



'SUN, SAND & ROMANCE' **Cast Bios**

TRICIA HELFER (Kate) – Canadian cover girl Tricia Helfer turned has developed her resume beyond the catwalk to include many diverse roles highlighting her versatile and natural screen presence. Best known for the critically acclaimed Syfy series, "Battlestar Galactica," in which she played the humanoid Cylon Number Six and won a Leo award for her performance, Helfer has since gone on to book leading roles on a wide variety of networks. Most recently, she joined the season two cast of the FOX drama, "Lucifer," where she is a series regular in the role of Lucifer's mother Charlotte. Prior to "Lucifer," Helfer appeared in season two of the Playstation & Sony Picture TV series, "Powers." Just before that, Helfer also played the lead in the Syfy's original miniseries "Ascension" co-starring Brian Van Holt. In 2014, Helfer starred as the beautiful badass Molly Parker in the ABC series "Killer Women," produced by Sofia Vergara.

Born in Donalda, Alberta, Canada, Helfer launched her modeling career at age 17, and erupted into an international superstar after winning the Ford Models' Supermodel of the World Contest in 1992. Her modeling credits include appearances in high-end ad campaigns for Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren, Versace, Givenchy and Dolce & Gabbana, as well as covers for national publications such as *ELLE*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, *Flare* and *Vogue*. In 2002, Helfer turned her focus to acting, moving to Los Angeles and quickly earning a guest star spot on the second season finale of "C.S.I." The following year she earned her break with "Battlestar Galactica," achieving a remarkably fast and successful transition into acting. During her hiatus from "Battlestar Galactica," Helfer portrayed the legendary Farrah Fawcett in NBC's movie, "Behind the Camera: The Unauthorized Story of Charlie's Angels." She further expanded her portfolio by starring as Stephanie Jacobs opposite Dennis Hopper and Billy Zane in the independent feature *Memory*, and later starred alongside LeeLee Sobieski in another independent film, *Walk All Over Me*, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Helfer returned to the small-screen in 2008, joining the cast of the USA Network's hit series, "Burn Notice" for a multi-episode arc. The next year she filmed recurring guest role on the award-winning CBS comedy, "Two and a Half Men," while appearing on Fox's crime shows "Chuck" and "Lie to Me." In 2010, Helfer booked a series regular role on the 10-episode arc of Jerry Bruckheimer's "Dark Blue," starring opposite Dylan McDermott, and went on to do a variety of roles on series such as "Suits" on USA Network, "Key and Peale," "The Librarians," "Community," "Chuck," "Jeremiah" and "Franklin & Bash," among others. In addition to her vast array of television roles, Helfer

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starred in the film, "A Beginner's Guide to Endings," with Harvey Keitel, Scott Caan, and JK Simmons, and later went on to star in "Authors Anonymous" with Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting and in the thriller "Isolation" co-starring Luke Malby.

Adding to her impressive resume, Helfer has done prolific voiceover work in mega-hit video game franchises, including playing the roles of Commander Veronica Dare in "Halo 3 ODST," EDI in "Mass Effect 2 and 3," and Sarah Kerrigan in Blizzard Entertainment's "StarCraft II: Heart of the Storm" and "Wings of Liberty," for which she won the 2010 VGA for Best Performance by a Human Female. She also showcased her voice talent in animated productions of "Green Lantern: First Flight," "The Spectacular Spiderman" and "TRON: Uprising."

In addition to acting, Helfer continues to support many causes. Strongly believing in giving back, she supports the Humane Society of United States, Best Friends Animal Society, AmFAR, PETA, Kitten Rescue and Richmond Animal Protection Society.

Helfer, who has dual citizenship in the US and Canada, currently resides in Los Angeles.

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PAUL CAMPBELL (Shep) – Canadian-born actor Paul Campbell began his career at the age of 23, and had his first real break shortly after when he was cast as a regular in Syfy's critically acclaimed series "Battlestar Galactica." He has since worked on numerous films and television series, including "Knight Rider" on NBC, "Almost Heroes" on Showcase Channel, and CTV's "Spun Out."

"Sun Sand & Romance" marks Campbell's fourth film for the Hallmark Channel and his first time serving as executive producer. His previous roles for Hallmark Channel were Jake in "Window Wonderland," Jack in "Once Upon a Holiday" and Gridley in "Surprised by Love." He has thoroughly enjoyed working on the creative side of filmmaking and hopes this to be the first of many.

Born in White Rock, British Columbia, Campbell attended theater school at Capilano University College. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife Lorie and son, Kingston.

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SCOTT ELROD (Eric) – Born in Germany but mostly raised in Parker, Colorado, Scott Elrod has lived in the Philippines and other military stops and acting has always been on his mind since seeing Tom Cruise in *Top Gun*. In fact, Elrod's father is a retired Top Gun pilot, who actually flew an A-4 in the movie, and his stepdad is a soon-to-be-retired F-16 Air Force pilot. As Elrod puts it, "Mom liked the fly boys, so I thought I was destined to be one."

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While attending high school in Colorado, Elrod played baseball, ran track and excelled in academics such as math and science. Still, he always had an entrepreneurial spirit and held a variety of jobs from delivering pizzas to laying the runways at the Denver International Airport to modeling for local fashion retailers and print campaigns. When not working, he could be found on the track racing motorcycles. After a six-year stint in the Military as an air traffic controller, he turned to his entrepreneurial skills and started a marketing company, developing campaigns for large companies such as Smirnoff Vodka and The Weather Channel, among others.

