

## LEA THOMPSON RETURNS TO NETWORK TELEVISION!

# THE CW NETWORK ADDS CONTEMPORARY CRIME SERIES "THE SPENCER SISTERS" STARRING LEA THOMPSON AND STACEY FARBER TO FALL 2023 PROGRAMMING LINEUP

# Drama Series from Entertainment One Follows Mother and Daughter Duo Who Team Up to Start a Private Detective Agency

May 11, 2023 (Burbank, CA) — The CW Network has partnered with Entertainment One (eOne) on the original drama series **THE SPENCER SISTERS** starring Lea Thompson (*Back to the Future*, "Caroline in the City") and Stacey Farber ("Superman & Lois," "Schitt's Creek") as a mother and daughter duo who join forces to start a private detective agency, it was announced today by Brad Schwartz, President of Entertainment, The CW Network. **THE SPENCER SISTERS** will debut on The CW in Fall 2023.

"**THE SPENCER SISTERS** is a charming new drama series led by the unforgettable Lea Thompson and rising star Stacey Farber," commented Schwartz. "We are thrilled to welcome this dynamic pair to The CW this fall in an entertaining procedural that will appeal to multiple generations of amateur sleuths."

"It's beyond fun to be half of **THE SPENCER SISTERS**," said star Lea Thompson. "My major focus lately has been directing, but this show was just too delicious to pass up. A lighthearted mother-daughter mystery series with an outrageously delightful character and the chance to work with the luminescent Stacey Farber. Not to mention, it's exciting to be part of the new reimagined CW."

"We're delighted to expand upon our long-standing relationship with The CW Network, which has and continues to be a terrific partner and the perfect U.S. home for **THE SPENCER SISTERS** to U.S. audiences," commented Stuart Baxter, President, International Distribution, eOne.

**THE SPENCER SISTERS** is a female-led, lighthearted procedural that follows mystery novelist Victoria Spencer (Thompson) and her daughter Darby Spencer (Farber) who are mistaken as sisters as they tackle puzzling cases. Joining the cast in supporting roles are Thomas Antony Olajide (*Learn To Swim*) as Darby's high school best friend and local cop Zane Graham; Edward Ruttle ("Arctic Air") as Darby's high school flame Doctor Lucas Collins; Husein Madhavji ("Saving Hope") as Victoria's "IT Consultant" (a.k.a. hacker) Alastair Dhumal; Ayesha Mansur Gonsalves ("Sort Of") as Victoria's feisty literary agent Sarita Stark; Rodrigo Massa ("El Dragon: Return of a Warrior") as Zane's husband Antonio Pereira, who operates a Brazilian

bistro; Kaitlyn Leeb ("Spinning Out") as Lindsay Yip – a hotshot lawyer who is Lucas 'fiancée; and Adam Hurtig (*Cult of Chucky*) as the lead detective of the local police force.

**THE SPENCER SISTERS** is produced by eOne and Buffalo Gal Pictures. The series is created by Alan McCullough ("Private Eyes", "Rookie Blue") and executive produced and coshowrun by McCullough and Jenn Engels ("Sort Of"). Jocelyn Hamilton and Tecca Crosby serve as executive producers for eOne. Phyllis Laing and Jennifer Beasley are executive producers for Buffalo Gal Pictures. The deal was brokered by Dan Loewy, EVP, Sales, Americas and ANZ, International Distribution, eOne.

Previously, eOne has partnered with The CW Network on many successful series, including most recently **FAMILY LAW** starring Jewel Staite and Victor Garber—which premieres its second season on the network this summer—the hit series **BURDEN OF TRUTH** starring Kristin Kreuk, and the previously announced **MOONSHINE** from executive producer Sheri Elwood, also premiering this summer.

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