

'TIES THAT BIND'

CAST BIOS

LEA THOMPSON (Cathy Davis) – Lea Thompson is best known for her roles in the Steven Spielberg and Robert Zemeckis "Back to the Future" feature film franchise and as the title character in the now-syndicated TV comedy "Caroline in the City," for which she won TV Guide and People's Choice Awards.

A native of Minnesota, Thompson began her career as a professional ballet dancer and performed in more than 45 ballets with the Minnesota Dance Theatre. After apprenticing with the Pennsylvania Ballet, she moved to New York at the age of 20 to pursue an acting career. She was first featured in a supporting role in the motion picture "Jaws 3-D," which was followed by a starring role opposite Tom Cruise in "All the Right Moves."

Additional film credits include "Article 99," "Casual Sex?," John Hughes' "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Dennis the Menace," "Red Dawn," "The Wizard of Loneliness," "Howard the Duck," "The Wild Life," "Space Camp," "The Beverly Hillbillies," "The Little Rascals," "The Unknown Cyclist," "Fish Don't Blink," "Come Away Home" and the upcoming "Senior Skip Day" with Norm MacDonald.

Thompson's television credits include a guest-starring role on "Law & Order: SVU," the series "For the People," the miniseries "A Will of Their Own," and the original movies "The Right to Remain Silent," "The Unspoken Truth," "The Substitute Wife," "Montana," "Stolen Babies" and "Nightbreaker," for which she received a CableACE nomination. She is currently filming a mini-series for Hallmark, "Final Approach," in which she stars with Dean Cain, Anthony Michael Hall and Ernie Hudson.

On stage, Thompson appeared in both the National Tour and the Broadway Studio 54 production of Sam Mendes' revival of *Cabaret*, as well as a Los Angeles production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

Thompson resides in Los Angeles with her husband, film director Howard Deutch, their daughters, Zoey and Madelyn, and a menagerie of dogs, a cat, a parrot, lots of fish, and several horses.

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JOE PENNY (Frank Darnell) – Joe Penny was born in London, England, raised in Georgia, and graduated from Marina High School in Huntington Beach, California.

A student of legendary acting teacher Lee Strasberg, Penny starred in two television series — "Riptide" and "Jake and the Fatman" — and has guest-starred in countless others, most recently "The Sopranos," "Boomtown" and "7th Heaven."

Penny's other television credits include the miniseries "The Gangster Chronicles" and the movies "Blood Vows: The Story of a Mafia Wife," "Terror in the Night," "The Disappearance of Vonnie," "Double Jeopardy," "She Woke Up Pregnant," "Family of Cops" and "Two Against Time." He has also appeared in a number of films including Blake Edward's "S.O.B." and the independent feature "The Prophet's Game," with Dennis Hopper.

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WILLIAM R. MOSES (Jack Davis) – William R. Moses has built an array of credits, from more than 250 hours of television to a gallery of feature films. He was most recently seen on the series "Tru Calling" and in a recurring role on "Navy NCIS." He also starred in the highly-rated Hallmark Entertainment movie "Mystery Child" and the Hallmark Original movie "Mystery Woman."

Moses starred in the independent feature "Cactus Kid," which won the Telluride Independent Film Festival; he played a disgruntled rodeo cowboy in the film "75 Degrees in July," which was selected to open the USA Film Festival; and he appeared in the dark comedy "Wicked," which was screened at the Sundance Film Festival. Moses also starred in the feature, "Fun," which received special jury prizes at Sundance and rave reviews at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Moses first captured television audiences for his role as Cole Gioberti in the hit series "Falcon Crest." He subsequently appeared in 25 "Perry Mason" movies, portraying the attorney's associate, Ken Malansky. Among his other TV credits are two seasons on "Melrose Place," a recurring role on "Capital News," and the telefilm "The Haunting of Seacliff."

Among Moses' other theatrical credits are the sleeper hit "Mystic Pizza" and "Trial By Jury." He produced and played the lead in the films "Alone with a Stranger" and "Hole in the Water." He studied acting with the legendary acting coaches Kim Stanley, Peggy Feury and Larry Moss.

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ROBERT CARRADINE (Everett Myers) – Robert Carradine is perhaps best known for his comic turns as Lewis Skolnick in the popular "Revenge of the Nerds" theatrical and television movies and as Lizzy McGuire's father in the "Lizzy McGuire" television series and feature film. But the actor also has a number of acclaimed dramatic roles on his resume, including his big screen performances as a troubled patient in a veteran's hospital in Hal Ashby's Vietnam drama "Coming Home," and as the soldier who narrates Sam Fuller's World War II classic, "The Big Red." He was nominated for a CableACE for his portrayal of a man dying of AIDS in "As Is," recreating a role he had played on the L.A. stage.

Born and raised in California, Carradine is a member of a show business family that includes his late father John, his brother Keith, his half brother David Carradine, his niece Martha Plimpton and his daughter Ever Carradine.

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KATHRYN JOOSTEN (Cara Goodman) — Kathryn Joosten won an Emmy[®] Award as Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for her recurring role of Mrs. McClusky on "Desperate Housewives." She became familiar to television viewers as Doris Landingham, President Bartlet's beloved secretary, on "The West Wing" and as one of God's human incarnations in a recurring role on the series "Joan of Arcadia."

A former psychiatric nurse and suburban housewife, she was in her 40's and a newly divorced mother of two when she decided to pursue her dream of becoming an actress.

Her television movies include the Hallmark Mystery Movie "McBride: It's Murder, Madam," "Secret Santa," "The Making of a Hollywood Madam" and "The Stranger Beside Me." She has appeared in the feature films "The Wedding Crashers," "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," "Hostage" and the upcoming "The TV Set" with David Duchovny and Sigourney Weaver. Joostyn has also appeared frequently in commercials and on the L.A. stage. A lung cancer survivor herself, the actress is a spokesperson for lung cancer awareness.

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MASI OKA (Crime Lab Technician) — Masi Oka is this season's unlikely breakout television star for the hit series "Heroes," in which he plays time/space traveler Hiro.

Born in Tokyo, Oka came to Los Angeles with his mother when he was six. He was featured in a cover story in Time magazine on Asian-American whiz kids when he was 10. After graduating from Brown as a computer and math major, he combined his love of technology and movies by becoming a computer effects artist for Industrial Light and Magic (ILM), working on movies such as "The Perfect Storm," "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," "War of the Worlds" and the last three 'Star Wars" movies.

At the same time he was appearing occasionally in small television and movie roles. He had bit parts on the big screen in 'Legally Blonde 2, and "Austin Powers: Goldmember" and a featured role in 'Along Came Polly." He had a recurring role as lab technician Franklyn on "Scrubs" and guest roles on a number of series including "Without a Trace," "Reba," "Gilmore Girls," "Still Standing" and "Dharma & Greg" among others, and appeared in the television movie "House of the Dead 2: All Guts, No Glory."

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