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LOVE IS BREWING IN THE UP PREMIERE MOVIE

COFFEE SHOP

A ROMANTIC DRAMA WITH HUMOR, HONESTY AND HEART

STARRING LAURA VANDERVOORT, CORY M. GRANT,

RACHEL HENDRIX, JASON BURKEY,

WITH JON LOVITZ

WORLD TELEVISION PREMIERE EXCLUSIVELY ON UP,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7 P.M. EST / 6 P.M. PST

ATLANTA – August 12, 2014 – UP presents the UP Premiere Movie *Coffee Shop*, a romantic drama with humor, honesty and heart about a smart, independent, twenty-something woman, Donovan – played by fan-favorite actress Laura Vandervoort (“Smallville,” “V”) – looking for just the right blend of happiness in her life. *Coffee Shop* will make its world television premiere exclusively on UP on **Sunday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. EST / 6:00 p.m. PST.**

Filmed in Birmingham and Fairhope, AL, *Coffee Shop* is produced by Salt Entertainment in association with Erwin Brothers Entertainment and Foxfield Entertainment, and directed/produced by Dave Alan Johnson (*Doc, Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye, High Incident*) from a screenplay by Theresa Preston and Jon Erwin. The ensemble cast also includes Cory M. Grant (“Nashville,” “All My Children”), Rachel Hendrix (*October Baby, The Perfect Wave*) and Jason Burkey (*October Baby, A Long Way Off*), with Jon Lovitz (“New Girl,” “Saturday Night Live”), and Kevin Sorbo (*God’s Not Dead, Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*). Popular singer/songwriter Mandi Mapes, originally from New Orleans and now based in Birmingham, contributes an original song, entitled “In Your Arms.”

Coffee Shop is the story of Donovan Turner (Laura Vandervoort), a smart, independent, twenty-something woman looking for just the right blend of happiness in her life. She owns a hip neighborhood coffee shop in a quaint, scenic beach town and her specialty is matching people to their perfect, new brew. While she's been less than successful fixing her love life, Donovan enjoys her work and has the robust support of her sister Becky (Rachel Hendrix), Becky's boyfriend Kevin (Jason Burkey) and the wonderful, eclectic family of her coffee shop regulars. Unfortunately, she's keeping a secret from them all. The new bank owner, Frank Miller (Jon Lovitz), won't extend her loan and she's facing immediate foreclosure. Things get further complicated when Donovan's ex-boyfriend Patrick (Josh Ventura) returns to declare his love just as her clashes with Broadway playwright -- and tea-drinker -- Ben Carson (Cory M. Grant) get interesting. Ben is in town writing his new play for his producer (Kevin Sorbo). With love brewing and financial ruin bubbling around her, Donovan realizes that her identity and self-worth are not defined by what she can accomplish alone. Instead, Donovan -- and her community -- can accomplish more together, which leads her to make choices she may not have before.

"*Coffee Shop* is a fun, modern single gal drama that puts main character Donovan -- played by super-actress, the beautiful Laura Vandervoort -- at a particular crossroads in her life, personally, professionally and spiritually," said Sophia Kelley, senior vice president of programming, UP. "Iconic actors Jon Lovitz and Kevin Sorbo really shine in their fun roles in this film. Plus, *Coffee Shop* features a reunion between Rachel Hendrix and Jason Burkey, who co-starred in the hit faith-based film *October Baby*."

UP presents *Coffee Shop*, a Salt Entertainment production in association with Erwin Brothers Entertainment and Foxfield Entertainment production. Starring Laura Vandervoort, Cory M. Grant, Rachel Hendrix, Jason Burkey with Jon Lovitz and Kevin Sorbo. Directed/produced by Dave Alan Johnson. Executive produced by Jon and Andrew Erwin, Steve McBeth and Bruce D. Johnson. Screenplay by Theresa Preston and Jon Erwin. Casting by Nicky Hawthorne. Director of Photography is Kristopher Kimlin. Film Editing by Gordon McClellan.

Follow the cast and more at:

- www.UPtv.com/CoffeeShop
- Laura Vandervoort on Twitter [@Vandiekins22](https://twitter.com/Vandiekins22) and online at www.lauravandervoort.net
- Cory M. Grant on Twitter [@corymgrant](https://twitter.com/corymgrant)
- Rachel Hendrix on Twitter [@racheldrix](https://twitter.com/racheldrix)
- Jason Burkey on Twitter [@jgburkey](https://twitter.com/jgburkey)
- Jon Lovitz on Twitter [@realjonlovitz](https://twitter.com/realjonlovitz)
- Kevin Sorbo on Twitter [@ksorbs](https://twitter.com/ksorbs)
- Singer/songwriter Mandi Mapes online at www.MandiMapes.com

About UP

UP is the television network dedicated to uplifting viewers every day with original and acquired movies, reality and dramatic series, comedies and music specials. One of the most trusted family-friendly networks on cable, UP can be seen in 67 million homes on cable systems and satellite providers across the United States in both standard and high definition. Along with its mission to entertain, uplift and inspire viewers, UP's pro-social initiative "Uplift Someone" reminds and inspires people to do simple acts of kindness. Based in Atlanta, UP is a division of UP Entertainment, LLC, which also offers gMovies, the first faith-friendly streaming movie service and provides sales and operations services to the ASPIRE network.

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About Salt Entertainment

Entertainment veterans Dave Alan Johnson and Steve McBeth formed Salt Entertainment to develop and produce independent entertainment titles targeted for faith and family values audiences. Salt worked closely with the Erwin Brothers on *October Baby* and *Moms' Night Out*, and several new Salt titles are in development. Dave Alan Johnson's award-winning and highly successful creative career in Hollywood spans more than 25 years as a writer, producer and director for television and movies (*Against the Grain*, *High Incident*, *Doc*, *Sue Thomas F.B. Eye*). Steve McBeth was a division head at The Walt Disney Company and founding president of Disney Interactive worldwide.

About Erwin Brothers Entertainment

With *October Baby*, the Erwin Brothers add feature films to their impressive portfolio of creative work: dramatic TV series, award winning documentaries, reality television, shorts, music videos, and commercials. Jon and Andy Erwin began their career as teenagers, working as camera operators for ESPN. The brothers eventually worked on numerous events, including ESPN College Football Primetime, NFL, X Games, and NBA. In 2005, the brothers ventured into directing commercials and music videos. They found great success in the world of music, directing music videos and producing concerts and television programs for platinum artists including Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns, Switchfoot, Skillet, and Montgomery Gentry among many others. They have received 12 nominations and three consecutive wins for Music Video of the Year at the GMA Dove Awards.

About Foxfield Entertainment

Foxfield Entertainment is a new company formed by Bruce Johnson, the former CEO of PorchLight Entertainment. Foxfield provides finance, development, pre-production, production and post-production capabilities to independent producers and companies. Foxfield's consulting services include project creative development, financing, accounting, distribution negotiations, sales strategies, brand management, and content acquisition. The company has an expertise in feature films, television movies and general entertainment, and offers extensive knowledge of international film and TV distribution and

international co-production for theatrical movies, movies for television, prime time programs and children's entertainment.

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