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GREGORY J. BONANN: Creator/Executive Producer

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Greg Bonann's dream was to become a Los Angeles County Lifeguard. His dream came true in 1970, and he's been a dedicated lifeguard for over thirty years.

After graduating from California State University at Long Beach in 1974 with a BA in Journalism, followed by an MBA from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1976, Bonann combined his business education with his gift of storytelling and began a career in filmmaking. His love of sports, especially Olympic competition, eventually led him to produce and direct the official film for the U.S. Olympic Committee in Lake Placid. FIRE AND ICE went on to win eight prestigious awards. More importantly, the honors gave him the impetus to produce and direct the official films for the 1984 Winter and Summer Olympic Games in Sarajevo and Los Angeles and the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary.

Now in his eleventh year as executive producer, **Baywatch Hawaii's** creator Greg Bonann was instrumental in relocating **Baywatch** to Hawaii's beautiful shores. Bonann has personally directed over 70 episodes of **Baywatch** in the last 10 years, including most of the action and rescue scenes, as well as 400 of his signature music montages.

In 1988, Greg created a music video featuring his lifeguard buddies doing what they do best on a hot beach day to the beat of Don Henley's hit "Boys of Summer." This montage served as the blueprint for what would become **Baywatch** on NBC a year later.

While on a routine scout to the beach during the first season of **Baywatch**, Greg rescued a boy who was drowning. He had to make three dives to find the unconscious boy who had been submerged at the murky bottom for over five minutes. Performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while treading water, Greg saved the boy's life and, for this heroic effort, was awarded the prestigious Medal of Valor. Bonann's other honors include the Gold Medallion Award, presented by the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the title of Commander in the Order of Lifesaving, presented by the Belgian Life Saving Federation and the appointment to Knight in the Order of Lifesaving by the International Life Saving Federation.

In 1992, Greg and Tai Collins founded **Camp Baywatch**, a **Baywatch** theme-related summer camp that gave the homeless and at-risk youth a chance to experience the beach, fresh-air, and an opportunity to learn how to swim and be safe at beaches and pools. In addition, Greg developed an international **Learn To Swim** program, dedicated to drawing awareness to the dire need of teaching children how to be safe in and around the water. **Camp Baywatch** Hawaii will bring this educational program across the country to schools, recreation centers, YMCA's, and American Red Cross Centers. **Baywatch**, **Baywatch Hawaii** and **Camp Baywatch** are all the vision, and now the reality, of Greg Bonann, and will certainly leave a lasting legacy for years to come.

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FRANK SOUTH, Showrunner/Co-executive Producer

A television writer and producer, South began his career as an Off-Broadway playwright in New York. South's plays "2 By South," directed by Robert Altman, were produced in Los Angeles and New York, and were taped by Altman for ABC Arts Cable.

South started in TV as a staff writer for "Maximum Security" (HBO) in 1984. After writing an episode for "Hill Street Blues" (NBC), he then moved on to be a story editor for "Fame" (MGM-TV) in 1985 and then moved to "Cagney and Lacey" (CBS) as a story editor and executive story editor for 2 1/2 seasons. After "Cagney & Lacey," South worked with David Chase as a producer on "Almost Grown" (CBS). The following season he was the supervising producer for "Equal Justice" (ABC) under Thomas Carter. South also co-created "Going to Extremes" (Lorimar TV/ABC) with Josh Brand and John Falsey.

He then joined "Melrose Place" (Spelling TV/FBC) 12 episodes into its first year. He stayed with "Melrose Place" for six years, rising to showrunner and executive producer for his last three years with the show. During that time, he co-created "Model's Inc." (Spelling TV/FBC). Last year, he was the showrunner and executive producer for the series "Hyperion Bay" (Warner Bros./WBN).

South is now proud to join the team of ***Baywatch Hawaii*** as showrunner and co-executive producer.

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JASON BROOKS as Sean Monroe

Jason begins his second season on **Baywatch Hawaii** as pivotal character "Sean Monroe," who is responsible for running the new international lifeguard center. A highly versatile actor, his extensive credits include film, television, live theater and stand-up comedy.

The youngest of three children, Jason spent the majority of his childhood in Los Angeles. While in college, he pursued a variety of entrepreneurial endeavors, one of which resulted in a thriving business. However, he found sales uninspiring so he took some of his profits and put them towards acting classes where he discovered his true calling. He soon found an agent and his acting career began.

Baywatch casting directors were first impressed with Jason when he auditioned for a guest star role in 1993. Much to their dismay, shortly before filming began, Jason won the role of Peter Blake on NBC's number one daytime drama "Days of Our Lives."

