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Thirty years after premiering in theaters, this movie about a boy who protects his home from burglars at Christmastime is still entertaining viewers young and old. Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin, "My Girl," 1991) learns to be careful what he wishes for after his mom and dad accidentally leave him behind as they fly to Paris for the holidays in "Home Alone," airing Thursday, Nov. 26, on Freeform.

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30 years of holiday high jinx

'Home Alone' celebrates big milestone

By Kyla Brewer
TV Media

The holidays offer movie fans a treasure trove of options, old and new. Some are funny, some are heartwarming, some are inspirational and a precious few are all of those things combined. One such modern classic is celebrating a milestone this year, and viewers won't want to miss it.

Macaulay Culkin ("My Girl," 1991) stars as Kevin McCallister, a boy who is left behind when his family goes on vacation during the holidays, in "Home Alone," airing Thursday, Nov. 26, on Freeform. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the beloved Christmas movie, which blends comedy and drama to bring viewers the touching and hilarious tale of an 8-year-old boy left to his own devices as burglars target his posh family home.

It may seem like a far-fetched premise, but it struck a chord with moviegoers when it premiered in November, 1990. According to a 2015 Time article marking the 25th anniversary of the film, screenwriter John Hughes ("Ferris Bueller's Day Off," 1986) came up with the idea while packing for a getaway.

"I was going away on vacation and making a list of everything I didn't want to forget," said Hughes (as quoted in Time). "I thought, 'Well, I'd better not forget my kids.' Then I thought, 'What if I left my 10-year-old son at home? What would he do?'"

What Hughes dreamt up became box-office gold. As the movie opens, Kevin's family is getting ready to spend Christmas in Paris. When the power goes out and the alarm clocks fail, the McCallisters and

their extended family scramble to make it to the airport in time to catch their flight. In the ensuing chaos and confusion, parents Kate (Catherine O'Hara, "Schitt's Creek") and Peter (John Heard, "Cutter's Way," 1981) forget young Kevin, who had been sent to sleep in the attic after causing a ruckus the night before. The boy awakens to find his home deserted and believes that his wish for his family to disappear has come true.

At first, Kevin's new parent-and-sibling-free existence seems ideal as he jumps on his parents' bed, raids his big brother's room, eats ice cream for supper and watches gangster movies. Unfortunately, it isn't long before he runs afoul of burglars Harry (Joe Pesci, "My Cousin Vinny," 1982) and Marv (Daniel Stern, "City Slickers," 1991) who are determined to break into the McCallister house. Summoning his courage, Kevin sets a number of elaborate booby traps to protect his home and fend off the crooks.

The late Hughes had a knack for holiday comedy, as he had proven with such successful films as "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989). However, one of "Home Alone's" most memorable characters was reportedly suggested by director Chris Columbus ("Mrs. Doubtfire," 1993). He created Kevin's neighbor Old Man Marley (Roberts Blossom, "The Last Temptation of Christ," 1988) to give the film a more serious tone.

Also of note was the appearance of John Candy in a small but a significant role. The actor often appeared in Hughes' films, and had starred alongside Culkin previously in "Uncle Buck" (1989). As he was only available for one day, he filmed all of his



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scenes in about 23 hours and was only paid about \$400. Candy was also, apparently, allowed to go off script and ad-libbed all of his lines.

Today, it's clear that the talented cast and behind-the-scenes crew created Christmas magic

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with “Home Alone,” but the movie faced a bumpy ride to the box office. Initially, Hughes told Warner Bros. he could make the film for \$10 million, but costs soon grew beyond that. Warner Bros. shut down production, but 20th Century Fox quickly snapped it up. The gamble paid off many times over. While the final budget came in at around \$18 million, “Home Alone” grossed more than \$475 million worldwide and held the distinction of being the highest-grossing live-action comedy until it was eclipsed by “The Hangover Part II” in 2011. “Home Alone” was the No. 1 film at the box office for 12 weeks during its original run. It was so popular, it remained on the big screen for months, long after the holidays were over. In fact, the movie was so commercially successful, the title became a verb in industry circles. To filmmakers, to be “Home Aloned” means to have your box office take negatively impacted by the success of “Home Alone.”

