

# A Splash of Love

## Johnson Production Group Press Kit

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### One-Liner

A PhD student makes her way to the Pacific Northwest to study the resident whales and relies on the expertise of a local tour guide.

### Synopsis

When PhD student Chloe makes the choice to expand her studies to include the whales of the Pacific Northwest, she leaves Miami and heads to the picturesque Cable Cove. There she relies on the local expertise of whale watching tour guide, Ben, and they soon find themselves bonding over more than just the J-Pod of orcas.

### Producers

Executive Producer  
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON

Co-Executive Producer  
JULIANA WIMBLES

Producer  
NAVID SOOFI

Supervising Producer  
OLIVER DE CAIGNY

### Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>ACTOR</u>
Chloe Turner	RHIANNON FISH
Ben Winters	BEN HOLLINGSWORTH
Mary Martin	LAURA SOLTIS
Marcus	SEAN YVES LESSARD

## Key Cast Biographies

### RHIANNON FISH



Rhiannon Fish is a Canadian/Australian actress. Rhiannon is known worldwide for her role as Ontari in *The 100*. Her first work came as a child actor when she had the series regular role of Lisa Jefferies on the Australian TV series, *Neighbours*. In her late teens, she then booked the series regular role of April Scott on *Home and Away* that made her a household name in Australia. Rhiannon has also had a successful career in feature films, booking lead roles in productions such as *Playing for Charlie*, *Relentless*, 2018's *Occupation* and Hallmark's 2020 films *Remembering Love* and *You're Bacon Me Crazy*. She will next be seen leading the cast in the US feature film, *Love and Chocolate* and Hallmark's *Journey of My Heart*.

### BENJAMIN HOLLINGSWORTH



Benjamin Hollingsworth is a classically trained actor who was born September 7th, 1984 in Brockville, Ontario, Canada. In 2006, Hollingsworth graduated from the National Theatre School of Canada (NTS), a prestigious three year acting conservatory program in Montréal.

Soon after, in his first professional role under the direction of NTS alumni, Ted Dykstra, Benjamin was nominated for a Robert Merritt Award for his portrayal of Lance Corporal Dawson, in *A Few Good Men*, by Aaron Sorkin.

Hollingsworth shifted his focus from theater to film and television. He quickly found footing in the Toronto film industry and began guest starring on several popular Canadian TV series including *Degrassi*, *Heartland* and HBO Canada's *The*

*Line* by George F. Walker.

Benjamin's breakout role came when he landed the lead in his feature film debut alongside Demi Moore, David Duchovny and Amber Heard in the highly acclaimed film feature *The Joneses* (2010).

Following *The Joneses*, Benjamin was cast in a new CW series called *The Beautiful Life* (2009) starring Misha Barton, Sara Paxton and Gal Gadot. The series, produced by Ashton Kutcher, cast Hollingsworth in the lead role of "Chris Andrews," a character that was loosely based on Kutcher's own experiences in the industry.

Shortly after, Hollingsworth went on to recur in several TV series including a memorable turn as "Kyle Durant" on the first season of USA's *Suits*; followed by multiple recurring roles on the CW's *The Tomorrow People*, *Cult* and a guest star on ABC's *Once Upon a Time*.

In 2014, Hollingsworth joined the cast of the Fox series *Backstrom* starring Rainn Wilson, as Assistant District Attorney "Steven Kines." Later that year he starred in several romantic comedies including *Lucky in Love* (2014) opposite *Gossip Girl*'s Jessica Szohr, *A Wish Come True* (2014) starring Megan Park and *Can't Buy My Love* (2014) with Adelaide Kane. He balanced the year out with lead roles in two action thrillers; 20th Century Fox's *Joy Ride 3* (2014) and the Lionsgate feature *Vendetta* (2014).

