

## 'Vampire Diaries' Actress to Star in Hallmark Movie Channel Western (Exclusive)

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Sara Canning, left, Danny Glover and Kimberly Elise

**Sara Canning has joined "Hannah's Law" alongside Greystone Holt, Danny Glover, Kimberly Elise and Billy Zane.**

*The Vampire Diaries* actress **Sara Canning** and **Greystone Holt** have been tapped to star in the Hallmark Movie Channel telefilm *Hannah's Law*, a Western set to premiere in spring 2012.

**Danny Glover, Kimberly Elise, Billy Zane, Ryan Kennedy** and **John Pyper-Ferguson** co-star in the movie, which went into production Monday in Calgary, Alberta.

The movie is set in a frontier town filled with crime and corruption until Hannah (Canning), a strong-willed heroine, and her friends, including Wyatt Earp (Holt, *Durham County*) and Doc Holliday (Kennedy, *Hellcats*), take a stand for justice as she tries to track down the McMurphy gang, which brutally murdered her parents and young brother.

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*Hannah's Law*, from Nomadic Pictures Productions 3 and Sony Pictures Television, is executive produced by Mike Ogiens and John Fasano. Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev are the producers.

Rachel Talalay is directing from a script written by John Fasano.

Canning is perhaps best known for her role as Jenna Sommers on CW's *Vampire Diaries*. Holt also appears in *Alcatraz*, J.J. Abrams' upcoming series for Fox.

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/vampire-diaries-actress-star-hallmark-243132>

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# CALGARY HERALD

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## Daily Dish

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Western shot in Alberta wrapping up

**FILMING** . A western starring Danny Glover and Alberta actress Sara Canning is wrapping up production outside of Calgary and will air on the Hallmark Channel in the U.S. in the spring of 2012, says local producer Chad Oakes.

Hannah's Law, co-produced by Calgary-based Nomadic Pictures and Sony Pictures Television, is being shot west of Calgary in the Bragg Creek area, on the same set where the Lonesome Dove series was shot. The TV movie is about bounty hunter Hannah Beaumont (played by Canning, who grew up in Sherwood Park) tracking down the ruthless gang that killed her family. Greystone Holt stars as Wyatt Earp and Ryan Kennedy plays Doc Holliday in the film. The cast also includes Glover, Billy Zane, Kimberly Elise and John Pyper-Ferguson. The film is directed by Rachel Talalay (Tank Girl) and co-produced by Oakes and Mike Frislev.

Shooting wraps up on Wednesday. Oakes says the film will also be aired in Canada, although time, date and network have yet to be determined.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/entertainment/movie-guide/Daily+Dish/5497947/story.html#ixzz1ZvS7D4ll>



*BY LISA WILTON, CALGARY SUN*

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Weeks after the AMC western series *Hell on Wheels* wrapped production on the Tsuu T'ina Nation, a second duster is shooting near Calgary.

*Hannah's Law*, starring Danny Glover, Billy Zane and Sara Canning (*The Vampire Diaries*), has been filming for the past week at CL Ranch, 45 minutes west of Calgary.

The location has been used as the set for several Alberta-shot westerns, including the mid-'90s TV series, *Lonesome Dove*.

The Hallmark Channel movie-of-the-week is a co-production between Sony Pictures Television, Productions 3 and Calgary based company, Nomadic Pictures.

The story revolves around Hannah (Canning), a tough-as-nails young woman hell-bent on tracking down the gang that killed her family.

Rachel Talalay (*Tank Girl*, *Without a Trace*) is directing.

Producer Chad Oakes of Nomadic says: "I loved the script. So we figured out a way to make it work."

Oakes and Nomadic Pictures partner Michael Frislev also produced *Hell on Wheels*.

Oakes is gearing up for the red-carpet premiere of *Hell On Wheels* in Los Angeles on Oct. 27. The pilot airs Nov. 6 at 10 p.m. on AMC. "*Hell On Wheels* has been appearing on a lot of 'Top 10 Must-See' lists," says Oakes. "It's pretty exciting."

He says Nomadic has no less than seven westerns in development.

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<http://www.calgarysun.com/2011/10/03/stars-filming-near-calgary>



## Yay! Vampire Diaries' Sara Canning Is Coming Back to TV (in a Hallmark Movie)

2 days ago by [Jenny McGrath](#)



Photo Credit: [Sam Morris/Getty Images](#)

**Photo:** Sara flirts with the camera at Nina Dobrev's birthday party at Studio 54.

Although we have a sneaking suspicion that our dearly departed [Aunt Jenna](#) will pop up in at least [one upcoming episode](#) of *The Vampire Diaries*, we're glad that we're 100% certain to see [Sara Canning](#) in a Hallmark Movie Channel flick, *Hanna's Law*, according to [The Hollywood Reporter](#).