In addition to making Culkin into a veritable worldwide superstar, the movie earned some pretty high profile accolades. It was nominated for two Academy Awards — one for John Williams for Best Original Score, and the other for Best Original Song for “Somewhere in My Memory.” “Home Alone” also earned a Golden Globe nomination for Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy and a nomination for Culkin for Best Actor in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy. Ultimately, the young actor won a Youth in Film Award for Best Young Actor Starring in a Motion Picture.

Despite “Home Alone’s” success, not everyone loved it at the time of its release. The film was quite divisive among critics, with some panning it and others praising it. In fact, famed movie review Roger Ebert gave the film two thumbs down.

Regardless of what the critics say, it’s hard to argue with a movie that’s had this much staying power. Not only has it stood the test of time, it’s spawned a number of sequels, including “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York” (1992), in which Culkin and most of the main cast reprised their roles. “Home Alone 3” (1997) featured new characters and a new story, but didn’t fare as well as the previ-



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ous films. ABC’s made-for-television sequel “Home Alone 4: Taking Back the House” reintroduced the McCallisters with a new cast, and the fifth film in the franchise, “The Holiday Heist,” had once again recast to feature new characters when it premiered on ABC Family in 2012.

There have been rumors of a sequel featuring a grown-up Kevin’s kid, but so far they are just that — rumors. However, there is an official reboot in the works. Last year, Disney announced plans to reboot the franchise for its Disney+ streaming service and announced the main cast, which includes Archie Yates (“Jojo Rabbit,” 2019), Ellie Kemper (“Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt”) and Rob Delaney (“Catastrophe”). Not much has been confirmed about

the reboot, but it won’t feature Kevin. Production began in Canada in February, but it was suspended in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to sequels and the reboot, “Home Alone” has also inspired three video games, a novel, action figures, two board games and more. Fans should know that Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment has come out with a 30th anniversary edition on Ultra HD Blu-ray, which was released in September. However, there’s something special about catching your favorite holiday movie on TV during the Yuletide season. Thirty years later, Kevin McCallister will surely bring families together with plenty of holiday high jinx in “Home Alone,” airing Thursday, Nov. 26, on Freeform.

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Our favorite Mrs. Clauses

by Jessica Gosse

As the popular saying goes, “behind every great man is a great woman;” and that is just as true of Santa Claus, as it is any other man. She’s gone by many names over the years but these are some of our favorite Mrs. Clauses.

Miss Jessica

“Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town” (1970)

While not the first representation of Mrs. Claus in film or television, this stop-motion Christmas classic features Miss Jessica (voiced by Robie Lester, “The Funny Company”), a school teacher in the town of Somberville, whom many consider to be the original Mrs. Claus. Although her role is fairly minimal, Miss Jessica is crucial to the film as the person who informs Kris Kringle (voiced by Mickey Rooney, “Night at the Museum,” 2006) that the evil Burgermeister (voiced by Paul Frees, “Frosty the Snowman,” 1969) has taken the children’s toys away and in helping the Winter Warlock (voiced by Keenan Wynn, “Call to Glory”) to come up with the idea of using his magic to make the reindeer fly.



Anna/Mrs. North

“Mrs. Santa Claus” (1996)

The great Angela Lansbury (“Murder, She Wrote”) brings life to a much more rambunctious and feminist Mrs. Claus, named Anna, in this made-for-TV musical film. Despite Anna running operations in the workshops, the children of the world are only interested in Santa (Charles Durning, “The Muppet Movie,” 1979) while Santa himself is so buried in letters from children that he himself often neglects her unintentionally. When a week before Christmas she proposes a new route that will save him time on his Christmas Eve deliveries, Santa is too distracted to know what she’s talking about and brushes her off. So, to prove she’s right, she decides to hitch up the reindeer and take a trip around the world. Unfortunately, one of the reindeer gets hurt and she ends up stranded in New York City. Set in 1910, the film sees Anna become involved in both a child labor protest and the women’s suffrage movement throughout her travels.

