# NEWS

### 'A TASTE OF ROMANCE'

### **CAST BIOS**

**TERI POLO (Sara Westbrook)** – Teri Polo is best known for her role as Robert De Niro's daughter, Pam Byrnes, in the "Meet the Parents" feature films. She recently starred in "The Little Fockers," the third installment of the movie franchise and completed production on the feature "Beyond" opposite Jon Voight, to be released this year. Polo has also recently filmed the Lifetime movie "Jayne's Story" and had a recent recurring role on "Law & Order: Los Angeles." She played the character of Casey Winters, wife of Detective Rex Winters, played by Skeet Ulrich. Polo is currently starring in the new ABC series "Man Up."

Polo's other recent credits include the feature film "The Hole," directed by Joe Dante, and the NBC miniseries "The Storm," both released in 2010. Polo's other film credits include "Beyond Borders" co-starring Angelina Jolie, the suspense thriller "The Unsaid" opposite Andy Garcia and "Domestic Disturbance" opposite John Travolta and Vince Vaughn. She co-starred opposite De Niro and Stiller in "Meet the Parents," for which she won a People's Choice Award, and its sequel "Meet the Fockers."

Originally from Dover, Delaware, Polo began her performing career as a dancer. By age 13, she was attending New York's School of Ballet. The summer before her senior year, she was signed to a modeling contract, which led to a role as Kristin on the daytime drama "Loving." Polo made her primetime debut in the dramatic series "TV 101." Television audiences may remember her as Michelle Capra, the doctor's wife who was determined to master the strange surroundings (and even stranger characters) in "Northern Exposure." She also starred in the comedy series "I'm with Her" as well as David E. Kelley's "The Wedding Bells." Other television credits include the original film "Second String" opposite Jon Voight and the Hallmark Channel Original Movie's "Straight from the Heart" and "Love Is a Four-Letter Word." She was nominated for an Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award for her role opposite Jimmy Smits on "The West Wing."

Polo currently lives in Manhattan Beach, California with her family.

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**JAMES PATRICK STUART (Gill Callahan)** – James Patrick Stuart was born in Hollywood, California to British immigrants Chad and Jill Stuart. As his father was half of 60's pop duo, "Chad and Jeremy," Stuart spent much of his childhood in Los Angeles recording studios and at the dinner table while his parents dined with industry moguls and rock stars such as George Harrison, David Crosby and Phil Hartman.

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With dreams of becoming an actor, Stuart would often talk his mother and father to chaperoning him to nighttime tapings of sitcoms like "Happy Days" and "Mork and Mindy." Soon, Stuart was cast as Young Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* at North Hollywood's small Theatre Exchange. Spotted in the show by a talent agent, Stuart shortly was starring on ABC's "Galactica 1980." The sci-fi series was short lived and, after its cancellation, his family moved to the small Orange County community of Laguna Beach where he finished high school.

At 14, Stuart discovered the local Moulten Playhouse and its youth acting program where he would meet his first acting coach and mentor, Louise Rodecker. After high school, Stuart spent two years in San Francisco State University's drama department before dropping out in 1988 to move back to Hollywood. From 1988 to 1990, Stuart divided his time between waiting tables at the infamous Vitello's Restaurant in Studio City and studying at Hollywood's esteemed Stella Adler's Conservatory of Acting under Arthur Mendoza and Joanne Linville and alongside the likes of Benicio Del Toro, Mark Ruffalo and Michael Richards. In 1990 Stuart made a brief appearance in "Pretty Woman" as a bellhop and was quickly cast in "All My Children" as dark horse Will Cortlandt.

After leaving the soap in 1992 as an Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award nominee, Stuart was quickly cast by director Ron Maxwell in the civil war epic "Gettysburg," playing Colonel Porter Alexander. Stuart followed up that performance with Garry Marshall's "Exit to Eden" alongside Rosie O'Donnell and Dan Ackroyd. The next year, Stuart was cast by director Richard Zelniker in the dark, independent psycho-drama, "Fix." Starring opposite Burr Steers, Stuart played David, one of two brothers coming to terms with the long and simmering repercussions of childhood molestation.