Sara will play the titular Hannah, a frontier woman who runs around a crime-ridden town with the likes of Wyatt Earp (played by Greystone Holt) and Doc Holliday (*Hellcats*' Ryan Kennedy). The plot centers around Hannah's search for the McMurphy gang — a.k.a., the bad guys who killed her parents and brother. *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* this is not.

Billy Zane (*Titanic*), Kimberly Elise (*For Colored Girls*), and Danny Glover (*Lethal Weapon*) also star in the movie.

Sounds like a peach of a movie. (Sorry, *Tombstone* is the quintessential Wyatt Earp movie.) Sara should definitely consult [Nina Dobrev \(Elena\)](#) for tips on looking fabulous in old time-y dresses.

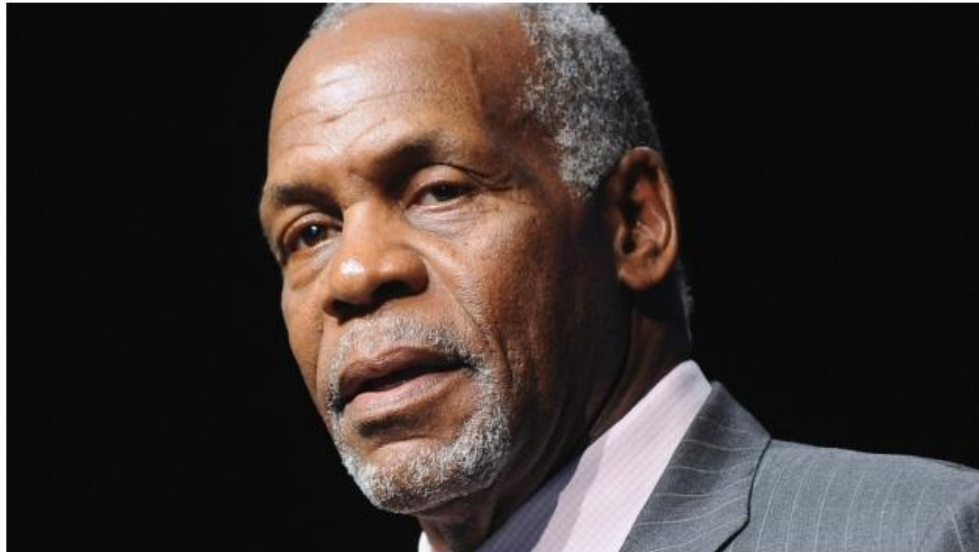
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## Danny Glover, Kimberly Elise Set to Star in Upcoming TV Movie

Two are currently filming Old West drama *Hannah's Law* for the Hallmark Channel.

By Ronke Idowu Reeves  
Posted: 10/04/2011 12:20 PM EDT  
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It's always refreshing to be reminded that Blacks occupied and contributed to the folklore of the Old West. And soon two very prominent actors will be back in the saddle on a small screen near you.

Emmy Award nominee Danny Glover and *For Colored Girls* star Kimberly Elise are currently filming the Western television movie *Hannah's Law* on location in Calgary, Alberta. Glover stars in the period piece as Isom Dart while Elise will portray Stagecoach Mary; their characters will be joined by such legendary lawman as Wyatt Earp and gunfighter Doc Holliday.

*Hannah's Law* is the story of a frontier town run by crime and corruption, until a heroine named Hannah (Sara Canning) demands justice. Glover's character, Isom, is a surrogate father figure to Hannah in a film that also stars Billy Zane, Greystone Holt, Ryan Kennedy and John Pyper-Ferguson.

