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Two teachers-turned-rivals compete in a heated holiday bake-off when Erin Krakow ("When Calls the Heart," "Chance At Romance") stars with David Haydn-Jones ("The Gabby Douglas Story"), Miranda Frigon ("Primeval: New World") and Emmy® nominee Alan Thicke ("Let It Snow," "Growing Pains") in "A Cookie Cutter Christmas" a Hallmark Channel Original Movie World Premiere, Holiday 2014. The film is part of Hallmark Channel's annual COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS, the #1 most treasured holiday destination by television viewers and stars Krakow and Frigon as a competitive duo who go head-to-head in a cookie bake-off contest while fighting to win the heart of the same man.

"To make the holidays a little sweeter, the network is gifting viewers with 'A Cookie Cutter Christmas,' a perfect film that brings talented stars Erin Krakow and Alan Thicke together in a delectable mix of charm, romance and holiday spirit," said Michelle Vicary, Executive Vice President Programming, Crown Media Family Networks.

Christie Reynolds (Krakow) and Penny Miller (Frigon) have been archrivals ever since a memorable fight over a coveted Christmas recital solo in elementary school. Now adults, they work side-by-side at the same school where they still constantly compete over

everything. As the holiday season approaches, the entire school is getting into the spirit with the annual fundraising festival, which will feature an exciting new event—a teacher Christmas Cookie Bake- Off, judged by a tough five-star chef, Chef Krueger (Thicke). Penny and Christie immediately clash over the contest, both wanting to beat the other to win the grand prize, a free class trip. Christie, however, is hopeless in the kitchen, despite help from her mom, Bev (Laura Soltis, "Hiccups"). She doesn't think she has a chance—until she meets James, a new student's handsome and sweet single dad. In addition to running a charitable shelter, James is also an excellent cook. As both Christie and Penny vie for James's attention in yet another aggressive battle, Christie starts to tutor his precious, kindhearted daughter Lily (Genae Charpentier, "Girl Vs. Monster") and gets to know James outside of school. As their relationship starts to deepen, and James' baking expertise guides Christie's cookie creations, Christie's competitive edge starts to soften. But at the final bake-off challenge, James is finally caught in the middle of Christie and Penny's petty feud, and Christie comes to realize life's most rewarding prizes don't come with a trophy.

"A Cookie Cutter Christmas" is a Johnson Production Group production. Tim Johnson is the Executive Producer. Oliver De Caigny is the producer. Christie Will directs from a script by Barbara Kymlicka.

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