

# Hearts of Spring

## Johnson Production Group Press Kit

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### **One-Liner**

When successful mommy blogger Carly finally decides to take the plunge and re-enter the world of dating, her world gets thrown for a loop when she discovers the man she has been seeing and falling for is the man she has been sparring with online.

### **Synopsis**

Since her husband left, never to be seen or heard from again, CARLY (45) has spent the last sixteen years raising her daughter SADIE on her own. As such she has developed a strong emotional bond with her daughter and her parenting is based on trust and understanding rather than rules and consequences. When her friend and neighbor RYDER (25) gave birth to her first child she turned to Carly for parenting tips and advice. This prompted Ryder to introduce Carly to the world of mommy blogging. Now two years later, Carly is a successful and popular mommy blogger who goes by the name “bestiemom” on her blog titled “Parenting from the Heart”.

But although Carly feels satisfied with her relationship with her daughter her personal life is far from satisfying. With Sadie now seventeen and ready to head off to local college Carly must now face the fact that it’s time to live her own life. Ryder is quick to point out that this includes dating, the thought of which terrifies Carly. But Ryder is insistent and so plans a dinner to set Carly up.

Meanwhile, Carly is far from alone in her status of soon-to-be-empty-nester. ANDY (45) - a widower and somewhat introverted pediatrician who has a way with the kids - is also about to lose his son TROY (17) to college and become an empty nester. Unlike Carly, his parenting is far more authoritative with established rules and guidelines. This has worked for him over the years but lately he has found himself butting heads with Troy on almost everything as Troy begins to push back. Andy’s sister, who also works in his office, is eager to see him back in the dating game and encourages him to see a local single woman who has his eyes on him.

As a true gentleman Andy sets out to buy flowers for his “date” and finds himself at the flower shop where Carly works. As Carly helps him pick out flowers for his “first set up in ten years” they find themselves laughing and commiserating over their similar dating situations. Their connection is obvious as they bid one another good luck on their respective “set-ups.”

We parallel their individual dates as they unfold - both comically disastrous. Carly's date is a seemingly uptight church goer who believes a woman's place is in the home, whereas Andy's date has brought her Hellion child. Andy learns his date takes parenting advice from the blog "Parenting From the Heart". So upon returning home, he checks out the blog. He scoffs as he reads it, convinced that this woman who calls herself "bestiomom" has no idea what she is talking about. After all, look at how well her advice worked for the Hellion David. Fuelled by his disastrous date Andy posts a scathing comment on her blog under the alias "jugglingdad". Upon returning home from her own disaster date, Carly is in a mood - a mood worsened when she reads the comment from "jugglingdad". Furious, she replies to his comment. And so begins a very public online sparring banter between "bestiomom" and "jugglingdad" on their very different parenting techniques.

When Carly runs into Andy at the mall with their respective teens, she is pleasantly surprised to see him. Both are completely unaware that the other is the one they have been sparring with online. Oblivious, they end up having a coffee while their teens shop. They share a laugh over respective disastrous dates and learn they have a lot in common (outside of parenting). They both return home feeling smitten and Andy is encouraged by his sister-in-law and brother to "go for it".

Meanwhile Carly learns her daughter Sadie has decided to change her college plans. This throws Carly for a loop and for the first time she finds her tactic of "talking it out" with Sadie is not working at a time when she so desperately wants to "talk" her daughter out of her decision. At a loss, Carly finds herself testing out "jugglingdad's" parenting technique.

Andy also finds himself doing the same and using some of Carly's parenting advice when Troy pushes back and outwardly defies his dad.

As they both attempt to manage their teens Andy and Carly find they are falling for one another when Andy asks Carly out on a genuine date. Carly is thrilled and their date turns out to be a magical night which fills her with a joy and happiness she has not felt in years.

"Jugglingdad's" parenting opinion seems to have worked and Sadie has decided not to travel and is back on track to go to college. Also, Carly's budding relationship with Andy is once again blossoming. But things do not remain on track for very long.

