



**LACEY CHABERT AND STUART TOWNSEND HOST A ROYAL GALA IN
'CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE HART,'
A NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING NOVEMBER 27, ON HALLMARK CHANNEL**

**Part of the Network's "Countdown to Christmas" Programming Event.
Filmed Entirely on Location in Ireland.**

STUDIO CITY, CA – November 16 – Lacey Chabert ("Sweet Carolina," *Mean Girls*) and Stuart Townsend ("Credit1," "Credit2") star in "**Christmas at Castle Hart**," a new, original movie premiering **Saturday, November 27 (8 p.m. ET/PT)**, on Hallmark Channel, as part of the network's "Countdown to Christmas" programming event – your home for the holiday. Filmed entirely on location in Ireland.

Newly single and unemployed after losing a waitressing job just before Christmas, responsible Brooke Bennett (Chabert) is convinced by her impetuous sister Margot (Ali Hardiman, "Blasts from the Past") to go on a holiday adventure. They decide to fulfill their father's lifelong wish and travel to Ireland in search of their Irish roots. When they arrive, Brooke meets Aiden Hart in the local pub and soon discovers that he's, in fact, the Earl of Glaslough (Townsend). Having recently returned after years abroad for his job as an architect, Aiden does not receive a warm welcome home from his sister, Siobhan (Aoife Spratt, "Locus of Control"), who has been managing the financially troubled Castle Hart in his absence. Less than two weeks before the castle is set to host the social event of the season, the person planning the event drops out and Siobhan is desperate to hire someone to take over. Believing Brooke and Margot to be high-profile New York City event planners, Aiden makes introductions and they are hired to take over the prestigious evening. The trouble is that Margot has misled Siobhan and Aiden into believing that Brooke is Paige Monahan (Donna Anita Nikolaisen, "Fair City") – the very person who just fired them. As Brooke works closely with Aiden on the event, she begins to fall for him, but knows that once he learns the truth, she might lose him forever.

"Christmas at Castle Hart" is from Leif Films Media Inc. and Merlin Films. Leif Bristow and Kieran Corrigan are executive producers. Agnes Bristow and Borga Dorter are producers. Stefan Scaini directed from a script by Paul Campbell and Rick Garman from a story by Bonnie Fairweather.

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