

# Johnson Production Group Press Kit

## **One-Liner**

The expert on love just got dumped! But who comes to her rescue?

# **Synopsis**

A young celebrity marriage counselor discovers herself left at the altar of her own highly-publicized wedding. To save face, she accepts an offer from her contractor, who secretly has a crush on her, to step in as groom and marry her

#### **Producers**

Executive Producer
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON
Executive Producer
MAURA DUNBAR

Producer
OLIVER DE CAIGNY

**Key Cast** 

CHARACTER ACTOR

Dr. Kate Lawrence VANESSA MARCIL Lucas Wright DAVID SUTCLIFFE



# **Key Cast Biographies**

#### **VANESSA MARCIL**



Emmy Award winning actress, Vanessa Marcil began studying the craft of acting at age 5 at the children's circle acting theatre. Vanessa started her TV career playing Brenda Barrett on "General Hospital." She decided to leave the show in 1998 and returned in 2002 months after having her son Kassius. It was a 6 month visit with the show's ratings skyrocketing to number one.

Fueled by the high ratings during her first return NBC, President Jeff Zucker, sought a prime time series with a role for Marcil in mind. She landed the role of Sam Marquez on the NBC drama "Las Vegas" in 2003, acting as a casino host opposite James Caan for six seasons. Other primetime appearances include

guest star and recurring roles on: "Hawaii 5-O;" "Spin City;" ABC/Steven Spielberg's series "High Incident;" "Without a Trace;" "Lipstick Jungle;" "NYPD blue" and many more. Marcil has appeared on Oprah numerous times and was inspired to start work with Aids Orphans in South Africa because of Oprah.

Marcil displays her thespian versatility in feature films as well. She made her film debut in Hollywood Pictures' blockbuster "The Rock" as Nicholas Cage's love interest. She also starred in independent films "The Space Between Us" with Jeremy Sisto and "Nice Guys Sleep Alone" with Sean O'Bryan. Marcil's lead role in the movie "One Hot Summer" helped garner the movie a nomination for an Imagen Award for Outstanding Primetime TV movie.

A native of Indio, California, Marcil's passion for the theatre began at age five and by her early teens she was working in theatre. Her dedication and determination resulted in significant work in productions such as Neil Simon's Fooland the classic Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. She received critical acclaim for her performance in Southern Rapture, directed by Academy Award-winner Peter Fonda and co-starring country singer/actor Dwight Yoakum and Golden Globe Winner Sally Kirkland. The play took center stage at the prestigious Met Theatre in Los Angeles.

Vanessa has worked closely with domestic Violence Shelter "Sojourn" for over a decade. Her first love is education, child psychology and racing motorcycles. In the summer of 2014 and 2015, Vanessa participated as a celebrity spokesperson in the charity event, KIEHL'S LIFERIDE FOR amFAR and rode her motorcycle through cities around the country.

As of Fall 2014, Vanessa starred opposite James Denton in the very highly viewed romantic comedy, Stranded in Paradise, which aired on the Hallmark Channel.



#### **DAVID SUTCLIFFE**



Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, David Sutcliffe attended the University of Toronto. There, he was bit by the acting bug, which he pursued professionally after graduation.

Shortly after moving to Los Angeles, Sutcliffe landed series regular roles on two television series: "Cold Feet" and "Grapevine." Audiences may best recognize Sutcliffe from his role as Christopher on the Emmy® Award-winning series "Gilmore Girls," in which he played father to Alexis Bledel's character and exhusband to Lauren Graham's.

Sutcliffe was recently seen on "Private Practice," playing Kate Walsh's love interest. He also starred as an average-Joe schoolteacher who falls in love with a movie star in his own comedy series, "I'm With Her," opposite Teri Polo, and has had recent guest appearances in the CBS comedy, "Accidentally on Purpose," starring Jenna Elfman.

On the film front, Sutcliffe played opposite America Ferrara in the independent drama "Towards Darkness." His film, "Happy Endings," was the Opening Night Film at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005. The film was directed by Don Roos, and Sutcliffe was part of an esteemed cast that included Lisa Kudrow, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tom Arnold and Steve Coogan.