Benjamin made his return to network TV as a series regular in CBS' medical drama Code Black (2015) in which Hollingsworth played "Dr. Mario Savetti;" a performance that earned Benjamin a Golden Maple Award nomination for Best Actor in a TV series. Code Black featured an all-star cast made up of Oscar winner Marcia Gay Harden, Luis Guzman and Emmy and Golden Globe nominee Rob Lowe. Code Black concluded its third and final season in 2018. By 2021 he was appearing as a series regular in Joe Pickett, Nancy Drew and the immensely popular Virgin River.

In 2019 Benjamin made his return to the big screen with two feature films; Lionsgate's revenge thriller Hard Powder starring Liam Neeson, Laura Dern and Emmy Rossum and the David Cronenberg remake of the 1977 cult classic Rabid from the Soska Twins.

## LAURA SOLTIS



American actress Laura Soltis has had a busy career. She is known for Hiccups (2010), Step Up All In (2014) and Black Sash (2003) but most recently has appeared in several TV Movies including Framed for Murder: A Fixer Upper Mystery, Summer in the Vineyard, Love at First Dance, Yes, I Do, Valentine in the Vineyard, Five Star Christmas, Christmas Waltz, A Whirlwind Wedding and The J Team.

## BRAD ABRAMENKO



Canadian actor, Brad Abramenko attended the Vancouver Academy of Dramatic Arts and is known for his work Batwoman and The Flash. He was also pretty excited to serve as a body double for Superman in Peacemaker. His multiple skills at all varieties of sport, combined with his ability to impersonate most accents make him a valuable addition to any cast.

## Production Credits

### Full Cast

Actors	Role
RHIANNON FISH	Chloe Turner
BEN HOLLINGSWORTH	Ben Winters
LAURA SOLTIS	Mary Martin

BRAD ABRAMENKO  
JULIANA WIMBLES  
SEAN YVES LESSARD  
MADELEINE KELDERS  
KAMANTHA NAIDOO

Adrian  
Shawna  
Marcus  
Dr. Andrea Ware  
Shannon

**Casting by**

JUDY LEE

**Production Designer**

JORDAN NINKOVICH

**Director of Photography**

JAY KAMAL

**Edited by**

JASON NIELSEN

**Music by**

Mario VAIRA

**Written by**

JULIANA WIMBLES

**Directed by**

HEATHER HAWTHORN-DOYLE

**Other Crew**

THOMAS STANFORD  
CELESTE CROWE  
JEFF CROFT  
AKRAM FAKHFAKH  
JADEN DEVINE  
MARIA ALEJANDRA MOLANO  
JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ AMAYA  
ASHLEY TAMBOUR  
ASHLEY DE SOUZA  
ROBIN D. MACDONALD  
SAMANTHA SUMINGUIT  
JEFF DESMARAIS  
BRETT SWORDER  
LA HILTS  
NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM SHOOTING  
MAVERICK POST GROUP

Associate Producer  
Unit Production Manager  
First Assistant Director  
Second Assistant Director  
Costume Designer  
Set Decorator  
Props Master  
Make-Up Artist  
Hair Stylist  
Location Manager  
Script Supervisor  
Production Coordinator  
Production Sound Mixer  
Extras Casting  
Picture Post Production  
Sound Facilities Provided By

## **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 global distribution appeal.

Johnson is also responsible for producing the international hit series, DR. QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN for CBS for over 5 seasons. During his 100-episode tenure, 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.

Johnson has produced over 150 movies, 15 globally released series for every major US network - including ABC, Disney, CBS, NBC, Netflix, FOX and Sony.

### **JOHNSON PRODUCTION GROUP**

The Johnson Production Group contracts globally to produce television 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.

### **NAVID SOOFI** – Producer

Navid is the primary producer for Novus Ordo Seclorum. Navid's passion for filmmaking along with his business and engineering background plays an important role in creating a successful and transparent business model. Navid has been in the entertainment industry for more than 13 years and has produced over 50 feature films, TV shows and commercials that have been featured on national television, international theatres, and new media platforms. His credits include Over the Moon in Love, The Mistletoe Secret, Random Acts of Christmas, Love Unleashed, Identity Theft of a Cheerleader, and A Mother on the Edge.

