

MERRY MYSTERY CHRISTMAS

Johnson Production Group Press Kit

One-Liner

A reporter and detective discover great chemistry as they work together to solve the mystery of missing Christmas displays.

Synopsis

When Leslie, a rising star reporter inadvertently botches her investigative piece about a powerful City Council member, her boss decides she needs to pivot to something more seasonal. Her next assignment is to uncover the identity of a local late-night bandit who has been stealing beautiful home Christmas displays across the city. She's not the only one on the case though, Preston, local detective and Christmas enthusiast has made it his mission to identify the culprit and restore the town's holiday spirit. As they spend more time together, they discover more than just clues pointing them to their culprit, they also discover that their undeniable chemistry might actually be true love.

Producers

Executive Producers
TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON
DAVID GOLDEN
ANDREW C. ERIN
OLIVER DE CAIGNY

Co-Executive Producers
JOSEPH WILKA
LISA ALFORD

Producer
TARALEE GERHARD

Key Cast

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>ACTOR</u>
Krista Danser	BRITTANY BRISTOW
Detective Ryan Bridger	OLIVIER RENAUD
Ally Willard	ELIZA KING
Stu Sanderson	JUSTIN NURSE
Joyce Bridger	JILLIAN REES-BROWN
Gilbert Emerich	RICHARD VELTRI

Key Cast Biographies

BRITTANY BRISTOW



A native of Toronto, Canada, Brittany Bristow began acting at the age of six. At the age 12, after numerous national commercials, a television guest star appearance and four films, she auditioned for Canada's National Ballet School. Upon acceptance, she put her acting career on hold to attend the prestigious program and complete her studies. In 2008, Bristow graduated from the professional training program and returned to acting, her true passion. Taking time to study through intensive programs at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and with Larry Moss, she continues to find further passion and joy for the work she does.

Interested in understanding every aspect of the industry, Bristow has worked as a producer, writer and script editor. At the end of 2017, she was elated to accept the CIFF (Canadian International Faith & Family Film Festival) Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Johanna in Saul: The Journey to Damascus.

Over the past few years, Bristow has worked on several projects with Hallmark Channel and has had starring roles in Holiday Date, Love in Whitbrooke, Loving Christmas, The Story of Love, A Tail of Love and A Royal Seaside Romance. She starred in the Icelandic mystery film, Shadowtown and appeared in Dancing Through the Shadow, The Marijuana Conspiracy and is currently starring in the TV Series, The Love Club. Bristow also starred in the television series "Rising Suns" and serves as host of "Wildlife Quest," a show created, written and produced with her family for National Geographic.

OLIVIER RENAUD



Olivier is a multilingual Third Culture Kid having lived abroad most of his life in countries such as Brazil, Romania, Czech Republic and Thailand. He is a HEC Montreal Business School Trilingual Program graduate. Six months shy of graduating, Olivier ran away with the circus (literally!) touring the US, Scandinavia, Western and Eastern Europe with Cirque du Soleil as a stage performer. He finished his studies while on tour, and became the first HEC Montreal Alum to do so while being an acrobat. Later he moved to New York and Los Angeles to hone the craft of acting with the Hollywood's leading teachers and coaches. He has studied with Terry Knickerbocker, Larry Moss and

Jim Calder, Aitor Basauri and Philippe Gaulier.

His film credits include Midnight at the Magnolia, Christmas in London, A Christmas Village Romance, Loving Christmas, Christmas on 5th Avenue, Planes, Trains and Christmas Trees, Christmas on the Slopes and the recent thriller, Snow Angel. He has also had recurring roles in several TV Series including The Wedding Planners, Paris Paris and Astrid and Lilly Save the World.

ELIZA KING



Eliza King is a Canadian Actor/Performer who resides on the island of Newfoundland, and has portrayed many roles within the local film industry. She is most known for her uncanny portrayal of the popular Disney character "Queen Elsa" from the hit movie Frozen. Previously employed with the Canadian Coast Guard, Eliza is now a freelance actor/model/artist and is the sole owner and operator of NL Bus Tours Inc & Dream Parties NL. Eliza is very passionate about her island home, and plays a role in making local tourism more accessible and enticing to younger generations.

