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## **'BOTTLED WITH LOVE'** **Cast Bios**

**BETHANY JOY LENZ (Abbey)** – Best known to Hallmark Channel viewers for her starring role in 2018's "Royal Matchmaker," Bethany Joy Lenz also served up a memorable performance as a guest star in two episodes of ABC's hit series "Grey's Anatomy" last season. In addition, Lenz joined the second season of USA's much lauded Carlton Cuse series, "Colony" as resistance fighter Morgan with a major recurring arc through the entire season, and in May 2017, she co-starred in the Lionsgate film, *Extortion*, with Barkhad Abdi and Eion Bailey.

In the last few years, Lenz was the female lead opposite JoBeth Williams and Bruce Greenwood in Jerry Bruckheimer's thriller pilot "Home" for TNT. She also played the title role in E!'s pilot "Songbyrd," based on the life of multiple Grammy winning songwriter Diane Warren, and she had pivotal arcs on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." and "Dexter." From 2002 to 2011, Lenz was the female lead of The CW's "One Tree Hill," for which she regularly directed episodes. She was also in rotation as a director on the award-winning web series "Nasty Habits."

An accomplished singer trained by the Director of the Brooklyn College of Opera, Lenz fell in love with musical theatre at a young age. She was raised and trained on Rogers & Hammerstein, Gershwin and Sondheim, but mostly performs acoustic indie-rock and bluegrass when she tours. Her music credits include five indie albums, an extensive tour with Michelle Branch and Gavin DeGraw and a recording contract with Epic Records. She has collaborated on several albums with Bruce Springsteen's producer, Grammy winner Ron Aniello, and co-wrote a staged musical with Aniello based on Nicholas Sparks' novel, The Notebook.

Lenz is most active with charities Equality Now and Love146, and she was selected by Lancôme to promote their 2016 St. Jude's campaign in a commercial she wrote and starred in. She also adds jewelry designer and fine artist to her repertoire and is best known for being a terrific actress in both comedy and drama.

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**ANDREW WALKER (Nick)** – Andrew W. Walker started his acting career in Montreal as a recurring lead on the series "Student Bodies" from 1996-1997 and was then cast as a series lead on "Back to Sherwood" and "Radio Active." Shortly after moving to Los Angeles, he was cast as a series lead on The WB's "Maybe it's Me" and later "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." Walker then appeared in the Lifetime movies "Wicked Minds" as well as "Lies and Deception" and later ABC's "Hot Properties." Walker recently starred opposite Danica McKellar in the Hallmark Channel movie "Love in Design," and Lifetime's "Snowed-Inn Christmas." He was also a series lead on Lifetime's "Against the Wall" and guest starred on several hit TV shows, including "ER," "CSI: Miami," "CSI: New York," "Without a Trace," "The Big Bang Theory" and the Hallmark Channel primetime original series "When Calls the Heart."

Walker won the Borsos Award at the Whistler Film Festival for his performance in the feature film *Steel Toes* alongside Academy Award® nominee David Strathairn. Recent feature film credits include lead roles in *Loaded* as well as *Penthouse North* opposite Michelle Monaghan and Michael Keaton. His additional small screen credits include a supporting role in the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries original "Wedding Planner Mystery" and lead roles in eight other Hallmark Channel original movie premieres, including "Wedding March 4: Something Old, Something New," as well as "The Perfect Catch," "Love on Ice" and "A Dream of Christmas." His latest feature film projects include starring in the 2018 feature film *God Bless the Broken Road*, directed by Harold Cronk of *God's Not Dead* fame, as well as in the science fiction feature *Oxalis*, written and directed by Brian Gottlieb.

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