

## **HALLMARK CHANNEL ANNOUNCES BIGGEST ORIGINAL HOLIDAY SLATE IN NETWORK HISTORY**

**Network Announces Highly Anticipated Return of Award-Winning #1 “Countdown to Christmas” Friday, October 26**

**Featuring an All New Thanksgiving Week Event  
With Nine Consecutive Nights of Original, Quality Holiday Movies  
Across Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries**

STUDIO CITY, CA – September 20, 2018 – Hallmark Channel’s highly anticipated, annual “Countdown to Christmas” programming event is a social and cultural phenomenon as viewers flock to the network to get their yearly Yuletide fix and make it the #1 television network in all of Q4. As the country’s leading provider of family-friendly entertainment, Hallmark Channel yet again stakes its claim in original holiday programming, unveiling its most robust slate yet with 22 original holiday movie premieres.

The “Countdown to Christmas” festivities begin **Friday, October 26 at 12 pm ET/PT** and invites viewers to cozy up to the largest slate of original holiday programming in television!

Today’s brightest and most celebrated stars have joined Hallmark Channel’s merriment including Candace Cameron Bure, Alexa PenaVega, Jerrika Hinton, Lacey Chabert, Tia Mowry-Hardict and Danica McKellar and network debuts by world-renowned country artists LeAnn Rimes and Kellie Pickler. As cable’s undisputed #1 holiday viewing destination, Hallmark Channel will continue to bring the cheer and the spirit of the season to families across the nation with the largest original holiday slate that no other network provides.

Announcing Hallmark Channel’s 2018 “Countdown to Christmas” Slate:

All premieres are at **8 p.m. ET/PT**

1. Saturday, October 27: **“Christmas at Pemberley Manor”**  
Stars: Jessica Lowndes (“90210,” “Magical Christmas Ornaments”), Michael Rady (“Timeless,” “Jane the Virgin,” “A Joyous Christmas”)
2. Saturday, November 3: **“Christmas Joy”**  
Stars: Danielle Panabaker (“The Flash”), Matt Long (“Timeless”)
3. Sunday, November 4: **“Road to Christmas”**  
Stars: Jessy Schram (“Nashville,” “The Birthday Wish”), Chad Michael Murray (“Dawson’s Creek,” “Gilmore Girls,” “One Tree Hill”), Teryl Rothery (“Debbie Macomber’s Cedar Cove”)
4. Saturday, November 10: **“It’s Christmas, Eve”**  
Stars: LeAnn Rimes, Tyler Hynes (“UnREAL”)
5. Sunday, November 11: **“Christmas in Love”**  
Stars: Brooke D’Orsay (“9JKL,” “Miss Christmas”), Daniel Lissing (“When Calls the Heart,” “Timeless”), Mary-Margaret Humes (“Dawson’s Creek,” “Home by Spring”)
6. Saturday, November 17: **“Christmas at Graceland”**  
Stars: Kellie Pickler (“Pickler & Ben”), Wes Brown (“Deception,” “Christmas Cookies”)
7. Sunday, November 18: **“Mingle All the Way”**  
Stars: Jen Lilley (“Days of Our Lives”), Brant Daugherty (*Fifty Shades Freed*, “Pretty Little

Liars”), Lindsay Wagner (“The Bionic Woman”)

8. Wednesday, November 21: **“Christmas at the Palace”**

Stars: Merritt Patterson (“The Royals”), Brittany Bristow (“Love on Safari”)

9. Thursday, November 22: **“Christmas at Grand Valley”**

Stars: Danica McKellar (“Wonder Years”), Brennan Elliott (“UnREAL,” “All of My Heart”)

10. Friday, November 23: **“Pride, Prejudice, and Mistletoe”**

Stars: Lacey Chabert (*Mean Girls*), Brendan Penny (“Chesapeake Shores”)