JUSTIN GERARD NURSE



Justin Nurse is a multifaceted performer with a wide range of talents and professionally honed skills. As an actor he is capable of taking on both comedy and drama with remarkable skill. Justin is reliable and versatile. As both an exceptional singer and gifted actor Justin can deliver topnotch performances every time. Currently Justin is recording a number of Radio and TV Commercials in his home province of NFLD and performing with his cover band Stixx N Stones and his big Band 709. His recent TV appearances include Behind Closed Doors, The Death of Winter, Hudson and Rex, Spin and Republic of Doyle.

JILLIAN REES-BROWN



Canadian Jillian Rees-Brown is an established actor, director and writer working in the theatre, television and film industries. Her film work includes roles in Blues Brothers 2000, Beeba Boys, Little Death, Luba and Burned by Love. She has also appeared in several TV Series including Man Seeking Woman, Save Me, Private Eyes, Son of a Critch, Hudson & Rex and You're My Hero.

RICHARD VELTRI



From a very young age, Richard Veltri always wanted to be an actor. As a child he had very diverse interests and people would always ask what he wanted to be and there were just too many things he wanted to be in his life when it hit him that if he was an actor he could live all the lives he wanted to. With every taste he fell more and more in love with performing, from winning multiple public speaking awards to community and high school theatre. However, while growing as a person and a performer he didn't really believe in the possibility of acting as a real career until he was encouraged by his peers to pursue it. On advice from the first agent he met he enrolled at The Armstrong Acting Studio where he studied to adapt his energetic and comedy based performances to a more diverse and filmed driven style. From there he started auditioning and booking everything that he could from short films and student films to low budget features while still studying at Brock University. By the time he was in third year there he was actually in Toronto more days out of the week than not working on different film projects and realized that that's where he really needed to be. The summer before moving out he booked his first ACTRA role in a Microsoft promotion and hasn't looked back since. Continuing to grow and work on diverse and exciting projects and years into this business he still loves every moment of the process from auditioning to seeing the final edit.

Production Credits

Full Cast

Actors

BRITTANY BRISTOW
OLIVIER RENAUD
ELIZA KING
JUSTIN NURSE
JILLIAN REES-BROWN
RICHARD VELTRI
COLIN FURLONG
NICHOLAS CARELLA
CHRIS ADAMS
RUTH LAWRENCE
NICOLE UNDERHAY
TARUN SUBRAMANIAN
SUSAN LUNDRIGAN

Role

Krista Danser
Detective Ryan Bridger
Ally Willard
Stu Sanderson
Joyce Bridger
Gilbert Emerich
Gordon Howard
Rudy Archer
Jameson Ward
Eloise
Captain Mast
Young Man
Reporter

Casting

RON LEACH, c.d.c.