When Andy invites Carly over to make her his famous Wednesday night dinner Carly discovers via his unattended laptop that Andy is in fact "jugglingdad". Carly is stunned and furious. She dumps Andy and makes the decision to never date again!

For his part Andy is sure he will never be able to make things right by Carly. To make matters worse his son has shut him out. Andy takes "bestiomom's" parenting advice and for the first time sits down with his son and allows him to talk and share his wants and needs. The two mend fences. But although his relationship with his son is mended Andy is still feeling empty. He tries and fails to win Carly back but Carly is too hurt to forgive him.

Then one night Sadie falls ill. Arriving at the urgent care clinic, Carly discovers Andy is the attending physician. Carly is cool towards him but cannot suppress the feelings she has for him. But despite this she is still far from forgiving him for not admitting who he was once he discovered the truth.

Things come to a climax at the state wide Mommy Blogger's Convention. Andy - with the help of various other mommy bloggers he has reached out to - takes to the main stage and pours his heart out to Carly - admitting his mistakes and how her parenting advice changed him as a father and how Carly changed him as a man. Carly can't help but admit that he has done the same for her. With all the mommy bloggers rallying behind them, Carly gives Andy a second chance and they unite as mommy and daddy bloggers - a happy couple and blended family who *still* don't always see eye to eye ;)

## Producers

Executive Producer  
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON

Executive Producer  
DAVID GOLDEN

Producer  
OLIVER DE CAIGNY

## Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>ACTOR</u>
Carly	LISA WHELCHEL
Andy	MICHAEL SHANKS
Sadie	CLANCY CAUBLE
Ryder	MIRANDA FRIGON
Lauren	ANNA GALVIN

## Key Cast Biographies

### LISA WHELCHEL



Lisa Whelchel Lisa Whelchel (Carly Ashby) - was born on May 29 in Littlefield, Texas. At age 13, her first professional acting experience was as a Mouseketeer for Walt Disney's "The New Mickey Mouse Club." Ms. Whelchel is perhaps best known for her starring role as Blair Warner on NBC's "The Facts of Life" for nine years.

Her first book, "Creative Correction" released October 2000 and has sold over 200,000 copies. She went on to write over a dozen more books including, "The Facts of Life and Other Lessons My Father Taught Me," "The ADVENTure of Christmas," "The Busy Mom's Guide" Series, and her most recent, "Friendship

For Grownups.”

With a goal to refresh and equip other mothers, she is the founder of MomTime Ministries and “Personal Mom Coaching.”

Ms. Whelchel is also an international speaker and has toured with “Women of Faith,” “Extraordinary Women” and “Women of Joy.”

Lisa’s latest adventure was participating on Season 25 of CBS’s “Survivor: Philippines.” She tied for second place and won the Sprint “Player of the Season” as awarded by the fans of the show.

After taking 20 years away off from show business to raise her children, Lisa returned in 2013 with a role in Tyler Perry’s “A Madea Christmas.”

## MICHAEL SHANKS



After a decade-long stint as fan favorite ‘Dr. Daniel Jackson’ in the Sci-Fi Channel’s number-one hit show “Stargate SG-1,” Michael Shanks wasted no time testing the waters on the other side of the acting portal when the series wrapped in 2007. Since wrapping the record-breaking show, Shanks has been in high demand, starring on several hit shows, MOWs, and films!

Shanks recurred on USA’s “Burn Notice” as Victor. His critically-acclaimed performance in the first half of season 2 set the stage for more fireworks as the remaining episodes of “Burn Notice” begin airing in early 2009. He appeared in a three-episode arc on the Emmy-winning drama “24,” and recurred on the CW hit “Smallville” during its 10 season run as Carter Hall, aka Hawkman. Shanks played a nasty bad guy opposite Anne Archer in the Lifetime MOW “Judicial Indiscretion,” and portrayed the hockey legend Gordie Howe in the CBC film “Mr. Hockey: The Gordie Howe Story”; a role which earned him a 2014 Leo Award for Best Lead Performance by a Male in a Television Movie.