Carol Newman

“The Santa Clause 2” (2002)

In 2002, the popular Tim Allen-led trilogy “The Santa Clause” dedicated its second film to a much-needed Mrs. Claus. The film saw Santa aka Scott Calvin (Allen) faced with an unexpected sub-clause in his Santa contract: he must find himself a wife by Christmas Eve or give up being Santa forever. Leaving the North Pole to try to find a wife while also handling a sudden streak of bad behavior from his now-teenage son, Scott meets Carol Newman (Elizabeth Mitchell, “Lost”), the principal of his son’s high school. Their initial meeting is far from a love connection, as she comes off as a cold woman with no interest in anything related to Christmas. Carol’s cold exterior seems to thaw, however, as she reveals that Christmas was once her favorite time of year but that, after being mocked for her belief in Santa, she became disillusioned by the holiday. After a magical date (literally), Carol begins to believe in the spirit of Christmas once again.



Mrs. Claus

“The Christmas Chronicles 2” (2020)

It may only be a brief appearance, but film-legend Goldie Hawn (“The First Wives Club,” 1993) gives a spunky portrayal of Mrs. Claus in the 2018 Netflix original film “The Christmas Chronicles,” starring alongside her real-life husband and on-screen Santa, Kurt Russell (“The Hateful Eight,” 2015). So, if she only has a brief appearance, why include her? The answer to that question is the promise of more sassy Mrs. Claus screen time in “The Christmas Chronicles 2,” which premieres on Netflix on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The trailer for the film made it clear that Mrs. Claus is about to get some long-overdue recognition when, after finding out Santa’s Village was actually created by Mrs. Claus, main-character Kate (Darby Camp, “Big Little Lies”) says: “If she designed this place, I think it should be called ‘Mrs. Claus’ Village.”



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Our favorite Scrooges

by Jessica Gosse

Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character in Charles Dickens' iconic holiday ghost story, "A Christmas Carol," has been depicted numerous times over the years on both stage and screen. Easily one of the holiday's best anti-heroes, these are our favorite portrayals of the Christmas curmudgeon.

Michael Caine

"The Muppet Christmas Carol" (1992)

The Muppets are known for their wonderful adaptations of classic stories, and in each one a high-profile celebrity takes on an iconic leading role -- "Muppet Treasure Island" (1996) had Tim Curry ("Clue," 1985) as Long John Silver and "The Muppet's Wizard of Oz" (2005) starred Ashanti ("John Tucker Must Die," 2006) as Dorothy Gale. In this take on Dickens' tale, British actor Michael Caine ("The Prestige," 2006) portrays Scrooge. Caine's incredible range is instrumental in showing Scrooge's astonishing transformation from sinister and selfish to kind-hearted and generous. This version of the story also has a musical twist, with music throughout and an uplifting finale performed by Caine and the Muppets.



Michael Caine in "The Muppet Christmas Carol"

Bill Murray

"Scrooged" (1988)

While most adaptations take a traditional approach to Dickens' tale, Bill Murray ("Groundhog Day," 1993) stars as Frank Cross, a cynical television executive, in this modernized version of the classic story. In this depiction, Frank is more than just a bitter business man, his scathing sarcasm and ruthless nature take cruelty to new levels. Even so, the combination of impressive writing and Murray's unique comedic style turns what is normally a serious tale into a hilarious holiday classic, as Frank learns the hard way that you can't negotiate with ghosts.