11. Saturday, November 24: **“Christmas Everlasting” – HALLMARK HALL OF FAME**

Stars: Tatyana Ali (“Fly,” “The Young and the Restless”), Dondre T. Whitfield (“Queen Sugar,” “All My Children”), Dennis Haysbert (“Reverie,” *Far from Heaven*), Patti LaBelle (“Patti LaBelle’s Place,”

*License to Kill* soundtrack)

12. Sunday, November 25: **“A Shoe Addict’s Christmas”**

Stars: Candace Cameron Bure (“Fuller House”), Luke Macfarlane (“The Night Shift”)

13. Saturday, December 1: **“Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa”**

Stars: Jill Wagner (“Pearl in Paradise”), Mark Deklin (“Grace and Frankie,” “Designated Survivor”), Holly Robinson-Peete (“Hanging with Mr. Cooper,” “21 Jump Street”), Barbara Niven (“Chesapeake

Shores”), Andrew Francis (“Chesapeake Shores”), Ashley Williams (“The Jim Gaffigan Show,” “How I Met Your Mother”)

14. Sunday, December 2: **“A Majestic Christmas”**

Stars: Jerrika Hinton (“Here and Now,” “Grey’s Anatomy”), Christian Vincent (“Continuum”)

15. Saturday, December 8: **“Homegrown Christmas”**

Stars: Lori Loughlin (“When Calls the Heart,” “Fuller House”), Victor Webster (“Chesapeake Shores,” “Continuum”)

16. Sunday, December 9: **“Christmas Wonderland”**

Stars: Emily Osment (“Family Guy,” “Mom”)

17. Saturday, December 15: **“A Gingerbread Romance”**

Stars: Tia Mowry-Hardict (“Me, Myself and I,” “Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn”), Duane Henry (“NCIS”)

18. Sunday, December 16: **“Entertaining Christmas”**

Stars: Jodie Sweetin (“Fuller House”)

19. Saturday, December 22: **“Christmas Copy”**

Stars: TBD

20. Sunday, December 23: **“Christmas Made to Order”**

Stars: Alexa PenaVega (*Spy Kids*, “Love at Sea”)

21. Tuesday, December 25: **“When Calls the Heart” Christmas Two-Hour Special Event**

Stars: Erin Krakow (“Army Wives”), Lori Loughlin (“Fuller House,” “90210”), Jack Wagner

("The Bold and The Beautiful," "Wedding March"), Pascale Hutton ("The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells,"

"Sanctuary"), Kavan Smith ("The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells," "Sanctuary"), Paul Greene ("Bitten," "Christmas in Angel Falls"), Chris McNally ("Rocky Mountain Christmas"), Kevin McGarry ("Heartland")

22. Saturday, December 29: **"Focus on Love"**

Stars: Carlos PenaVega ("Big Time Rush," "The Loud House")

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**ABOUT HALLMARK CHANNEL**

Hallmark Channel is Crown Media Family Networks' flagship 24-hour cable television network, distributed nationwide in high definition (HD) and standard definition (SD) to 88 million homes.

As the country's leading destination for quality family entertainment, Hallmark Channel delivers on the 100-year legacy of the Hallmark brand. In addition to its signature new, original movies, the network features an ambitious lineup of other new, original content, including scripted primetime series, such as "Good Witch," "When Calls the Heart" and "Chesapeake Shores"; annual specials including "Kitten Bowl" and "Hero Dog Awards"; and a daily, two-hour lifestyle show, "Home & Family." Additionally, Hallmark Channel is the exclusive home to world premiere presentations of the acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame franchise. Dedicated to helping viewers celebrate life's special moments, Hallmark Channel also offers annual holiday programming franchises, including "Countdown to Christmas," "Countdown to Valentine's Day," "Summer Nights," "Fall Harvest" and "Winterfest." Rounding out the network's diverse slate are some of television's most beloved comedies and series, including "The Golden Girls" and "Frasier."

Hallmark Cards, Inc. owns and operates Crown Media Family Networks.

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