Ayres has appeared in various guest starring and recurring roles on the following hit series: BITTEN, LOST GIRL, THE VAMPIRE DIARIES, FLASHPOINT, COMBAT HOSPITAL, SMALLVILLE, BATTLESTAR GALACTICA, and ABC miniseries, DIAMONDS and IMPACT.

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