In 1997, Stuart was cast as Elaine's egocentric, furniture designing boyfriend in a popular episode of "Seinfeld." He also appeared as a French ski instructor on a critically acclaimed episode of "Frasier" and soon found himself a series regular on two separate sitcoms for two separate networks at the same time: NBC's "Encore, Encore" starring Nathan Lane, and CBS's "The Simple Life" with Judith Light. He also made a guest starring appearance on Michael J. Fox's "Spin City," and in 2000, he joined the Emmy®-nominated FOX sitcom "Andy Richter Controls the Universe."

During the most recent years, Stuart has continued to enjoy a prolific television career. Recurring on "CSI" as public defender Adam Mathews since 2003, he has also be seen in the casts of several funny yet ill-fated network comedy pilots starring the likes of Steve Carell, Janine Garaffallo, Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Chris Kattan and Heather Graham. Stuart also maintains a successful voice over career.

He lives in Los Angeles with his wife Jocelyn and their two sons, Graham and Colin.

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**BAILEE MADISON (Hannah Callahan)** – At just 12-years-old, Bailee Madison is already one of the most proficient actresses in the business, effortlessly executing both dramatic and comedic roles, as well as establishing her presence in the world of philanthropy. With inherent charm, sharp intelligence, and a vibrant personality, Bailee Madison is a multitalented actress who has showcased her talent across the board.

Most recently, Madison had a starring role in producer Guillermo Del Toro's thriller "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" with Katie Holmes and Guy Pearce, where she played a withdrawn child being haunted by insatiable demons. Madison was recommended for the role by her "Brothers" co-star Natalie Portman.

Madison is currently filming "Parental Guidance" where she will star as the daughter of Marisa Tomei and the granddaughter of Bette Midler and Billy Crystal. The comedy will be a coproduction between 20th Century Fox and Walden Media.

This talented young actress has worked with a number of the industry's biggest stars in a variety of diverse and challenging roles. She won rave reviews and a Critics Choice Movie Award nomination for her powerful work on the feature film, "Brothers" opposite Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal. Madison also starred opposite Hilary Swank and Minnie Driver playing the young 'Betty Ann Waters' in Fox Searchlight's "Conviction."

Madison's role in Columbia Pictures' comedy, "Just Go With It" with Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston, earned her rave reviews with *The Wall Street Journal* writing "How 11-Year-Old Bailee Madison Stole Adam Sandler's Movie."

Madison captured audiences hearts with her role of 'May Belle' in Disney's "Bridge to Terabithia," and has left lasting impressions with her performances in the independent film "Phoebe in Wonderland" starring Felicity Huffman and Elle Fanning and on television in NBC's "Law & Order: SVU." She also appears as 'Maxine' in Disney Channel's "Wizards of Waverly Place" for its fourth and final season.

A driven and talented young actress, Madison is equally committed to using her public profile to raise awareness for those less fortunate. Between filming major motion pictures, Madison has been devoting her time and energy to "Alex's Lemonade Stand," an organization that encourages children nationwide to raise money to find a cure for childhood cancer through running their own lemonade stands. In 2011 *Variety* named Madison an honoree for her philanthropic efforts with Alex's Lemonade Stand at the "Variety Power Of Youth Awards" which pays homage to the industry's most talented young activists.

When Madison is not traveling, she's just like any other 12-year-old girl, she loves spending time at home with family and friends, barbecuing, swimming, and playing on her swing set. Of course her dog, Maddy, is always by her side.

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**ROMY ROSEMONT (Patsy)** – Actress Romy Rosemont has the face that is instantly familiar. Lately she is being recognized as Finn's mom, Carole Hudson, on Fox's Emmy®-nominated hit series "Glee."

Rosemont is proud of her reputation as a gifted go-to character actress and has numerous film and television credits on her impressive resume. She was recently featured alongside Catherine Keener in "Please Give" and also appeared with Jennifer Aniston in director/writer Nicole Holofcenter's "Friends with Money." Rosemont has had recurring roles on "C.S.I.," "Brothers & Sisters," "Prison Break" and "Swing Town." She has guest-starred on countless television series including "Private Practice," "HawthoRNe," "Grey's Anatomy," "Nip/Tuck" and "Boston Legal."

