



IMTA ALUM DILLON JAMES GALANSKI SINGS IN *A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS STORY*

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A Country Christmas Story premieres on Lifetime, Saturday, November 8, 8E/7C

“I had no idea what to expect, it was so much fun. I loved meeting all the people and everyone was so nice. I felt sad when it was finished.” – Dillon James Galanski

Since winning the International Modeling and Talent Association's inaugural Songwriting Competition at the 2012 IMTA New York Convention, singer/songwriter Dillon James Galanski has been steadily working on his music career, writing, recording for his debut album, preparing for an upcoming concert...and giving little thought to becoming an actor.



Following IMTA, Galanski signed with an agent and manager. Although they understood Dillon's first love is writing and making music, he was sent on his first audition for a role in a made-for-television movie starring country superstar Dolly Parton, the casting breakdown calling for a male 16 year old “Country Singer.” Even though he had very little acting experience, the Casting Director was convinced Dillon was the right one for the part, noting “His voice, personality and charisma won it for him.” The writers even changed the age of the character to 19 to fit Dillon. When told he booked the job Dillon was shocked, humorously asking “Is it that easy to get a movie part?”

Within two days Dillon was recording the song he would be singing for the movie. And over the next few weeks he was on set at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and in Los Angeles filming alongside Ms. Parton. “Oh my gosh, it was the most fun I’ve ever had!” Dillon said. The movie—which was filmed under three different working titles: *A Dollywood Christmas*, *Nashville Dreams* and *A Year of Grace*, and is finally premiering as *A Country Christmas Story*—tells the story of Grace, an aspiring young singer-songwriter who wants to go to Nashville to make her dreams come true. The film was produced by and will air on the Lifetime Channel.



Galanski came to IMTA with Extraordinaire in Bakersfield, CA. Voloney White, Extraordinaire's owner and IMTA Director, accompanied Galanski to the film set in Tennessee, and was approached while there by music industry and entertainment reps with many ideas and opportunities for the young performer. “I’m sure there is a lot more to come from him,” said White. “He is a triple threat! Talented as a singer and songwriter, has charisma that wins the audience of all ages, not to mention he has ‘Looks’ the girls go crazy for.” She proudly added, “Now he can add ‘Actor’ to his resume!”