Composer

CATALIN MARIN

Costume Designer

MORGAN LEIGH TODD

Editor

RICHARD MANDIN

Production Designer

DAVE WHITTY

Director of Photography

JUAN MONTALVO

Written by

BRYAR FREED

Directed by

MICHELLE OUELLET

Associate Producers

ALEXANDRA WARING

LOGAN A. WAGNER

Other Crew

SHARA DÉsirÉE KING

RACHEL DEAL

MALLORY HORSMAN

MALLORY HORSMAN

ZOË BALSOM

VICTORIA PICKETT

LOGAN A. WAGNER

MATTHEW CARVELL

DAVE WHITTY

STEPHEN BUTLER

KOBE DILLON

DEENA RIGGS

SAMANTHA KOSUB

MEGAN GREGORY

NATHALIE JAVault

MICHAEL LAWLOR

MICHAEL LAWLOR

BRADLEY GOOD

RYAN HUNT

MORGAN LEIGH TODD

KELSEY MAYE

JUAN MONTALVO

ADAM PENNEY

First Assistant Director

Second Assistant Director

Third Assistant Director

Local & BG Casting Director

Production Coordinator

Assistant Production Coordinator

Production Accountant

Post Production Accountant

Production Designer

Art Director

Set Decorator

Set Decorator Assistant

Art Swings

Art Department PA

Graphic Designer

Props Master

Greenspersons

Costume Designer

Wardrobe Assistant

Director of Photography

B Camera Operator

JOSEF GERHARDS	A Cam - First Assistant Camera
NICK EDGAR DUNNE	A Cam - Second Assistant Camera
SPENCER THOMPSON	B Cam - First Assistant Camera
RILEY HARNETT	B Cam - Second Assistant Camera
MATTHEW FITZGERALD	Camera Trainee
AARON ELLIOTT	Lab Technician
SARAH HOWSE	Camera Utility
SARAH HOWSE	Stills Photographer
CHRISTOPHER LEO	Gaffers
ALEX TUCKER	
CHRIS ADAMS	Best Electrics
JIMMY KEAN	
ROBERT ALEXANDER PIKE	
BECKY DAVIS	Electrics
TIM SULLIVAN	
ANDREW HAMOND	Key Grip
CHRIS ADAMS	Best Grips
LIAM SMALL	
JORDAN C. FARRELL	Grips
CHRIS HANLEY	
JAMES HARRIS	Third Grip
DAVID FLEMMING	Grip / Electric Swing
DIEGO MEDINA	Sound Mixer
STEPHEN POND	Boom Operators
ALEX TOPOLNISKI	
DAVE CONNORS	Script Supervisor
DANNY NOSEWORTHY	Location Manager
ALEXANDER PIERCE	Assistant Location Manager
KELSEY MAYE	Location Scout
CAMERON COURTNEY	Location Production Assistants
AVALON	
DAN GILL	
ALEX TOPOLNISKI	
LAUREN SNOW	Key Makeup Artist
MEGAN GREGORY	First Assistant Makeup Artist
ZACK CLARKE	Key Hairstylist
CYNTHIA GREENLAND	Hairstylist
SAMANTHA KOSUB	Makeup & Hair Assistant
PAUL ELLIOTT	Transport Coordinator
JAMES WALL	Transport Captain
JAMES WALL	Driver
JAMES MICHAEL WOOLRIDGE	Off-Set Labour
JULIA MORRISSEY	Set Medic
JENNIFER NORMAN	Food & Beverage Manager
CHERYL RYALL	First Assistant Caterer

MELANIE GIBBONS	Assistant Craft Server
THE NO CONFLICT CLEARANCE COMPANY	Script Clearance
HALL WEBBER LLP	Legal Services
DANNY WEBBER	
ABOVE THE LINE MEDIA SERVICES	Business Affairs
BRENDAN MCNEILL	
ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER CANADA LTD.	Insurance
ALEXANDRA WARING	Post Production Supervisor
RICHARD FRAZIER	Post Production Coordinators
GEGHANI PANOSIAN	
URBAN POST PRODUCTION	Post Production Services
JOSEPH FACCIUOLO	Dialogue & ADR Editor
EHREN PFEIFER	ADR Recordist
KIRSTY SMITH	Sound FX Editor
RYANN MACNEILL	Foley Artist
JESSICA SEVIER	Foley Recordist
BRAD TIGWELL	Re-Recording Mixer
TYLER HALL	Re-Recording Assistant
EVAN GRAVES	VFX Artist
STEVE LAHEY	Colorist
RICHARD VALA	Online & Packaging Editor
PETER TOKARSKY	Project Manager
BRUCE REES	Picture Operations Manager
ROBERTA BRATTI	V.P. of Operations
POND5/AIRSTOCK	Stock Footage
POND5/BLACKBOXGUILD	
POND5/CATMANHD	
POND5/LOGANIMAGES	
POND5/RSTOCK	
POND5/THIRDBORNENTERTAINMENT	
POND5/VISUALALTITUDE1587	
ISTOCK/ADAMHORNER	
ISTOCK/LEVKARAVANOV	
ISTOCK/SERGEYXPS	
ARTGRID/CREATIVELIGHT	

Music

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

by David Ayers

courtesy of West One Music Limited

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

by Barrie Gledden, Richard Lacy & Simeon Wood

courtesy of Audio Rights Network Limited

UPBEAT CITY 4
by Tim Garland
courtesy of Audio Rights Network Limited

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY
by Patrick T. Hawes
courtesy of West One Music Limited

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES
by Patrick T. Hawes
courtesy of West One Music Limited

CHRISTMAS TREE
by Alexander L'Estrange
courtesy of Audio Rights Network Limited

JINGLE BELLS
Public Domain
courtesy of Extreme Production Music USA & Artfully Entertaining Music Library

ON YOUR BIKE
Public Domain
courtesy of Extreme Production Music USA, Artfully Entertaining Music Library,
& Brilliant Musik Switzerland Joachim Tautz

MAYBE THIS YEAR
by Tony Osborne
courtesy of Refuel Music

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
Public Domain
courtesy of Extreme Production Music USA & Artfully Entertaining Music Library

EASY CHRISTMAS
by Igor Dvorkin, Elfed Hayes & Ellie Kidd
courtesy of Audio Rights Network Limited

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.

