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LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT UP!

UP ORIGINAL MOVIE *LOVE FINDS YOU IN VALENTINE* To Premiere This Valentine's Day February 14 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. EST

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Based on the Popular Book by Irene Brand, Movie is Third Installment in UP's Highly Rated "Loves Find You" Movie Franchise

Pasadena, CA / Television Critics Association - January 5, 2016 – Building on its successful "Love Finds You" movie franchise, the original UP Premiere movie *Love Finds You In Valentine* (#LoveFindsYou), a sweeping romantic drama set in scenic Nebraska, will premiere on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. EST. Based on the popular book by Irene Brand, the movie stars Diogo Morgado (*Son Of God*, "The Messengers"), Michaela McManus ("Aquarius," "One Tree Hill"), Lindsay Wagner (*The Paper Chase*, "The Bionic Woman") and Ed Asner (*Up*, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show").

In *Love Finds You In Valentine*, law student Kennedy Blaine (Michaela McManus) inherits a ranch in the small town of Valentine, Nebraska. She travels to Valentine with the intent of selling the ranch, but is drawn to the area's beauty – and to the ranch foreman, Derek Sterling (Diogo Morgado). Putting her life in L.A. on hold, she decides to spend some time at her ancestral home and, despite a long-standing feud, to reconnect with family members, including her grandfather, Gabriel Morgan (Ed Asner). But soon Kennedy is subjected to harassment by someone who clearly wants her to leave Valentine. Depending on Derek and his mother June's (Lindsay Wagner) assistance, she sets out to discover who is behind the offenses. But when her search reveals painful details about her family and raises questions about Derek's own past, will Kennedy still want to know the truth?

"We are excited to bring viewers the third movie in our highly successful 'Love Finds You' franchise this Valentine's Day," said Barbara Fisher, svp, original programming, UP. "The tremendously talented cast shines in this picturesque movie about finding yourself and finding love."

The first movie in UP's "Love Finds You" franchise was the hit *Love Finds You In Sugarcreek*, a romantic mystery/suspense drama set in Amish country, starring Tom Everett Scott (*That Thing You Do!*, "Southland"), Sarah Lancaster ("Chuck," "Everwood") and Golden Globe®- and BAFTA-nominated actress Kelly McGillis (*Witness, Top Gun*). The second movie in the franchise, *Love Finds You In Charm*, debuted on UP last summer and starred Trevor Donovan (*Texas Rising*, "90210"), Danielle Chuchran (*Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*, UP's *Nowhere Safe*), Drew Fuller ("Army Wives," "Charmed") and Tiffany Dupont (*Born to Race: Fast Track*, "Greek"). Leading into the premiere on February 14, UP will be airing *Love Finds You in Sugarcreek* at 3 p.m. EST and *Love Finds You in Charm* at 5 p.m. EST.

Author Irene Brand's goal of being a writer was conceived at an early age in her rural home in West Virginia. In the early 70's, she started publishing in historical, religious, and general magazines. During that time, she also edited and compiled two church histories. She has written Sunday school curriculum, edited a two-year series of mission curriculum, and her works have appeared in five program-material anthologies. She has written 43 works of fiction and has had four non-fiction books published. Her first inspirational romance was published in 1984.

The "Love Finds You™" book series was launched in October 2008 by Guideposts imprint Summerside Press with the goal to give readers a taste of local life across America. Each of the almost 60 novels to date – by revolving authors - draws on the compelling history or unique character of a real place. Learn more at www.ShopGuideposts.org/love-finds-you.

UP presents *Love Finds You In Valentine*, a George Shamieh production. Starring Diogo Morgado, Michaela McManus, Lindsay Wagner and Ed Asner. Produced by George Shamieh. Executive produced by Chevonne O'Shaughnessy and Cindy Bond. Directed by Curtis Grey. 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 Irene Brand.

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- Lindsay Wagner on Twitter @mslindsaywagner and online at www.lindsaywagnerinternational.com
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