Bill Murray as seen in "Scrooged"

Patrick Stewart

"A Christmas Carol" (1999)

Of all the versions of "A Christmas Carol" that have been made, it's hard to get much more traditional than this late '90s made-for-television film. British actor Patrick Stewart ("Star Trek: Picard"), who has shown his abilities on both stage and screen (and was even been knighted for his services to drama), takes on the role of Mr. Scrooge. Stewart's skills as a serious actor bring a certain gravitas to the role, portraying the bitter miser in a way that would make Dickens proud. The role even earned Stewart a Screen Actors Guild nomination for Outstanding

Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries.

Jim Carrey

"Disney's A Christmas Carol" (2009)

Having already taken on the role of another famous Christmas grump back in 2000 starring as the Grinch in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," it shouldn't be much of a surprise that Canadian comedian Jim Carrey ("Bruce Almighty," 2003) took on the role of Scrooge in this computer-animated film from 2009. While Carrey's performance as the Grinch got mixed reviews — some claimed he was incredible while others found his portrayal too crude for a children's movie — his work in "A Christmas Carol" got rave reviews. Even renowned critic Roger Ebert called the film "true to the spirit of Dickens" and another reviewer praised Carrey for being comedic while still delivering a thoughtful and occasionally moving performance. This acclaimed film adaptation of the story didn't take long to become a Christmas-time staple for kids.



A scene from "Disney's A Christmas Carol"

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Streaming spirit

Christmas specials to air on streaming services

By Breanna Henry
TV Media

“Mariah Carey’s Magical Christmas Special”

Can you even call it December if you haven’t heard Mariah Carey’s “All I Want for Christmas is You” on the radio at least once? Just as the song celebrates its 26th anniversary, its Billboard top-ranking female recording artist of all-time warms up to release another Christmas special, premiering on Apple TV+ this holiday season — though unfortunately an official date hasn’t been announced yet. The special promises to include plenty of merry music, dancing and surprise celebrity guests, blended with fun and festive animation to tell a heartwarming, timeless Christmas story. Apple TV+ will feature this holiday musical event, directed by live-television master Hamish Hamilton (“The 86th Annual Academy Awards”) and the Oscar-nominated Roman Coppola (“Moonrise Kingdom,” 2012), so that you can take in all the glitz and glamor of the Queen of Christmas alongside the Yuletide classic “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” to which the streamer purchased the exclusive rights earlier this year.

“The Holiday Movies That Made Us”

The team behind the “Movies That Made Us” docuseries is gifting us this festive edition of the show, available to stream starting Dec. 1, on Netflix. Go behind-the-scenes of the modern Christmas classic “Elf” (2003) starring Will Ferrell, as the special interviews the cast and crew of the film and each person shares their experience working on a film that managed to convey so much heart, humor and genuine, feel-good holiday cheer. Tim Burton’s unforgettable stop-motion animated feature film,

“The Nightmare Before Christmas” (1993), will also be covered in the new series, but if you’re one of the people who are hung up on whether Jack and Sally’s story is a Christmas tale or a Halloween romp, you can be glad that the original series has already covered “Die Hard” (1988). Another beloved Christmas classic, “Home Alone” (1990), can be seen in Episode 2 of “The Movies That Made Us,” which is available to watch on Netflix now if you’re ready to get a head start on the Christmas spirit.

“The Big Show Show Christmas Special”

Despite already being canceled by Netflix after just one season, legendary WWE Superstar Big Show’s sitcom, aptly and simply titled, “The Big Show Show,” will conclude with a special Christmas episode on Wednesday, Dec. 9. While preparing for a neighborhood Christmas competition, Big Show gets injured, leaving his (television) wife Cassy (Allison Munn, “Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn”) to step into his very big shoes in order to take home a win for the family. Meanwhile, the couple’s three daughters, JJ (Juliet Donenfeld, “Better Call Saul”), Mandy (Lily Brooks O’Brian, “The Tick”) and Lola (Reyllynn Caster, “American Housewife”), get sent on a Christmas-themed scavenger hunt where the presents aren’t the best gift they get out of the adventure.