In 2004, Elrod decided to leave the white-collar corporate world behind and pursue his true calling -- acting. After relocating to Los Angeles he enrolled in every acting class that would accept him, studying six days a week, and in a very short period of time he proved to Hollywood his viability as an actor. Right out of the gate, Elrod was offered television and film projects with great costars including Anne Heche in the ABC series "Men in Trees," Jennifer Aniston in *The Switch* and Ben Affleck in the award-winning *Argo*. He also played opposite Mark Wahlberg in Peter Berg's *Lone Survivor*.

In 2011, Elrod proved that he's naturally gifted at both the "show" and the "business" part of the industry when he discovered the need for a high-end concierge service focused on automobiles. Now in its sixth year, his company Auto Concierge is a success in Los Angeles and he has plans for expansion.

Currently, Elrod can be seen on NBC's "Chicago Fire" and ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." His recreational interests include camping, flying, snowboarding, racing cars and most importantly, being a father to his son Easton.

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SADIE ROBERTSON (Chloe) – Sadie Robertson is well known for her dimples and engaging smile, but there is a lot more to the 20-year-old star of A&E's "Duck Dynasty" and runner up on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" Season 19. A motivational speaker and advocate for her generation, Robertson has also ventured into acting with roles in *God's Not Dead 2* and *I'm Not Ashamed*.

In 2016 Robertson launched her 16-city Live Original Tour, where she embarked on spreading her message of positivity and self-confidence to her peers. She recently announced her plans for a second Live Original Tour set for fall of 2017.

Embodying the creative and entrepreneurial spirit of the entire Robertson family, she has carried her philosophy into multiple business ventures from a prom dress line with Sherri Hill to school supplies for DaySpring to jewelry and home goods with Glory Haus and a fashion line with Wild Blue Denim, which can be found in Rue 21 stores around the country. In addition, Robertson has also partnered with Roma Boots and worked

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alongside the company in their mission to "give poverty the boot." In that spirit, she has spent time traveling the world serving those in need.

Robertson's *New York Times* best-selling book, Live Original: How the Duck Commander Teen Keeps it Real and Stays True to Her Values, and her newest books, Life Just Got Real and Live Original Devotional are available at retailers nationwide. More information on these publications can be found at www.liveoriginal.com.

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RAFAEL SIMON (Bob) – Rafael Simon is a film, television and theatre actor whose training started at the National Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts in Washington, D.C. He also studied at the University of Maryland, the Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory in D.C. and Casa del Teatro in Mexico City.

Simon has enjoyed participating in more than twenty film productions, including: *The Argentine*, *Cinco de Mayo*, *Dariela on Tuesdays*, *Allá y En Tonces*, *Never on a Sunday*, *Sueño*, *A Day Without a Mexican* and *Sin Ton Ni Sonia*, to mention a few. During his career, he has worked with directors such as Steven Soderbergh, Gabriel Beristain, Daniel Gruener, Rafa Lara, Mauricio T. Valle, Sergio Arau and Fernando Rovzar, among others.

On television, Simon is currently starring on Univision in "La Piloto," and before that he had roles in "Gritos de Dolores" and "Mauricios" for the Televisa network in Mexico. Additionally, Simon has more than a dozen stage credits, mostly in the United States. He enjoys dancing, baseball, soccer, volleyball, fencing, motorbiking, horseback riding, skiing, mountain biking and climbing.

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TIM RUSS (Gus) – Tim Russ has been working within the entertainment industry for the past 30 years. His talents encompass a wide spectrum of the performing arts including composing, music (guitar and vocals), acting, writing, directing, voice-over and producing. Russ received his B.S. in Theater at St. Edward's University in Austin TX, and completed one year of post graduate work in theater at Illinois State University.

As an actor, Russ has worked in a cross section of films and television. His film credits include; *Live Free and Die Hard*, *Rampart* and *Star Trek: Generations*. On the small screen he has been a series regular on "The Highwaymen," "The People Next Door," "Star Trek: Voyager," "Samantha Who," and "iCarly." On the stage, Russ has appeared in numerous productions, including the original Los Angeles premier of "DREAMGIRLS."

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For over 27 years, Russ has performed as a musician, playing bass, acoustic and lead guitar, as well as singing solo vocals. His musical talents are showcased on three CDs currently distributed through iTunes and CD Baby.

As a writer/producer Russ recently shared the helm in the production of *East of Hope Street*, which won Best Feature Film and Best Actress awards on the festival circuit. He was also the recipient of the Sony Innovator's Award for a commercial he produced entitled "The Zone."

Also active in the TV/Film directing arena, Russ has such credits as "Star Trek: Voyager" and the feature films, *Star Trek: Gods of Men*, *Night at the Silent Movie Theater* and *Renegades*, as well as the current award-winning web series, "Bloomers." He has also just released two DVD collections of short stories he wrote and directed entitled, Frame of Mind: Volumes I & II, and has recently received an Emmy Award for directing several commercials for the FBI.

Russ has expanded his performing talents to include voice-over, with credits that include, Cartoon Network's, "Symbiotic Titans," six audio books, a number of video games, and several radio commercials. Russ also co-produced a musical children's book and a CD entitled, Bugsters, which won the National Parenting Award, and is featured on the playlist for the Fisher Price Mp3.

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