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**UP'S MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES
WITH THE UP ORIGINAL MOVIE,
*A BABY FOR CHRISTMAS***

**STARRING
MALINDA WILLIAMS ("SOUL FOOD"),
KARON RILEY (UP'S *WHERE'S THE LOVE?*),
VICTORIA ROWELL ("THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS")
AND KRISTOFF ST. JOHN ("THE YOUNG AND THE
RESTLESS")**

**DUE DATE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
AT 7 & 9 P.M. EST ON UP**

ATLANTA – December 8, 2015 – First was the marriage proposal, then came the wedding and now a baby is on the way this Christmas in UP's Original Movie, *A Baby for Christmas* (#ABabyForChristmas). This romantic holiday comedy brings the heart-warming Chandler family back with another fun filled story about love, family and the joy of a new baby arriving during the happiest time of the year. Building on the popularity of UP's highly successful *Marry Me for Christmas* movie franchise, the ensemble cast is led by Malinda Williams (UP's *Marry US For Christmas*, "Soul Food"), Victoria Rowell (UP's *Marry Me for Christmas*, "The Young and the Restless") and Karon Riley (UP's *Marry US For Christmas*, *35 and Ticking*). *A Baby for Christmas* is set to premiere exclusively on UP on **Sunday, December 13** at **7 and 9 p.m. EST** as part of UP's "Everything you Love About Christmas" annual Christmas programming slate.

Other members of the cast include GregAlan Williams (“Necessary Roughness,” “The West Wing”), Chrystale Wilson (*Marry US For Christmas*, “For Richer or Poorer”), DeEtta West (UP’s *Lyfe’s Journey* and *Marry US for Christmas*), Clifton Powell (*Ray*, *Norbit*) and Kristoff St. John (*20 Ft Below: The Darkness Descending*, “Family Time”), who is Rowell’s long-time “The Young and the Restless” co-star.

This Christmas, the Chandler family, much to Stephanie’s (Victoria Rowell) dismay, seem to be distracted from the usual family holiday traditions. Marci (Malinda Williams) and Blair (Karon Riley), who tied the knot in last year’s *Marry US For Christmas*, are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child due on Christmas day. The couple is doing everything in their power to ensure that they have the perfect baby girl - from meditation to changing their eating habits. Meanwhile, Marci’s Aunt Myra (DeEtta West) and Uncle Donald (GregAlan Williams), who recently retired, are feeling bored and restless. Eventually they find a meaningful way to occupy their time when Donald’s cousin, Gavin Brooks (Clifton Powell), invites them to an orphanage where they follow their heart and offer a helping hand to the children. Aunt Elizabeth (Chrystale Wilson) is distracted and obsessed about getting a promotion at work, but at what cost? Add to the mix, Stephanie’s blooming romance with Lawrence (Kristoff St. John) - who is torn between being with her or continuing his mission work in another country. It appears the Chandler’s have abandoned their Christmas traditions and lost the spirit of Christmas. That is, until a group of kids at an orphanage helps the family to realize there is more to Christmas than wrapping gifts and baking cookies.

“We’re thrilled to have the loving Chandler family back this year in *A Baby for Christmas*, a highlight of our ‘Everything You Love About Christmas’ programming,” said Barbara Fisher, svp, original programming, UP. “The tremendously talented cast shines in the third installment of this entertaining, romantic story that reminds our viewers what the holidays are truly about.”

UP presents *A Baby For Christmas*, a Swirl Films production. Produced by Eric Tomosunas and Keith Neal. Executive Produced by Malinda Williams, Rhonda Baraka and Victoria Rowell. Written by Rhonda Freeman-Baraka. Director of Photography is Donovan Henneberg-Verity. UP’s *Marry Me for Christmas* franchise includes *Marry Me for Christmas* and *Marry US for Christmas* both of which set premiere ratings milestones for the network. Both premieres ranked in the top 10 among all ad-supported cable networks in key African American demos for the time period.*

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About Swirl Films

Swirl Films, led by Producer Eric Tomosunas, is the leading urban independent production company in North America, with over 80 productions in their catalog.

Recent works in 2015 include television series "Born Again Virgin" and movies *To Hell and Back*, *For the Love of Ruth* and *Stock Option*. Other notable titles include *The Undershepherd* (2012 ABFF Best Narrative Feature, Best Actress and Best Director winners), *35 & Ticking*, and *Percentage*, with Flavor Unit Production. Other films produced by Swirl Films for UP include: *My Other Mother*, starring Essence Atkins, Lynn Whitfield and Jasmine Guy; *Marry Us For Christmas*, the sequel to last year's *Marry Me For Christmas*, starring Malinda Williams; and *The Perfect Summer*, starring Eric Roberts, Sydney Penny and Jason Castro; *My Dad's A Soccer Mom*; *Comeback Dad*, starring Tatyana Ali, Charles S. Dutton and Loretta Devine; "She's Still Not Our Sister" and "Sugar Mommas."

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