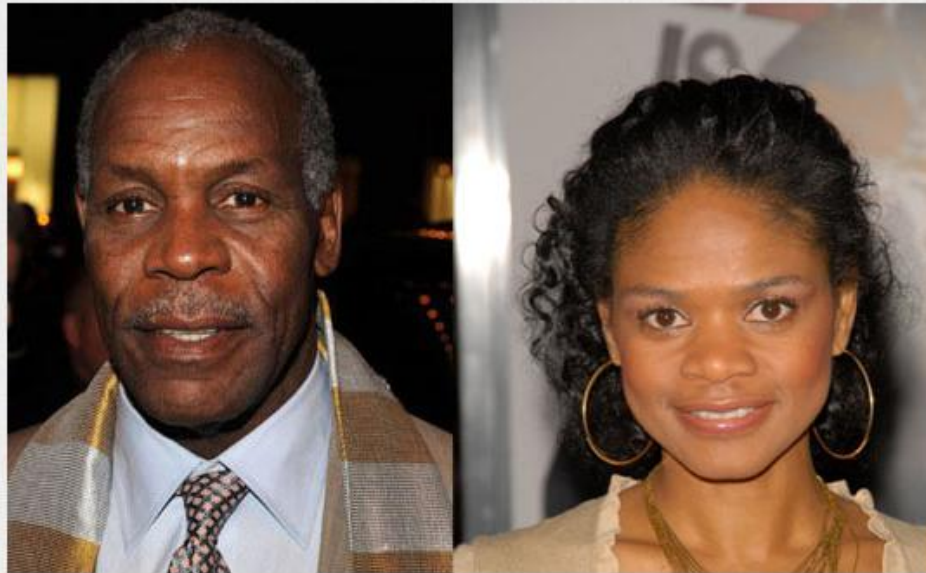
The movie is set to premiere on the Hallmark Channel in 2012.

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## Danny Glover, Kimberly Elise Join Cast Of Western “Hannah’s Law”



**Danny Glover** and **Kimberly Elise** join **Sara Canning**, **Greystone Holt** and **Ryan Kennedy** to star in the **Hallmark Movie Channel**’s western flick titled *Hannah’s Law*.

The movie is “*set in a frontier town filled with crime and corruption until Hannah (Canning), a strong-willed heroine, and her friends, including Wyatt Earp (Holt) and Doc Holliday (Kennedy), take a stand for justice as she tries to track down the McMurphy gang, which brutally murdered her parents and young brother.*”

Danny Glover will play **Isom Dart**, a father figure to Hannah; and Kimberly Elise will play Hannah’s BBF **Stagecoach Mary**.

**Rachel Talalay** is directing from a script written by **John Fasano**.

The film is set to premiere in spring 2012.

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## 'The Vampire Diaries' star Sara Canning lands new gig

Matt Carter TV Examiner

October 4, 2011



Ever since her character of Jenna was tragically killed off near the end of "[The Vampire Diaries](#)" season 2, we have been hoping for Sara Canning to find a new place to showcase her talent -- and it now has finally happened.

According to [The Hollywood Reporter](#), Canning has landed the lead role in a Hallmark Channel movie entitled "Hanna's Law" as a woman out on the frontier who spends time working alongside Wyatt Earp (Greystone Holt) and Doc Holliday (Ryan Kennedy of "Hellcats" fame). While it may just be a movie rather than a series, it should give Canning an opportunity to show off a brand-new side of herself. (Billy Zane and Danny Glover also have roles.)

As for whether or not Jenna could ever return to "TVD," we haven't heard anything just yet - but considering that Jeremy can see ghosts, it's hard to really ever completely rule it out as a possibility. (It has pretty much been all but confirmed at this point that Taylor Kinney's Mason Lockwood will be coming back.)

Are you happy for Sara?

<http://www.examiner.com/tv-in-national/the-vampire-diaries-star-sara-canning-lands-new-gig>

## DANNY GLOVER, KIMBERLY ELISE TO STAR IN HALLMARK MOVIE CHANNEL WESTERN 'HANNAH'S LAW'



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**Danny Glover** and **Kimberly Elise** will soon begin filming the Hallmark Movie Channel telefilm *Hannah's Law*, a Western set to premiere in spring 2012. *Law* begins production today in Calgary, Alberta (Canada).

The film is set in a town ran by corrupt officials until Hannah (**Sara Canning**), a strong-willed heroine, stands up for justice as she tracks down the gang that killed her parents and young brother.

Glover ("Mandela") is set to play Isom Dart, a father figure to Hannah; Elise ("For Colored Girls") is Stagecoach Mary, her best friend.

The last time the two were seen on screen together was in the 1998 **Jonathan Demme**-directed film *Beloved*.

<http://blackactors.net/2011/10/danny-glover-kimberly-elise-to-star-in-western-tv-film-hannahs-law/>

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## Danny Glover & Billy Zane begin filming 'Hannah's Law' in Calgary

by Christine on October 4, 2011



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The location has been used for several westerns, including *Lonesome Dove*.