In 2013, Michael earned a Leo Award for Best Lead Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series for his work on “Saving Hope”, which is now in its fourth season. His other television credits include guest-starring roles on “CSI: Miami,” “Stargate: Atlantis,” “Mr. Young”, “Endgame” and “Supernatural”, to new a few. He also co-starred in the Emmy Award-winning William H. Macy telefilm “Door to Door” and the film adaptation of Jack London’s “Call of the Wild”.

In his free time Shanks, who lives with his family in Vancouver, enjoys rollerblading, golfing, and spending time with his children. “There is no denying that I’m a true Canadian!” says Shanks, who has also played hockey for more than 23 years and still cheers for his hometown Vancouver Canucks.

## CLANCY CAUBLE



Clancy Cauble is the real life daughter of actress Lisa Whelchel.

### Production Credits

#### Produced by

TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON

executive producer

DAVID GOLDEN

executive producer

OLIVER DE CAIGNY

producer

#### Directed by

MARITA GRABIAK

#### Written by

BARBRA KYMLICKA

#### Line Producer

NAVID SOOFI

#### Production Design by

HARRY BRAR

#### Director of Photography

ANTHONY METCHIE

#### Casting By

JUDY LEE

#### Full Cast

Carly

LISA WHELCHER

Andy

MICHAEL SHANKS

Sadie

CLANCY CAUBLE

Ryder

MIRANDA FRIGON

Lauren

ANNA GALVIN

Troy

ROSS LINTON

Tracy

CARRIE GENZEL

Simon	DANIEL MARTIN
Henry	ANDY THOMPSON
Peter	CHRISTOPHER GAUTHIER
Conner	CHRISTIAN CONVERY
Karissa	KELLY KONNO
Receptionist	MALAYA COOKS
6 Year Old Sadie	CASSANDRA DEN HAAN

### **Production Department**

Associate Producer	BARBARA KYMLICKA
Production Manager	NAVID SOOFI
First Assistant Director	MICHELE E. DUTKA
Second Assistant Director	PAULA KYAN

### **Art Department**

Art Director	PATRICK MACHT
Set Decorator	TANYA VERIN
Assistant Set Decorator	GINA MACKAY
Lead Dresser	VICTOR RAZI
On Set Dresser	JORDAN MACKEN
Property Masters	ROBERT O'DONNELL
On Set Props	BRANNOCH MOON
Construction	RYAN MACINNES

### **Makeup Department**

Make-Up Artist	KATHY HOWATT
Hair Stylist	TARA HADDEN-WATTS
Swing	MARECEL DANIEL

### **Costume and Wardrobe Department**

Costume Designer	CLAUDIA DA PONTE
On Set Costume Supervisor	SHANA CORNISH
Truck Costumer	EMILY LAING

### **Camera and Electrical Department**

Camera Operator	COLLIN MORRISON
First Assistant Camera	JACKSON HARPER
	JUSTIN KAMAL
Second Assistant Camera	JENNA FUOCO
	ALEX LUTZMAN
Gaffer	CLYDE HARRELSON
Best Boy	DANIEL PITTS
Dolly Grip	MIGUEL HELU LOPEZ
Generator Operators	NATHAN ST.-GERMAIN
	TYLER MCBEAN
Grip	PIERRE OLIVER CRUZ

### **Transportation Department**

Transport Coordinator	PETER GIBSON
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Transport Captain            BRIAN FRANKLIN  
Drivers                        GEORGINA CHURCH  
                                      JIM DOLHAGARAY  
Security Coordinator        BARRY HUNT

**Location Department**

Location Manager            SEAN CUMMINGS  
Assistant Location Manager   KASSANDRA SCHMIDT  
Location Assistants        BRIAN MCWHA  
                                      JULIA GHERSINI  
                                      DYLAN ROCKANDEL

