



## **'SWITCHED FOR CHRISTMAS'** **Synopsis**

In her chic suits, designer shoes and perfectly scripted single life, Kate Lockhart (Candace Cameron Bure) is senior vice president with Walker Real Estate whose home is a high-rise condo in Denver. When the planning of the office Christmas party unexpectedly falls to her, Kate reluctantly agrees.

Kate's identical twin sister Chris (Bure) is a single mom whose life in suburban Littleton careens between managing a busy household with two kids and commuting in a creaky minivan to work as an art instructor at Littleton High School. Chris runs Littleton's annual Winter Wonderland Carnival.

Due to busy lives and different goals, the two sisters have grown apart. Disappointed and disheartened by this, their father surprises them with an unexpected brunch meeting (a promise made to their late mother that they would meet every year at Christmastime). Both sisters lament how much better the other has it. Chris would swap her sweatpants, laundry baskets and paint brushes any day for Kate's glamorous world. Kate would trade her high-pressure job for an actual home life as a mom with kids and a dog at Christmastime. Both are convinced they could take on each other's Christmas event and breeze through it and that's when a playful idea hatches: trading places and assuming each other's life. After all, they used to swap for fun as kids. Establishing the rule of no romance allowed, they agree to their charade.

Chris, as Kate, assimilates into Walker Real Estate. Her act is working but co-worker Greg Turner (Mark Deklin) senses a change in "Kate" – and likes what he sees. Since when is she on time, so artistic with a paint brush and a fan of baking? Chris as Kate is eager to bring fresh ideas to the Walker Christmas party and Greg suddenly finds himself attracted to the "new" Kate.

Meanwhile, Kate embraces the change from her stressful life. She is enthralled by her sister's decorated home and quiet Littleton versus busy Denver. Chris' two kids are wise to their aunt as their mom Chris fessed up. Kate finds uncommon joy from the ornaments she's hanging and the company she's keeping.

Around Littleton High, Kate has successfully pulled off "Chris." Winter Wonderland gets a boost when a wealthy benefactor, Tom Kinder (Eion Bailey) writes a check with the goal of re-energizing the festival. Tom's face registers with Kate, as he was a Christmastime crush of hers 20 years ago. From a chance meeting as teens at the festival ice skating rink, they were smitten. But a plan to meet later that night unraveled in a misunderstanding. Kate's heart sank as she threw away the mistletoe she was planning as a surprise to Tom.

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The Walker Christmas party and the Winter Wonderland Carnival in Littleton are huge successes, with each more festive and fun as the sisters add their unique touches. A new closeness washes over Kate and Chris and their separate worlds are no longer. From now on, being together matters, a family's love matters. But as the sisters played their game of deceit, were they also playing at romance, with Tom's and Greg's hearts?

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