*Hannah's Law*, which will air on the Hallmark Channel, revolves around Hannah (Canning), a tough-as-nails young woman trying to track down the man who killed her family.

The CL Ranch, where the entire film will be shot, is similar to other Western backlots, like [Old Tucson Village](#), in that it features an entire Western studio town circa 1850 – 1930 but, this studio also includes views of woods, Rockies, and plains. For more information, visit [clwesternntown.com](http://clwesternntown.com).

<http://www.onlocationvacations.com/2011/10/04/danny-glover-billy-zane-begins-filming-hannahs-law-in-calgary/>



## Hallmark Channel's 'Hannah's Law' to Premiere in Spring 2012

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A frontier town is fueled by crime and corruption until a strong-willed heroine and her friends, including legendary lawman Wyatt Earp and gunfighter Doc Holliday, take a stand for justice to see who will be left standing in "Hannah's Law," a Hallmark Movie Channel Original produced by Nomadic Pictures Productions 3 and Sony Pictures Television, premiering on the network in 2012. The film, which is currently in production in Calgary, Alberta, stars [Sara Canning](#) ("The Vampire Diaries") as Hannah, Greystone Holt ("Durham County") as Wyatt Earp, [Kimberly Elise](#) ("For Colored Girls") as Stagecoach Mary, four-time Emmy(R) Award nominee [Danny Glover](#) ("Freedom Song," "Mandela") as Isom Dart, [Billy Zane](#) ("Titanic") as Lockwood, Ryan Kennedy ("Hellcats") as Doc Holliday and [John Pyper-Ferguson](#) ("Caprica") plays Frank McMurphy.

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## **Sara Canning and Greystone Holt Star in "Hannah's Law," A Hallmark Movie Channel Original World Premiere Spring 2012**

Kimberly Elise, Danny Glover, Billy Zane, Ryan Kennedy and John Pyper-Ferguson also star in the project.

[via press release from The Hallmark Channel]

SARA CANNING AND GREYSTONE HOLT STAR IN A FILM ABOUT JUSTICE AND REVENGE IN THE OLD WEST, "HANNAH'S LAW," A HALLMARK MOVIE CHANNEL ORIGINAL WORLD PREMIERE SPRING 2012 CO-STARRING FOUR-TIME EMMY(R) AWARD NOMINEE DANNY GLOVER,

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# Caprica TV

Tuesday, 4 October 2011

## New projects for Ryan Kennedy, John Pyper-Ferguson and James Marsters

Final round of updates for today.



**Ryan Kennedy** and **John Pyper-Ferguson** have a [new film](#) in the works, called **Hannah's Law**. It will premiere on Hallmark next spring. More details in the [press release](#):

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**James Marsters** also has a new project lined up, a sci-fi adventure series **Metal Hurlant Chronicles**, which will air next year. James will [make an appearance](#) in the episode "Shelter Me." From the press release:

WE Productions, Humanoids and Panini U.K. Media have unveiled the star talent on board for the sci-fi adventure Metal Hurlant Chronicles, among them Rutger Hauer.

Hauer (Blade Runner, Sin City, Hitcher) joins Scott Adkins (The Expendables 2, The Bourne Supremacy, X-men Origins), Michael Jai White (Black Dynamite, Blood and Bones, Spawn), Joe Flanigan (Stargate Atlantis, Warehouse 13, CSI) and James Marsters (Buffy, Angel, Smallville, Torchwood). Further cast announcements will be made at the end of the year.

Metal Hurlant Chronicles is an adaptation of the science-fiction comic books of the same name. The TV treatment for the sci-fi/action graphic novels is led by Guillaume Lubrano and produced by France's WE Productions and Humanoids with Pierre Spengler (Superman) and Fabrice Giger. Worldwide distribution is held by Panini U.K. Media. The first two seasons, each 12x30 minutes, will be delivered in April 2012 and November 2012, respectively.

<http://www.capricatv.net/2011/10/new-projects-for-ryan-kennedy-john.html>

# BOOK BLAB

**Monday, September 12, 2011**

**SEE YOU IN 3 WEEKS!**

I'll be working on a movie called "Hannah's Law" until the first week of October, soooo not much reading will be done.

The movie is for the Hallmark Channel in the states, it's a western, and Hannah is a kick-ass, bad-ass chick with the coolest wardrobe... E-V-E-R.

<http://bookblabbing.blogspot.com/2011/09/see-you-in-3-weeks.html>