**Sound Department**

Production Sound Mixer     JAMES SCHOENING  
Boom Operator                TONY POULSEN

**Other Crew**

Script Supervisor            TALIESIN SANFORD  
Payroll Accountant         MEGAN TURNBULL  
Production Coordinator      MATTHEW SANTORO  
Third Assistant Director    ANDREW PAVEL  
Catering                        ROLLING CHEF  
Chefs                            STEPHANE LEVESQUE  
                                      ANNE-MARIE WILLIAMS  
Craft Service/First Aid      ERIC AHN  
Casting Assistant            CIARRA COOK  
Extras Casting                LA HILTS  
Background Coordinator     DIANE CHESTER  
Stand In                        ALLISON WARREN  
Script Clearances by        COASTAL CLEARANCE  
Legal Services by            CHANDLER FOGDEN ALDOUS LAW CORPORATION  
Insurance by                 FRONT ROW INSURANCE BROKERS

**Post Production**

Assistant Editor              TROY WEINREICH  
Post Production Coordinator   LEAH MYERS  
Picture Post Production      FINALÉ POST PRODUCTION  
Colourist                        ALLAN PINVIDIC  
Online Editor                 CHRIS BOETTCHER  
Project Manager                TERESA BECKLEY  
V.P. Business Development    ANDREW JHA  
DMT/Dailies Transcoder     JOE TUCKER  
Audio Post Production        CINESCOPE SOUND  
Supervising Sound Editor    GREGOR PHILLIPS  
Re-Recording Mixer          GREGOR PHILLIPS  
Dialogue Editor                KARLA MELENDEZ  
SFX Editor                       RYAN THOMPSON

## Producer Biographies

### **TIM JOHNSON** – Executive Producer

Tim Johnson is among the most active and reliable producers in the business thanks to top rate productions and an 'on time, on budget' reputation. Previously, he managed the production of ABC's THE DAYS (MINDSHARE/TOUCHTONE.) Prior to forming Johnson Production Group and Ignite Entertainment, Tim served as Head of West Coast Programming Executive and launched the successful series DOC (88 episodes,) SUE THOMAS, FBI, MYSTERIOUS WAYS, JUST CAUSE, PONDEROSA, CHRISTY, ITS A MIRACLE AND MIRACLE PETS.

Johnson is also responsible for producing the international hit series, DR. QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN for CBS PRODS/SULLIVAN COMPANY for over 5 seasons. During his 100-episode tenure, he also launched LIVE FROM THE RANCH with Orson Bean - a nationally syndicated talk show focusing on family values in America. He also developed and produced the original docu-drama COLD CASE for CBS network, which was the very first program to integrate television with the Internet.

#### Recent Projects:

For Better or For Worse – Executive Producer

Baby Bootcamp – Executive Producer

Ring By Spring – Executive Producer

Sole Custody – Executive Producer

The Cheating Pact – Executive Producer

Deadly Spa – Executive Producer

Walking the Halls – Executive Producer

June In January – Executive Producer

Christmas in the City – Executive Producer

Snow Bride – Executive Producer

Dirty Teacher – Executive Producer

The Surrogate – Executive Producer

Merry In-Laws – Executive Producer

A Bride for Christmas – Executive Producer

Naughty or Nice – Executive Producer

Christmas Crush– Executive Producer



Teenage Bank Heist– Executive Producer  
How to Fall in Love – Executive Producer  
Home Invasion (2011) – Executive Producer  
Final Sale (2011) – Executive Producer  
Confined (2010) – Executive Producer  
Tornado Valley (2009) – Executive Producer  
The Wedding Dance (2009) – Executive Producer  
Trust (2009) – executive producer  
Toxic Skies (2008) – executive producer  
Storm seekers (2008) – executive producer  
Making Mr. Right (2008) – executive producer  
Love Sick (2008) – executive producer  
Just Breathe (2008) – executive producer  
Devils Diary (2007) – executive producer  
Swarm (2007) – executive producer

