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'Twas the Night Before Christmas,'
A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING DECEMBER 17, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

Part of the Network's Annual "Countdown to Christmas" Programming Event

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*The Trial Before Christmas***

STUDIO CITY, CA – November 28, 2022 – Torrey DeVitto ("Rip in Time," "The Rite") and Zane Holtz ("NCIS," "From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series") star in **"Twas the Night Before Christmas,"** a new, original movie premiering **Saturday, December 17 (8 p.m. ET/PT)**, on Hallmark Channel, as part of the network's annual "Countdown to Christmas" programming event. Inspired by Troy, New York's beloved annual tradition, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," is based on the play *The Trial Before Christmas*, written by Duncan Crary and Jack Casey.

Madison (DeVitto) is an actress who, despite working for decades, is best known for an early catch phrase she'd rather forget. Looking to broaden her career, she sees the opportunity to direct a play in Troy, New York as the perfect chance to prove her skills. Part play, part mock trial, the show features two lawyers debating whether "A Visit from Saint Nick" was authored by Clement Clark Moore or Henry Livingston Jr. and has the audience decide as the jury. Madison casts an old costar, Connor (Holtz), who is struggling to balance time for acting and his young daughter, Josie (Morgan Saunders, "Aww Shucks"). Despite feeling a spark with Connor, Madison has a rule to never date an actor. Also joining the show are two of the town's overzealous Moore and Livingston cosplayers. They are remarkably convincing – when they can be found. Less convincing is Madison's lead actress, Lena (Sophie Bastelle, "The Clue to Love"), whose sole qualifications seem to be hand modeling and the fact that she's the producer's girlfriend. Soon, Madison worries that her first foray into directing will be a flop. Perhaps however, with determination, support from the town and from Connor, Madison just might find a way to make it all work.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" is from Muse Entertainment. Jesse Prupas and Jonas Prupas are executive producers. Shane Boucher and Caitlin Delaney are producers. Gary Yates directed from a script by C. Jay Cox & Gary Yates, based on the play *The Trial Before Christmas*, written by Duncan Crary and Jack Casey.

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