

HUNTER KING AND CHANDLER MASSEY STAR IN 'THE PROFESSIONAL BRIDESMAID,' A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING APRIL 8, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

STUDIO CITY, CA – March 20, 2023 – Hunter King ("Life in Pieces," "The Young and The Restless) and Chandler Massey ("Days of Our Lives") star in "The Professional Bridesmaid," a new, original movie premiering <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 8 (8 p.m. ET/PT)</u> on Hallmark Channel.

Years ago, Maggie Bailey (King) realized she had a particular skill set for being an ace bridesmaid – and she went pro. Now she uses her talents to help brides navigate the tricky emotional and social dynamics that go along with planning their big day in addition to the practical. Her latest client, Alexis Shepard (Francesca Bianchi,"A Million Little Things"), is the daughter of Columbus' mayor who is up for reelection. Alexis' wedding promises to be the event of the summer with lots of scrutiny, so the mayor's team hires Maggie to join the bridal party and help keep everything on track. But no one can know that Maggie is a hired bridesmaid, so she is introduced as Alexis' old friend Maisie. Unfortunately, Henry Whittington (Massey), an ambitious local reporter assigned to the society story is sniffing around hoping to get close to the mayor for a scoop on the pending development of local park land. To pull off her assignment, Maggie must coordinate three unhelpful bridesmaids, and keep Henry focused on the wedding while hiding her identity, even as she begins to grow closer to him.

"The Professional Bridesmaid" is from Lighthouse Pictures Inc. Marguerite Henry is executive producer. Shawn Williamson, Jamie Goehring and Robert Lycar serve as producers. Peter Benson directed from a script by Carol Starr Schneider, Gregg Rossen and Brian Sawyer.

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