Additional credits include Disney's "Under the Tuscan Sun," starring Diane Lane, the independent drama "Testosterone" and romantic comedy "Cake," opposite Heather Graham.

#### **Production Credits**

#### **Full Cast**

KAREN KRUPER Lorraine
LARISSA ALBUQUERQUE Lucas' Sister
EILEEN BARRETT Phyllis

AARON CRAVEN Bryan Pankhurst
LISA DURUPT Stephanie
FRED HENDERSON Lucas's Dad

KAREN HOLNESS Pam
KALYN MILES Anna
AUSTIN OBIAJUNWA Henry



#### **Directed By**

**David Winning** 

#### Music by

Russ Howard III

#### Written by

Julie Sherman Wolfe

#### Based on a book by

**Denise Hunter** 

#### Cinematography by

Anthony C. Metchie

#### Film Editing by

Fabiola Caraza

#### **Casting By**

Judy Lee

### **Production Design by**

Harry Brar

#### **Costume Designer**

Claudia Da Ponte Costume Designer

#### **Makeup Department**

Marecel Daniel Hair/makeup Swing

Cydney Sjostrom Hair Makeup (swing assist)

Ashley Young Key Hair Stylist

#### **Art Department**

Heather Coutts Assistant Set Decorator

Justin Delima Props

Dustin Lange Property Master
Jordan Macken Set Dresser

Brittany Towson Assistant Property Master

#### **Sound Department**

Matthew Cameron Dialogue Editor
Craig George Sound Effects Editor

Alex Macia Foley Artist

Tony McVann A.d.r. Recorded By

Gregor Phillips Re-recording Mixer, Supervising Sound Editor

Tony Poulsen Boom Operator



Devon Quelch Foley Artist
Taymaz Saba Sound

James Schoening Sound Mixer Matt Smalley Foley Artist

#### **Camera And Electrical Department**

Adam Buhler Key Grip Jared Cheer Electrician

Laurent Danis First Assistant Camera
Clyde Harrelson Chief Lighting Technician

Adam Hinds Genny Op

Jay Kamal Camera Operator, First Assistant Camera
Michael Krizaj Camera Operator: Additional Camera Operator

Gabriel Medina Director Of Photography: Second Unit

Collin Morrison Camera Operator

Emma Osmond Electrician

Daniel Pitts Best Boy Electric

Patrick Shaw Grip
Damir Ticak Dolly Grip

#### **Editorial Department**

Angelica Perez Anzures Dailies

Troy Weinreich Assistant Editor

**Music Department** 

Andy Forsberg Composer: Additional Music Emir Merzeci Composer: Additional Music Alexander Taylor Composer: Additional Music

**Miscellaneous Crew** 

Tim Johnston Marine Safety
Taliesin Sanford Script Supervisor

# **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 docudrama 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

#### **OLIVER DE CAIGNY** - Producer

Oliver De Caigny is a Canadian producer originally from Belgium, his background in financing, production, and post production makes his 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 coproductions, 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 "THE CONVENIENT GROOM"

Vanessa Marcil and David Sutcliffe Edited by Fabiola Caraza

Music by Russ Howard III Director of Photography Anthonie Metchie, csc

Executive Producers Timothy O. Johnson Maura Dunbar Produced by Oliver De Caigny

Written by Julie Sherman Wolfe Based on a book by Denise Hunter

Directed by David Winning

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## Meta Data

# LONG (max 540 characters) synopsis

Dr. Kate Lawrence, a celebrity relationship expert, plans to publicly announce her engagement to Bryan, a handsome and perfectly polished businessman. As Kate prepares to share the news, Bryan shocks her by breaking up with her and calling off the wedding. Wanting to save her from humiliation and protect her public image, Lucas Wright, Kate's childhood friend steps in and pretends to be Kate's fiancé. (404)

# MEDIUM (max 180) synopsis

Wanting to save a celebrity relationship expert from humiliation and protect her public image, Kate's old friend steps in and pretends to be her fiancé (151)

# SHORT (max 54 characters) synopsis

An old friend steps in & pretends to be Kate's fiancé (53)

# **5 KEY WORDS**

Romance Convenient Groom relationship expert