### **JOHNSON PRODUCTION GROUP**

The Johnson Production Group contracts globally to produce television and motion picture content for international networks, studios and distributors. Based in Los Angeles and Vancouver, British Columbia, the company manages production, facilitates development and financing, procures distribution and guarantees quality and timely execution of its programs. While costs have gone up, so has the demand for quality. No longer is good enough, good enough. Johnson Production Group serves that segment when a show needs to be "A" quality, but produced efficiently enough to meet a locked budget. JPG specializes in value, protection of creative elements, and delivery of a quality finished product.

### **DAVID GOLDEN** – Executive Producer

As a writer and producer, David Golden has worked on more than two dozen television movies. His producing credits include the award winning Love Finds You in Sugarcreek for UPTV, with Tom Everett Scott and Kelly McGillis, as well as the other films made from the series of books, Love Finds You in Charm, and the upcoming Love Finds You in Valentine. Other producing credits include The Music in Me with Debbie Gibson, and Paper Angels, with Josie Bissett. Most recently, he was Executive Producer for the Hallmark movie Family For Christmas, with Lacey

Chabert. Golden's writing credits for Hallmark include Debbie Macomber's Mrs. Miracle, with Doris Roberts and James Van Der Beek, Oliver's Ghost, with Martin Mull and Rhea Perlman, and Kiss at Pine Lake, with Barry Watson. Other writing credits include Personal Effects, with Penelope Ann Miller and Casper Van Dien, Nightmare, with Haylie Duff, and Time and Again, with Brooke Burns.

**OLIVER DE CAIGNY** - Producer

Oliver De Caigny is a Canadian producer originally from Belgium, his background in financing, production, and post production makes him a well-rounded producer for any type of production. His experience in financing and production agreements (film and TV series and movies-of-the-week), distribution agreements (both domestic and foreign) as well as international co-productions, Canadian tax credit, Telefilm Canada and Canada Media Fund incentives provides him with a well-rounded background in development, production and distribution for motion pictures, television series and productions.

Recent Projects

Strange Empire (2014, 13 episodes) – Producer  
Her Infidelity (2014) - Producer  
Paper Angels (2014) - Producer  
A Cookie Cutter Christmas (2014) - Producer  
For Better or For Worse (2014) – Producer  
A Ring By Spring (2014) – Producer  
June In January (2014) – Producer  
Baby Bootcamp (2013) – Producer  
A Badge Of Betrayal (aka Sole Custody) (2013) – Producer  
R.L. Stine's: The Haunting Hour (53 Episodes) – Associate Producer  
A Bride For Christmas (2013) – Producer  
The Dating Coach (2012) – Producer  
Radio Rebel (2012) – Executive Producer  
Seattle Superstorm (2012) – Producer

## Billing Block

Johnson Production Group Presents "HEARTS OF SPRING"  
Starring Lisa Whelchel Michael Shanks and Clancy Cauble  
Director of Photography Anthonie Metchie, csc Line Producer Navid Soofi  
Production Designer Harry Brar Casting by Judy Lee  
Executive Producers Timothy O. Johnson David Golden Produced by Oliver De Caigny  
Written by Barbara Kymlicka Directed by Marita Grabiak



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## Meta Data

### LONG (max 540 characters) synopsis

A successful mommy blogger (played by Lisa Whelchel) decides to re-enter the world of dating and discovers the man she has been falling for is the same man she has been sparring with online. Meanwhile, as they struggle with different parenting styles of their teenage children - they are both left humbled where their hearts open so they are able to fall in love again. (370)

### MEDIUM (max 180) synopsis

A successful mommy blogger decides to re-enter the world of dating and discovers the man she has been falling for is the same man she has been sparring with online. (164)

### SHORT (max 54 characters) synopsis

Successful mommy blogger falls for her online nemesis. (54)

### 5 KEY WORDS

Hearts Spring Mommy Blogger Romance