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.

ANDREW C. ERIN – Executive Producer

Andrew Erin is a Canadian Writer/Director making a big splash in the US, and has produced, written and directed numerous commercially successful films. His directorial debut, SAM'S LAKE, was an official selection at the Tribeca Film Festival and did an excellent theatrical run in select theaters around the country; distributed by Lionsgate Films. Andrew also wrote the script for the film. Andrew's directorial credits include, SIMPLE THINGS, produced for Screen Media Ventures and Universal Studios. Besides winning The Bob Clark Award for Best Director at the California Independent Film Festival, the film was commercially received. Andrew has worked continuously as a writer/director, building a strong library of films in the Thriller/Horror genres with: Embrace of The Vampire, The Clinic, Final Sale, Confined and Toxic Skies.

OLIVER DE CAIGNY – Executive 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.

JOSEPH WILKA – Co-Executive Producer

Joseph Wilka is the Head of Production for Johnson Production Group. Los Angeles-based, Joseph had already produced and directed several feature films before serving as the senior marketing executive for Gravitas Ventures. While at Gravitas, Wilka helped pioneer new distribution models for independent films including day-and-date theatrical releases. It was also at Gravitas where Joseph first worked with Johnson Production Group to facilitate the release of their films to the worldwide Video On Demand audience. After serving as the Director of Distribution and Production for Viva Pictures, where he produced English-language versions of foreign animated titles for DirecTV, Wilka officially joined Johnson Production Group. As Head of Production, he oversees the development, production, and distribution of films from multiple production units for release on broadcast and streaming platforms.

LISA ALFORD – Co-Executive Producer

Lisa Alford is a development executive at Johnson Production Group. A Massachusetts native, Lisa has lived and worked in Los Angeles for over a decade, always in support of excellent storytelling. Prior to joining Johnson Production Group, Lisa worked as an executive at TriStar television where she specialized in identifying IP that supported TriStar's mission to feature diverse, authentic characters and champion underrepresented voices. Lisa came up at Sony Pictures Television where she worked as a production coordinator in the Television Movies and Miniseries department and in the writers room on the WGN hit series OUTSIDERS. In her current role, Lisa shepherds projects from the concept phase through story development, production, and post.

TARALEE GERHARD – Producer

Taralee Gerhard committed to following her dream of making movies almost 20 years ago when the film industry was in its infancy in Ottawa. She spent several years with Fireside Pictures in Ottawa and truly cares about the family culture that Fireside has fostered amongst the crew, supporting each other's big sky dreams, making movies to be proud of. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the spirit of taking risks and following her heart lead Taralee to Newfoundland and she remains truly grateful to be able to continue working with Fireside Pictures as an in house Producer opening a new territory, expanding the Fireside Family and helping to foster the independent film industry in Newfoundland.

Billing Block

JOHNSON PRODUCTION GROUP PRESENTS **MERRY MYSTERY CHRISTMAS** starring
BRITTANY BRISTOW OLIVIER RENAUD ELIZA KING JUSTIN NURSE JILLIAN REES-BROWN
RICHARD VELTRI Casting RON LEACH, c.d.c. Composer CATALIN MARIN Costume
Designer MORGAN LEIGH TODD Editor RICHARD MANDIN Production Designer DAVE
WHITTY Director of Photography JUAN MONTALVO Co-Executive Producers JOSEPH
WILKA LISA ALFORD Executive Producers TIMOTHY O. JOHNSON OLIVER DE CAIGNY
ANDREW C. ERIN DAVID GOLDEN Producer TARALEE GERHARD
Written by BRYAR FREED Directed by MICHELLE OUELLET



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Meta Data

LONG (max 3000 characters) synopsis

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MEDIUM (max 500) synopsis

When a reporter botches an assignment, her next job is to uncover the identity of a local bandit who has been stealing Christmas displays across the city. She's not the only one on the case though. A detective and Christmas enthusiast has made it his mission to identify the culprit and restore the town's holiday spirit. As they spend more time together, they discover more than just clues, they also discover that their undeniable chemistry might actually be true love.

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SHORT (max 100 characters) synopsis

A reporter and detective work together to solve the mystery of missing Christmas displays.

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5 KEY WORDS

Missing displays, police detective, reporter