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# SARAH LANCASTER ("CHUCK," "EVERWOOD"), TOM EVERETT SCOTT (*THAT THING YOU DO!,*"SOUTHLAND") AND GOLDEN GLOBE®- AND BAFTANOMINATED ACTRESS KELLY MCGILLIS (*WITNESS, TOP GUM*) STAR IN THE UP PREMIERE MOVIE

### LOVE FINDS YOU IN SUGARCREEK

## SHOOTING BEGINS THIS WEEK IN SUGARCREEK, OHIO, THE HEART OF AMISH COUNTRY

ATLANTA – September 20, 2013 – Production began this week in Sugarcreek, Ohio on UP's Premiere Movie *Love Finds You in Sugarcreek*, a romantic mystery/suspense drama set in Amish country, starring Sarah Lancaster ("Chuck," "Everwood"), Tom Everett Scott (*That Thing You Do!*, "Southland") and Golden Globe®- and BAFTA-nominated actress Kelly McGillis (*Witness*, *Top Gun*). Based on Serena B. Miller's novel by the same name, the film is produced by George Shamieh – Mission Pictures, and is directed by Terrence Cunningham ("Jack Hunter and the Lost Treasure of Ugarit," "Wicked Wicked Games"). Bryar Freed-Golden wrote the script based on the book by Serena B. Miller. *Love Finds You in Sugarcreek* will make its world television premiere on UP in 2014.

The film's ensemble cast also includes Marianna Alacchi ("Homicide: Life on the Street"), Annie Kitral (*Jack Reacher*, "Judging Amy"), Nicole Badaan (*Born to Race: Fast Track, Bigfoot*), Ken Strunk (*Promised Land, Secretariat*), Greg Violand ("Miracle Dogs"), Jeffrey Grover (*Made in Cleveland, Compliance*), and newcomers Katherine Deboer and Madison Blake.

Rachel Troyer (Sarah Lancaster) is a smart, focused, single policewoman in the quaint town of Sugarcreek, nicknamed "The Little Switzerland of Ohio" and located about an hour south of Akron, in the heart of Amish country. She frequently looks in on her three kindly Amish aunts Bertha (Kelly McGillis), Anna (Marianna Alacchi) and Lydia (Annie Kitral), who raised Rachel from girlhood after she was orphaned and are the proprietors of a picturesque, although faded, farmhouse inn. When a mysterious, scruffy stranger, Joe (Tom Everett Scott), shows up on the inn's doorstep with his five-year-old son, Bobby (Thomas Kapanowski), the aunts insist on taking the pair in as a matter of faith and good will. Rachel's police instincts immediately tell her that this seemingly broke outsider is much too refined to be the drifter he presents himself to be. So, while the aunts welcome Joe as a handyman and enjoy having a child around the Sugar Haus Inn again, a wary, suspicious – yet attracted – Rachel becomes determined to uncover his identity. Her digging not only reveals his surprising identity, but the fact that he's run away from his home, his life, and a shocking unsolved murder. Unfortunately, Rachel's digging doesn't go unnoticed, which brings Joe's past – and its violence – right into this quiet Amish community.

"Love Finds You in Sugarcreek offers a peek into Amish traditions and small town Ohio through the eyes of a woman whose cautious and protective character, though well-meaning, are intercepted by faith in a way that she never expected," said Barbara Fisher, svp, original programming, UP. "We have an amazing cast, including Kelly McGillis, who came to fame in Witness, playing a young Amish mother and widow alongside Harrison Ford. Audiences and critics loved her in that role, so we are honored to have her play one of the Amish aunts in this film."

UP presents *Love Finds You in Sugarcreek*, a Mission Pictures production. Starring Sarah Lancaster, Tom Everett Scott, Kelly McGillis, Marianna Alacchi, Annie Kitral, Nicole Badaan, Ken Strunk, Greg Violand, Jeffrey Grover, Katherine Deboer and Madison Blake. Directed by Terrence Cunningham. Produced by George Shamieh – Mission Pictures. Executive produced by Chevonne O'Shaughnessy and Cindy Bond. Casting by Lillian Pyles. Director of Photography is Adam White. Editor is Brett Hedlund. Adapted screenplay by Bryar Freed-Golden, based on the book by Serena B. Miller.

#### Follow our cast at:

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- Kelly McGillis on Twitter @McGillisKelly

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