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**BAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE AND PART-TIME SLEUTH HANNAH SWENSEN UNCOVERS
A RECIPE FOR MURDER IN 'MURDER, SHE BAKED: JUST DESSERTS,'
NEW, ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING SUNDAY, MARCH 26,
ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES**

Alison Sweeney and Cameron Mathison Star

STUDIO CITY, CA – February 22, 2017 – Crime-solving baker Hannah Swensen’s first-ever televised bake-off competition is heating up, but when the judges start dropping like fallen soufflés – and one is found dead of very unnatural causes – Hannah discovers two things; this is no cookie-cutter murder, and as the lead judge she might very well be the next victim, in “Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts.” The new, original movie stars **Alison Sweeney** (“Days of Our Lives”) and **Cameron Mathison** (“Entertainment Tonight”), and premieres **Sunday, March 26 (9 p.m. ET/PT)** on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

Lake Eden, Minnesota’s baking queen and The Cookie Jar owner Hannah Swensen (Sweeney) is up to her elbows in a lot more than cookie dough when one of the judges of her first-ever televised bake-off is found dead the night of the semi-finals. And with indications that other judges might be targeted as well, Hannah’s knack for crime-solving comes in handy, especially since she is one of the judges and could be the next victim. Together with detective Mike Kingston (Mathison), who she is finally dating after several “strictly sleuthing” adventures, Hannah pulls out all the stops to uncover who killed grumpy high school coach Leonard Bishop (Kurt Evans).

Executive Producers include Brad Krevoy, Stephanie Germain, Jonathan Axelrod, Alan Ett, Susie Belzberg, Eric Jarboe, Amanda Phillips Atkins, Jimmy Townsend, Alison Sweeney and Nancey Silvers. Supervising Producers include Michael Shepard, Doran S. Chandler, K.T. Donaldson, Darcy Wild, Dawn Knight, Nathaniel Lyman, Cameron Mathison and Lorraine Yawney. “Murder She Baked: Just Desserts” is produced by Jonathan Schwartz. Kristoffer Tabori directs from a script by Melissa Samuels, based on the Hannah Swensen mysteries series of books by Joanne Fluke. The film is A Shortcake Production, In Association with Brad Krevoy Television & Stephanie Germain Productions.

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branded in fall of 2014, transitioning into Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. True to its name, the channel brings the lighter side of the suspense and mystery genres into focus with rich, dramatic, and thought-provoking storytelling. The network's programming lineup features a unique mix of new, original movies, presentations from the acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame library, and such time-honored acquired series as "Murder, She Wrote," "Matlock," "Hart to Hart" and "Diagnosis Murder." The channel is also home to the annual, eight-week holiday programming event "Most Wonderful Movies of Christmas," which helps viewers celebrate the season with new, original movies and beloved holiday classics, including "A Christmas Carol," "Holiday Affair," "Babes in Toyland," and "Christmas in Connecticut."

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