

<u>TYLER HYNES AND BETHANY JOY LENZ PRETEND THEY'RE STILL A COUPLE</u> <u>FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN</u> <u>`AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS'</u> A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING NOVEMBER 26, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

Part of "Merry Thanksgiving Weekend" During the Network's "Countdown to Christmas" Programming Event

STUDIO CITY, CA – October 27, 2021 – Bethany Joy Lenz ("One Tree Hill," "Five Star Christmas") and Tyler Hynes ("It Was Always You," "Roadhouse Romance") star in **"An Unexpected Christmas,"** a new, original movie premiering **Friday, November 26 (8 p.m. ET/PT)**, on Hallmark Channel during "A Very Merry Thanksgiving" as part of the network's annual "Countdown to Christmas" programming event – your home for the holiday.

Jamie (Hynes) travels home a week before Christmas but he still hasn't told his family he broke things off with his girlfriend Emily (Lenz), whom they adore. When Emily arrives in town unexpectedly for work, Jamie offers her a deal – he'll get the Governor to deliver the Christmas Day address for her marketing campaign and in return, Emily will stay with his family for the week under the pretense she and Jamie are still together. What follows is a week of awkward fumbling and near misses as Jamie and Emily try desperately to keep their true relationship status a secret. Eventually, their ruse begins to unravel. Just when it seems like Christmas has been ruined, Jamie pulls out all the stops to make things right, resulting in a very unexpected Christmas.

"An Unexpected Christmas" is from Unexpected Road Productions Ltd. Michael Shepard and Matthew R. Brady serve as executive producers. Charles Cooper serves as producer. Michael Robison directed from a story by Greg McGoon, written by Paul Campbell.

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