One of Rosemont's more interesting entertainment assignments involved being part of Romy and Rusty - Movie Critics. For seven years, she and her friend, actress Rusty Schwimmer, filmed movie review segments on a show for Japan's Tokyo TV sponsored by luxury skin care brand Shiseido. The women were Japan's equivalent of Siskel & Ebert. The duo reprises their popular critiques each year to handicap the Oscar race for Japan.

Born in New York, Rosemont moved with her family to Los Angeles when she was nine years old. She spent much of her time growing up on set with her father, Norman Rosemont, an Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award winning producer. During the summers, Rosemont worked as a production assistant, stand-in, extra, costumer and a number of other jobs on her dad's productions. Her time behind-the-scenes has given Rosemont a unique perspective on the industry and respect for the entire filmmaking process.

Rosemont attended Northwestern University where she studied theater and developed a love of improv. She was the first woman to direct the university's popular comedy improv *The Meow Show.* After graduation, Rosemont worked as an assistant at both ICM and CAA, two of the entertainment industry's powerhouse agencies, before starting her own personal assistant business.

Although Rosemont made her feature film debut in the horror picture "Bad Dreams," it wasn't until she had a role in "My Life," starring Nicole Kidman, that she made the decision that she would pursue a career in acting.

Rosemont is married to another of the industry's finest character actors, Stephen Root. The two have been together for 10 years and married in 2008. She is extremely proud of her 21 year-old stepson talented drummer Cody, who is currently on tour with the punk band "Drive A," and also of her other two "children," Bazooka Joe, the photogenic dog she rescued five years ago and Perdy, the equally photogenic but decidedly undisciplined pup she and her husband recently rescued.

Rosemont can often be found in the kitchen baking her famous cookies, banana bread or

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biscotti. She is active with the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and recently completed her second Southern California event in Santa Barbara in 2011.

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**ROCKMOND DUNBAR (Danny)** – Rockmond Dunbar has mesmerized viewers on the big screen as well as on the small. Starting with a series regular role Steven Spielberg's "Earth 2," Dunbar has worked steadily over the years in feature films and television series. Named as one of "Television's 50 Sexiest Stars of All Time" by *TV Guide* for his role as Kenny Chadway in the acclaimed Showtime drama series "Soul Food," Dunbar is also known for his work as a regular on the Fox TV series "Prison Break" where he played the tough, mysterious character C-Note. A true renaissance man, he has hypnotized his audience not only theatrically, but in all realms of art. From his provocative mixed-media exhibit, "ARTHERAPY," to his powerfully unforgettable guest appearance in Dylan McDermott's directing debut of "The Practice," Dunbar is undoubtedly one of Hollywood's hottest stars.

With the work on "Earth 2" under his belt, Dunbar arrived on the Hollywood scene, and it was only one short month before he landed recurring roles on many TV series. To his credit, he now has had many guest starring and recurring on such shows as "Felicity," "The Pretender," "Good News," "Two Guys and a Girl," "G. vs. E," "North Shore," "Girlfriends," "Shark," "CSI: Miami," "Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice" and "The Defenders" just to name a few. He has also starred in the TNT series "Heartland."

Dunbar experienced yet another career boost when he secured leading roles in various independent films including "Jada," "Punks," and "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang" with Robert Downey, Jr. He was also cast in the Tyler Perry film "The Family That Preys" working alongside award-winning actors Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard.

Dunbar boasts writing, producing and directing credits. He directed his first full-length feature film, "Pastor Brown," and is currently completing writing the TV series based on the film. In 2007 he starred and produced the independent feature film "Dirty Laundry" with Loretta Devine. In 2004, he directed and produced a short film for Showtime, "The Great Commission."

To capitalize upon his success and growing recognition as a filmmaker, Dunbar formed Flypaper Entertainment with his producing partner, Carol Shine, to create film and television projects; Flypaper is currently developing the series "Safe House" with ISH Entertainment as well several other narrative and reality series.

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