

IMTA ALUM EVA LONGORIA IN OVERBOARD

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Overboard opens nationwide on Friday, May 4

"I wanted to work with Anna because I think she's a comedic genius. ... We had so much fun! We shot in Vancouver, it was like the best summer ever; we just had a really great cast with us."

— Eva Longoria

When it was announced that Anna Faris was set to star in a remake of the beloved 1987 rom-com

Overboard, which starred Goldie Hawn alongside Kurt Russell., many people were already comparing the two actresses: blonde, big blue-eyes, perfect comedic timing. In the original film, Hawn played a spoiled heiress who gets amnesia and ends up falling for a rugged carpenter. But in the 2018 version, there is a twist: Faris won't be reprising Hawn's character; instead, she'll be playing Kate, a working-class mother who turns the tables on a wealthy playboy (Eugenio Derbez) when he loses his memory. IMTA alum Eva Longoria costars as Kate's best friend Theresa, who helps Kate figure out how to take advantage of the situation.



"The script was amazing because of the gender switch, so Anna is not playing Goldie Hawn, Anna is playing Kurt Russell," explained Longoria. "Eugenio is Leonardo, the spoiled brat, the spoiled trust fund baby. You can expect a lot of heart, a lot of laughs!"

Mel Rodriguez plays Longoria's husband Bobby. "It was really fun playing Theresa and Bobby in the movie," said Longoria. "To be the grounding force between these two crazy people, it was really an honor." She added, "It makes you laugh, it makes you cry, it makes you feel. It's such an homage to the original, but when I read the script, I thought it really works, the gender switch really



works in this day and age." John Hannah, Emily Maddison and Swoozie Kurtz also star in the remake.

Longoria, who is currently expecting her first child with husband Jose Bastón, will appear later this year in *Dog Days*, a drama that follows a group of interconnected people in Los Angeles who are brought together by their lovable canine counterparts. The ensemble cast also includes Nina Dobrev, Lauren Lapkus, Vanessa Hudgens, Finn

Wolfhard, Thomas Lennon and Adam Pally. The film is scheduled for an August 10 release.

Longoria also has two new hour-long dramas written by women in the works for which she will serve as Executive Producer through her UnbeliEVAble Entertainment company. One project, with an untitled script by Emily Fox ("Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce"), centers on four female friends in LA who are professionally successful but find their lives lacking. The other project, "Sidekicks," is written by Tracy McMillan ("Good Girls Revolt") and follows an ambitious young female detective working with a paroled criminal informant while on the job.