

# Johnson Production Group Press Kit

## **One-Liner**

A broken-down sleigh, a small town Christmas parade and a bit of inexplicable Christmas magic bring former college sweethearts together for a second chance at love

## Synopsis

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# Producers

Executive Producer TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON Executive Producer MAURA DUNBAR Producer OLIVER DE CAIGNY

Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u> Laurel Bishop David Willis <u>ACTOR</u> ERIN CAHILL DAVID ALPAY

## **Key Cast Biographies**

### **ERIN CAHILL**



Erin Cahill's acting career was launched in 2001 when she was cast as Jen, the Pink Time Force Ranger in the series "Power Rangers: Time Force." Since then, she has starred as regular or recurring characters in numerous TV series including, ABC's "Red Widow," TNT's "Saving Grace," FOX's "Freeride," and ABC's "General Hospital."

Cahill has guest-starred in over 30 television shows including CBS' "Angel From Hell" earlier this year, as well as episodes of "Bones," "NCIS: Los Angeles," "How I Met Your Mother," "Sleepy Hollow," "Body of Proof," "Chuck," "Law & Order: Los Angeles," "The Mentalist," "Monk," "CSI: NY," "Supernatural" and "Greek," among others.

She just appeared in the lead role of The Lifetime network film, "The Watcher," which will be coming out on Netflix by the end of this year. Cahill starred in the video features, Disney's Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 and Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3: Viva La Fiesta!, and SONY's Boogeyman 3. She has also appeared in numerous independent films, including, most recently, Cut to the Chase, (for which she won Best Supporting Actress at The Northeast Film Festival), It Snows All the Time and Wingman Inc.

She was also featured in the TV movies FOX's "Delirium," Lifetime's "Blue-Eyed Butcher" and Comedy Central's "Modern Day Jesus." Cahill is starring in three films coming out in 2017.

## DAVID ALPAY



David Alpay is best known for his recurring role on the CW series "The Vampire Diaries" and being a regular on Showtime's "The Borgias" and "The Tudors." Alpay was also a series regular on the Canadian series "Billable Hours," and starred in last year's Hallmark Channel Original movie "Ice Sculpture Christmas."

This year, Alpay starred in the feature film They're Watching, and he also starred in the Sundance film Ten For Grandpa, and had a supporting lead in Man of the Year, alongside Robin Williams, Christopher Walken, Laura Linney, and Lewis Black. He also played a lead role in his first film, Atom Egoyan's Ararat, alongside Christopher Plummer, and appeared with Plummer again in Richard Attenborough's Closing the Ring, which also starred Shirley MacLaine.

On television, Alpay has guest starred in a number of hit television series, including Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva;" CBS's "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation;" USA's "Royal Pains;" TNT's "Rizzoli

& Isles" and "Fairly Legal;" Starz's "Crash;" and FOX's "Dollhouse." Most recently, Alpay starred in Lifetime's drama series, "The Lottery," guest-starred in a recent episode of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," and had a recurring role in "Quantico.

## **Production Credits**

#### Full Cast

#### Actors

Role

Erin Cahill David Alpay Dakota Guppy Jenna Romanin Robyn Bradley Chad Riley Donovan Scott Brendon Zub Laurel Alex Scarlett Betty Aunt Audrey (as Robin Bradley) Mayor Howard Finnegan Mr. Winter Wade Carlucci

#### Produced by

| Timothy O. Johnson | executive producer |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Maura Dunbar       | executive producer |
| Oliver De Caigny   | producer           |
| James Crawford     | associate producer |

#### Directed by

Marita Grabiak

#### Written By

Buddy Baron Jay Cipriani Tracy Andreen

Music by Russ Howard III

**Cinematography by** Anthony Metchie

Film Editing by Jason Nielsen

**Casting By** Paul Ruddy

Judy Lee

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### Production Design by

**Heather Coutts** 

#### **Makeup Department**

| Cassidy Bergen          | hair makeup: swing     |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Marecel Daniel          | makeup department head |
| Brittany Michelle Horne | make up/hair: swing    |
| Nicole McCormack        | key hair stylist       |

#### Art Department

| Michelle Kabatoff | assistant property master |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Brittany Towson   | property master           |

#### Sound Department

| Matthew Cameron | sound mixer                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Craig George    | sound effects editor            |
| Gregorio Gomez  | additional sound effects editor |
| Alex Macia      | foley artist                    |
| Tony McVann     | a.d.r. recorded                 |
| Eric Mouawad    | dialogue editor                 |
| Aaron Olson     | re-recording mixer              |
| Gregor Phillips | re-recording mixer              |
| Gregor Phillips | supervising sound editor        |
| Devon Quelch    | foley artist                    |
| Bryce Raffle    | boom operator                   |

#### **Camera and Electrical Department**

| Laurent Danis    | first assistant "a" camera |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Kailey Schwerman | still photographer         |

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Music Department Natasha Duprey

music supervisor

Other crew

Sarah Porter

assistant to Maura Dunbar

## **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 creative elements, and delivery of a quality finished product.

#### **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 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

### Maura Dunbar - Producer

Maura Dunbar is a producer and production manager, known for Serving Life (2011), The Shunning (2011), The American Bible Challenge (2012), The Confession (2013), and Magic Stocking (2015).

## **Billing Block**

Johnson Production Group and Annuit Coeptis Entertainment II Present "SLEIGH BELLS RING" Erin Cahill and David Alpay Edited by Jason Nielsen 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 Tracy Andreen Buddy Baron Jay Cipriani Directed by Marita Grabiak With the participation of the Province of British Columbia

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# Meta Data

# LONG (max 540 characters) synopsis

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# MEDIUM (max 180) synopsis

A broken-down sleigh, a small town Christmas parade and a bit of inexplicable Christmas magic bring former college sweethearts together for a second chance at love (163)

# SHORT (max 54 characters) synopsis

A sleigh brings former sweethearts together again (49)

# **5 KEY WORDS**

Christmas Sleigh Romance Parade Family