“High School Musical: The Musical: The Holiday Special”

Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year’s will all be celebrated in a new, 45-minute special of this kid’s musical series. The entire cast comes together to share their own favorite holiday memo-



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Mariah Carey hosts “Mariah Carey’s Magical Christmas Special”

ries, their most cherished ? and most embarrassing ? gifts ever given or received, and perform a slew of songs that will be sure to get the whole family in the spirit of the season — no matter the holiday you are celebrating as the year comes to an end. Olivia Rodrigo (“Bizaardvark”), Joshua Bassett (“Stuck in the Middle”), Dara Renee (“Black-ish”), Larry Saperstein (“The First Wives Club”) and the rest of the gang will appear when the special arrives on Disney+ on Saturday, Dec. 12, and don’t forget to bring along some ideas for your New Year’s resolutions.



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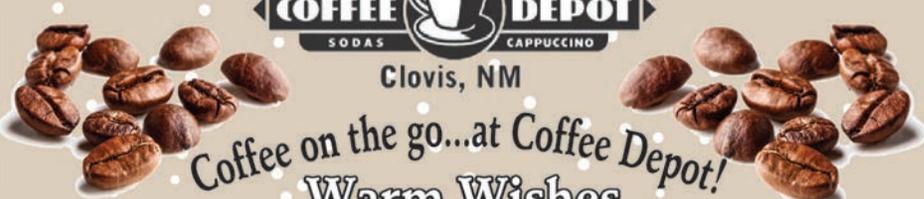
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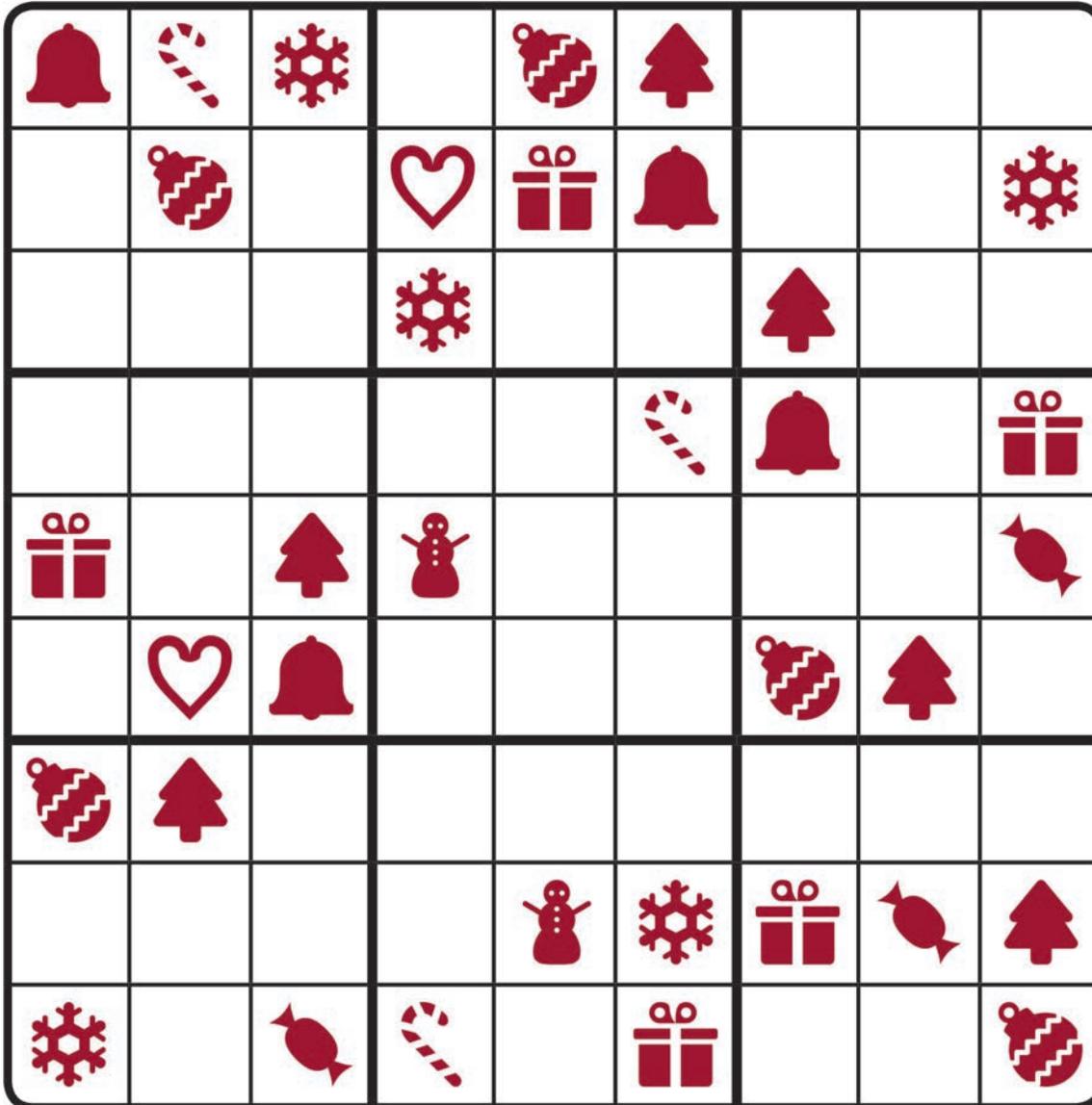
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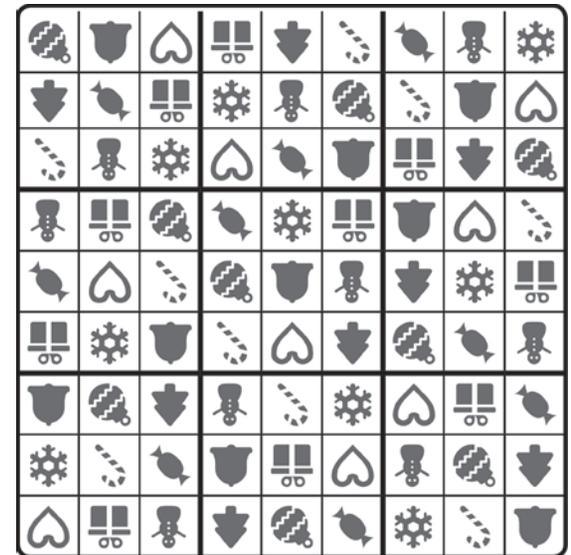
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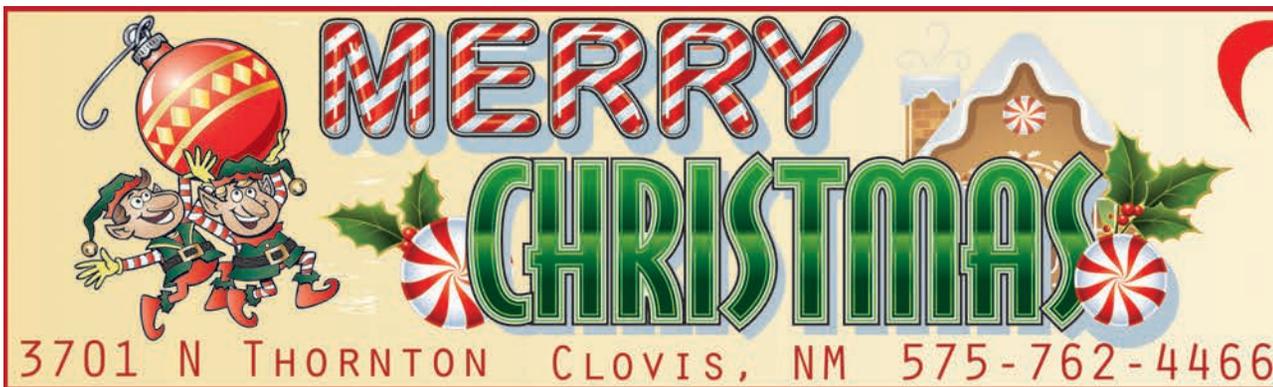