Hailed as "one of the sexiest men on television" by **Soap Opera Digest**, Jason is also a familiar face in prime time with recurring and guest star roles on "Friends," "The Pretender," "Early Edition" and "Doogie Howser, M.D." Jason also starred in CBS' movie-of-the-week, "Three Secrets," with Jaclyn Smith and Tyne Daly. Other made for television movie credits include a starring role opposite Tori Spelling in the ABC movie "Alibi" and a lead role in the UPN movie "The Darwin Conspiracy." In 1995, Jason was named "Outstanding Villain" at the 11th Annual Soap Opera Awards.

Jason, his wife Corrine and son Jaredan divide their time between Beverly Hills and Hawaii.

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MICHAEL BERGIN as Jack "J.D." Darius

Michael Bergin, also known as "Jack 'J.D.' Darius" on the internationally renowned hit series Baywatch Hawaii returns this year for his fourth season. An actor and model, Michael has been featured in magazines and on billboards around the world.

Growing up in the small town of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Michael never considered modeling or acting. During his sophomore year at the University of Connecticut, a friend repeatedly urged him to try modeling. Although Michael remained uninterested, he quickly learned that the industry's earning potential would greatly ease the financial burden of his college tuition.

With the demands of work growing and the commute to New York becoming more frequent, Michael decided to spend the summer after his junior year in Manhattan working full time. Although his career quickly took off, Michael chose to complete his education at the University of Connecticut, graduating with a degree in business marketing. One month later he moved back to New York permanently.

In search of a fresh face to replace Marky Mark as his underwear model, Calvin Klein chose the relatively unknown Michael to appear both solo and with Kate Moss in jeans, underwear and suit advertisements. From that moment on, Michael's career took off.

Michael has walked the runways of New York, Paris and Milan for Sonia Rykiel, Valentino, Calvin Klein, GianFranco Ferre, Giorgio Armani, Yves Saint Laurent and Donna Karan and was the exclusive model for Claiborne for Men, a division of Liz Claiborne, Inc., for over three years. He has also appeared in commercials and print advertisements for Kellogg's, Bacardi Rum, L'Oreal, Maybelline, Coty, Valentino, Perry Ellis, and Liz Claiborne. In addition, Michael has completed correspondent work for E! Entertainment Television, "Entertainment Tonight" and VH1.

Movie and television credits include the Merchant Ivory film THE PROPRIETOR and a recurring role on Darren Starr's "Central Park West." He most recently completed production on the independent film CLOSING THE DEAL. Other recent independent films include STARFORCE and THE BROKEN HEARTS CLUB, which premiered in the Sundance Film Festival 2000.

Juggling the demands of both a modeling and acting career, Michael enjoys relaxing in his spare time. When not at work, Michael may be found with friends at the local coffee shop, rollerblading, browsing for antiques at flea markets, or working out at the gym. Michael currently divides his time between New York, Los Angeles and Hawaii.

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BRANDE RODERICK as Leigh Dyer

Beautiful and talented, Brande Roderick joins the internationally renowned hit series ***Baywatch Hawaii*** in the starring role as lifeguard "Leigh Dyer." Winning the role over hundreds of hopefuls, Brande convinced veteran writer/producer Frank South ("Melrose Place") that she was the best person for the job. Now in its 11th season, ***Baywatch Hawaii*** executives brought on South to bring new depth to the show which will showcase Brande as the lead.

A native of Northern California, Brande attended Santa Rosa Junior College with aspirations towards acting. She was last seen in Playboy's April issue as Miss April 2000.

Brande has appeared on television shows such as "Jesse," "Two Guys and a Girl," and "Beverly Hills 90210", as well as in numerous commercials including Dr. Pepper and Snickers.

Brande currently makes her home in Los Angeles, but she is looking forward to living in Hawaii while shooting the show.

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KRISTA ALLEN as Jenna Avid

Krista Allen, who starred on several episodes of *Baywatch Hawaii* last year, is now returning as cast member, "Jenna Avid," a cunning woman who is determined to destroy Sean Monroe after the two have a torrid affair.

Krista made her mark in daytime television, when she reinvented the role of Billie Reed on NBC's number one daytime drama "Days of Our Lives." She is also starring in "CSI", the new Jerry Bruckheimer pilot and recently completed a major role on "The X-Files."

Her film credits include a memorable scene with Jim Carrey in the smash hit LIAR LIAR and she played a CIA agent opposite Burt Reynolds in the film RAVEN. Krista's past television credits include "The Bold and Beautiful," "Silk Stalkings," "Diagnosis Murder," "Pacific Blue," "Married with Children" and "Weird Science."