### **OLIVER DE CAIGNY** – Supervising 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.

## Billing Block

Johnson Production Group with Hallmark Channel Presents "A SPLASH OF LOVE"  
Starring RHIANNON FISH BEN HOLLINGSWORTH LAURA SOLTIS SEAN YVES LESSARD  
Casting by JUDY LEE Production Designer JORDAN NINKOVICH Director of Photography  
JAY KAMAL Edited by JASON NIELSEN Music by Mario VAIRA Executive Producer  
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON Co-Executive Producer JULIANA WIMBLES  
Produced by NAVID SOOFI Supervising Producer OLIVER DE CAIGNY  
Written by JULIANA WIMBLES Directed by HEATHER HAWTHORN-DOYLE



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## Meta Data

### LONG (max 3000 characters) synopsis

Chloe Turner is halfway through her PhD program in marine mammalogy (the study of whales) at one of Miami's top universities, and applies for a highly sought after scholarship that would fund the last two years of her doctorate. Her mentor Dr. Andrea encourages Chloe to go beyond their local waters and study a species less familiar to her and the board, specifically the J-Pod Orcas. But Chloe's unconvinced, the timing isn't right. She's studying alongside her college boyfriend Marcus, also PhD applying for same scholarship) and while she had thought their relationship was about to reach the next level, it turns out that Marcus isn't there yet so she decides take the leap that Andrea has suggested.

The cute cottages that line up along Cable Cove in the Pacific Northwest look right out of a story book. Deep green trees line the bays of even deeper blue waters, and multicoloured buildings stand on stilts, clinging to the rocky shores. It really does seem like the edge of the world, and Mary's bed and breakfast makes Chloe feel welcome even as a proverbial 'fish out of water' in the small town. Down at the docks, Chloe meets handsome whale watching tour guide BEN who's grown up in the area and knows it like the back of his hand. He offers some guidance, but Chloe insists she's set herself up with everything she needs. After all, she's here as a scientist, not a tourist. Soon, she realizes her independence has got the best of her and the mighty (much colder) Pacific has her in over her head. Needing some help, Chloe teams up with Ben and learns that he has the knowledge and passion for the whales that not only matches her own, but that she could even learn from. The Orcas turn out to be more shy than Chloe anticipated, and she has to rely on Ben's knowledge of the waters to get her close.

Ben uses the opportunity to set a couple crab traps and teach Chloe how to fish. There's an ease Chloe shares with Ben, and in an unexpected moment, a pod of Orca's breach around them and Chloe has never felt more alive. And something truly exciting comes to light; the pod of whales is about to welcome a new addition! Ben guesses that the new Orca calf will be born any day now, and if she's lucky, Chloe will be at Cable Cove for its arrival.

At Mary's big "boil-up" dinner, when Ben asks Chloe to dance under the twinkle lights at the dinner, the closeness between them displays their undeniable chemistry. But she doesn't have much time to get swept away before Marcus shows up at the end of the night! He reveals that Chloe has inspired him to come to Cable Cove to research his own scholarship application.

Marcus arranges to rent the biggest vessel in the marina to take off the next morning for the big migration with Chloe. When Ben gets word of Marcus' intention, he realizes that his plans the next morning to take Chloe out on his whale watching boat are likely off. Heartbroken (and misinterpreting an embrace) Ben heads off expecting it's the last of her he will see. (2996)

### MEDIUM (max 500) synopsis

When PhD student Chloe makes the choice to expand her studies to include the whales of the Pacific Northwest, she leaves Miami and heads to the picturesque Cable Cove. There she relies on the local

expertise of whale watching tour guide, Ben, and they soon find themselves bonding over more than just the J-Pod of orcas. (320)

## SHORT (max 100 characters) synopsis

PhD student Chloe learns more about whales than she could have imagined from her attractive guide. (99)

## 5 KEY WORDS

Whales, orcas, marine biologist, romance