A LIGHTHOUSE HELPS NAVIGATE THE LIVES OF A MOTHER AND SON WHILE ON A CHARMING ISLAND OVER CHRISTMAS

CHELSEA HOBBS AND STEPHEN HUSZAR STAR IN
'NAVIGATING CHRISTMAS,'
A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING NOVEMBER 17, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

Part of the Network's Annual, Beloved *Countdown to Christmas* Programming Event

STUDIO CITY, CA – October 17, 2023 – A mother bonds with her son and navigates love while running a lighthouse over Christmas when Chelsea Hobbs ("Dream Moms," "The Holiday Sitter") and Stephen Huszar ("A Royal Christmas Crush," "The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost") star in **"Navigating Christmas,"** a new, original movie premiering **Friday, November 17 (8 p.m. ET/PT)**, on Hallmark Channel, as part of the network's annual, beloved, *Countdown to Christma*s programming event – television's undisputed #1 home for holiday viewing.

Melanie (Hobbs) faces spending her first Christmas after her divorce by herself, as her ex-husband is taking their teenage son Jason (Everett Andres, "Virgin River") on a snowboarding trip. When he cancels at the last-minute leaving Jason crushed, Melanie scrambles to find a fun back-up plan to make the holiday special for her son. Unfortunately, everything is booked – except for a listing for a charming lighthouse on St. Nicholas Island, complete with lore about guiding good ol' St. Nick himself on Christmas Eve. The soggy ferry ride to the island gives the trip a rocky start but it gets worse when they arrive at the lighthouse to discover it looks nothing like its photo. When she comes face to face with the lighthouse owner at the local café, she's dismayed to see that he's the smug ferry passenger she met on the way over. Peter informs her that she booked an immersive experience that comes with lighthouse duties, including decorating it for the holidays so it will be ready for the Christmas festival. Though Peter isn't a fan of Christmas, he helps them out. Having grown up in the lighthouse that's belonged to his family for decades, Peter teaches Jason morse code using the spotlight and the two begin to bond. Meanwhile, as they continue to deck out the lighthouse and participate in fun, holiday festivities in town, Melanie and Peter grow close. His dislike of the holiday even seems to soften, although he is harboring a secret about his family's lighthouse that's weighing on him. But when Jason overhears them talking and learns the real reason his dad canceled their plans, he takes off. As Melanie, Peter and their new friends in town search for Jason, the dormant lighthouse may still have some life left in it and help navigate a Christmas miracle for all of them.

"Navigating Christmas" is from Island Light Road Productions Inc. and Front Street Pictures Inc. Jonathan Brownlee, Cameron Larson, Allen Lewis and Rama Diallo are executive producers. The movie is produced by Charles Cooper. Peter Benson directed from a script by Kelly Bowe and Carley Smale.

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