Krista has graced the covers of many magazines, including **Maxim** and **Gear** and has appeared in several national ad campaigns.

Born in Houston, Texas, Krista resides in Los Angeles with her son. She is very active in charities such as Children of the Night, The Pediatric Aids Foundation and organizations that help women affected by domestic violence.

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STACY KAMANO as Kekoa Tanaka

Now in her second season as local Hawaiian lifeguard “Kekoa Tanaka” on ***Baywatch Hawaii***, Stacy Kamano has seen her character grow and mature.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Stacy comes from a multi-cultural background of Japanese, German, Russian and Polish decent. Her career began at age 11 when she won the “Miss Tropical Pre-Teen Hawaii” title. Soon after, Stacy was selected to model for posters, calendars and catalogs and her reputation began to spread. She has appeared in numerous fashion shows and most recently modeled for international designers Versace, Armani and Ferragamo, among others.

Stacy began acting in commercials and later had guest starring roles on “Fantasy Island” and “Beverly Hills 90201.”

In her free time, this exotic beauty enjoys surfing, body boarding, tennis, swimming, rollerblading and water skiing. Stacy also enjoys spending time with her Maltese dog, Brando.

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JASON MOMOA as Jason Ioane

Ready to take on the challenging waves of the islands, Jason Momoa returns for his second season as lifeguard "Jason" in the hit international series **Baywatch Hawaii**.

A model and actor, Jason was born in Honolulu but soon moved to Norwalk, Iowa where his mother raised him. Like his character in **Baywatch Hawaii**, Jason longed to learn about his Hawaiian roots and returned to the islands to attend college. It wasn't long before international designer Takeo discovered the 6'4," green-eyed actor and launched his modeling career.

Last year, Jason won the 1999, "Hawaii's Model of the Year," participated in the prestigious "Governor's Fashion Show," and walked the runway for Louis Vuitton I Hawaii. He also hosted the 1999 "Miss Teen Hawaii USA" contest.

His passion for adventure took Jason to the top of Fountain Bleu France. An avid rock climber, the Fountain Bleu was a challenge that Jason conquered head on. A natural athlete, Jason enjoys ice climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, long board skateboarding and roller hockey. He also has a love for the arts, culture and spirituality. He dabbled in pastel painting in Paris and traveled to Tibet this year, where he deepened his spiritual knowledge of the Buddhist teachings.

When not on the set of **"Baywatch Hawaii"** or climbing the most exhilarating mountains or meditating to gain inner strength, Jason can be found supporting many charities and community groups. He promotes hunger awareness by working for the Hawaii Food Bank campaign and speaking to students at various schools. Jason believes he is blessed by strong family values and enjoys sharing his experiences, especially with the youth of today.

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ALICIA RICKTER as Carrie Sharp

Alicia Rickter, one of Hollywood's newest and brightest ingénues to hit television, recently joined the ***Baywatch Hawaii*** cast as new lifeguard trainee "Carrie Sharpe."

Alicia's previous television credits include a principal role on the CBS soap opera "The Young and Restless" along with guest starring roles on the WB's "Unhappily Ever After" and CBS-TV's "Thanks."

She will next be seen in a supporting role in the upcoming feature film BUYING THE COW opposite Jerry O'Connell.

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CHARLIE BRUMBLY as Zack McEwan

Since arriving in Los Angeles, Charlie has worked consistently in film and television. An actor, singer and writer, Charlie joins the **Baywatch Hawaii** cast this season as "Zack McEwan," a lifeguard trainee who is a bit of a hot dogger.

Born and raised in Rock Falls, Illinois, Charlie became interested in the arts at a young age and began formal dance training at the age of ten. When he was twelve, Charlie moved to Cincinnati to enroll in The School for Creative and Performing Arts, studying acting, dance, voice, instrumental music and musical theatre.

He was cast in his first professional job in a national tour of "West Side Story." For the next several years, Charlie was working in Germany, France and Singapore, as well as traveling on many international tours. When he was again cast as Riff, the lead role in "West Side Story," the tour brought him to California where he decided to stay and give Hollywood a try.

He has landed roles on "Fame LA", "Mad About You," "Pacific Blue," "Suddenly Susan" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Charlie also appeared in television commercials for Levi's, McDonald's, The GAP, Anheuser-Busch and Miller Brewing Company.

Charlie is also very involved in the LA music scene where he sings and plays the harmonica at various blues and folk clubs. He has also written a musical and has co-written a one-hour drama pilot.

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