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PRODUCTION STARTS ON THE UP PREMIERE MOVIE

ANGELS IN THE SNOW

**A Surprising Christmas Family Drama,
Starring Kristy Swanson (*Buffy The Vampire Slayer*) and
Chris Potter (UP's "Heartland")**

LOS ANGELES – February 26, 2015 – Production began this week in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on the UP Premiere Movie *Angels in the Snow*, starring Kristy Swanson (*A Christmas Wish*, *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*) and Chris Potter (*The Good Witch's Wonder*, UP's "Heartland") in a surprising domestic drama involving two very different families snowbound together in a luxurious cabin during a terrible Christmas blizzard. The film is based on best-selling author Rexanne Bechel's acclaimed novel, *Christmas Journey* and treatment by Ken Atchity, Chi-Li Wong, and Julie Brazier. Directed by George Erschbamer (UP's *My Mother's Future Husband*, *Defending Santa*) from an adapted script by Julie Brazier (UP's *My Mother's Future Husband*, *My Name Is Sarah*), *Angels in the Snow*, will air exclusively on UP during Christmas 2015.

Produced by MarVista Entertainment and Odyssey Media, Emmy Award®- and Peabody Award®- winner Norman Stephens (UP's *My Mother's Future Husband*), Emmy®-nominated Ken Atchity (*The Kennedy Detail*), Kirk Shaw (UP's upcoming *Ties That Bind* and *Demolition Girl*) and Keith Shaw (*Ice Road Truckers*, *Easter Island: Mystery and Magic*) are executive producers. Kirk and Devi Singh are producers. The film's ensemble cast includes Colin Lawrence ("The 100," "The Killing"), Catherine Lough Haggquist (*Proof*, "Continuum"), Nick Purcha ("iZombie," "Spooksville"), Lizzie Boys ("When Calls the Heart," "The 100"), Jaeda Lily Miller (*Tomorrowland*, *The Christmas Secret*), Kolton Stewart ("Some Assembly Required," "The Next Step") and newcomer Alexandra Siouras.

In *Angels in the Snow*, the affluent, yet troubled Montgomery family hits the road for a special Christmas in the mountains. Workaholic real estate developer Charles (Chris Potter) hopes to mend fences with his wife Judith (Kristy Swanson), a former NY fashion editor, and reconnect with his cell-phone-dependent, squabbling children – Alexander (15, Nick Purcha), Jennifer (14, Lizzie Boys) and Emily (10, Jaeda Lily Miller) – by surprising them all with a getaway to unveil the ultra-modern, luxurious, fully-stocked cabin in the woods that he has designed and built. Sadly, his good intentions are quickly dashed when a powerful blizzard descends and traps the Montgomerys in their new "dream home." With Judith and Charles arguing, little Emily makes a wish that her parents will stay together. Hours later, as fierce winds batter the cabin, a knock on the door jolts the family awake. To their surprise, another family – the Tuckers – are shivering on their doorstep. While unhurt, they are half-frozen, exhausted and in need of shelter from the storm. Their van slid off the snow-covered road. High school history teacher Joe Tucker (Colin Lawrence), his wife/nurse Amy (Catherine Lough Haggquist), and their two kids Robbie (16, Kolton Stewart) and Lucie (15, Alexandra Siouras) are grateful to be welcomed in. As the families wait out the storm, it soon becomes evident that the Tuckers offer an example of love, togetherness and caring that is seemingly gone from the Montgomerys' lives. But perhaps the Tuckers' example – and friendship – can reignite the Montgomery family's spirit this season.

"The UP Premiere Movie *Angels in the Snow* is a captivating family drama with heart; strong, diverse characters; and more than a couple of surprises," said Barbara Fisher, svp, original programming, UP. "Starring fan-favorite Kristy Swanson and popular 'Heartland' star Chris Potter as the struggling Montgomerys, the drama is our first

Christmas film to go into production this year, and will be a key component of our popular, annual Christmas programming slate in 2015.”

UP presents ***Angels in the Snow***, a MarVista Entertainment and Odyssey Media production. Starring Kristy Swanson, Chris Potter, Colin Lawrence, Catherine Lough Haggquist, Nick Purcha, Lizzie Boys, Jaeda Lily Miller, Kolton Stewart and Alexandra Siouras. Norman Stephens, Ken Atchity, Kirk Shaw and Keith Shaw are executive producers. Produced by Kirk Shaw and Devi Singh. Directed by George Erschbamer. Casting by Kris Woznesensky and Kara Eide. Director of Photography is Cliff Hokanson. Editor is Mauri Bernstein. Adapted screenplay by Julie Brazier, based on novel by Rexanne Becnel.

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