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- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "One Royal Holiday"** (2020) Laura Osnes. A woman offers stranded family a place to stay during a blizzard.
(OWN) **Movie "Baking Christmas"** (2019) Aloma Wright. The owner of a successful bakery announces her plans to retire.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **Olaf's Frozen Adventure** Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.
(FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
(OWN) **Movie "Carole's Christmas"** (2019) Jackée Harry. A woman learns the true meaning of 'be careful what you wish for.'
- 7:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 8 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.
- 10:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 11 p.m.** (FXMovies) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

Friday, November 27

- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Sleigh Bells Ring"** (2016) Erin Cahill. A divorced woman struggles to get into the holiday spirit while heading up a parade.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Good Morning Christmas!"** (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.
(LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Unwrapped"** (2020) Amber Stevens West. An ambitious yet pragmatic reporter learns the true meaning of Christmas.
- 5:25 p.m.** (FXMovies) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) Toni Collette. A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.
- 5:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
(CBS) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.
(HALL) **Movie "A Crown for Christmas"** (2015) Danica McKellar. A woman is fired from her job at a hotel and accepts a new job as governess to a girl.
(LIFE) **Movie "A Welcome Home Christmas"** (2020) Jana Kramer. A woman is paired up with a recently returned vet to help with the town's Army toy drive.
(NBC) **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 7:20 p.m.** (FXMovies) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) Toni Collette. A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.
- 7:30 p.m.** (CBS) **Frosty Returns** A little girl tries to keep Frosty from melting when a snow-removing spray is invented.

Friday, Nov. 27, on AMC



There's always been a rift between brothers Fred (Vince Vaughn) and Nick Claus (Paul Giamatti). While Nick? who has grown up to be Santa Claus? can do no wrong, Fred is always being berated or belittled for some decision or another. But when Fred visits the North Pole, trouble strikes in the form of an efficiency expert (Kevin Spacey) out to ruin Christmas and Santa suffers an unfortunate injury. Fred must step up and save the day in **"Fred Claus,"** airing Friday, Nov. 27, on AMC.

(NBC) **A Minions Holiday Special**

- 8:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- 9 p.m.** (CW) **Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer** On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
(HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.
(LIFE) **Movie "Dear Christmas"** (2020) Melissa Joan Hart. The host of a popular podcast about love has never experienced romance herself.
- 10:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

Saturday, November 28

- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol"** (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.
(LIFE) **Movie "A Christmas Winter Song"** (2019) Ashanti. A woman helps a former jazz singer reconnect with his family for the holidays.

- 5 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "Every Day Is Christmas"** (2018) Toni Braxton. A workaholic embraces the spirit of the holidays when her past and future collide.
- 6:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 8 p.m.** (CBS) **The Story of Santa Claus** A toymaker and his wife are evicted from their small shop by their heartless landlord.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Waltz"** (2020) Lacey Chabert. After a woman's Christmas wedding is canceled, a dance instructor helps her face fears.
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Sunday, November 29

- 2 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Prince for Christmas"** (2015) Viva Bianca. A charming European prince steals away incognito to the U.S. in search of true love.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014) Candace Cameron Bure. A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.
(LIFE) **Movie "Dear Christmas"** (2020) Melissa Joan Hart. The host of a popular podcast about love has never experienced romance herself.
- 4 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Princess"** (2019) Shein Mompriemer. A struggling small town diner chef crosses paths with a prince.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.
(LIFE) **Movie "A Taste of Christmas"** (2020) Anni Krueger. A girl sets out to get her cousin's new restaurant open in time for Christmas.
- 6 p.m.** (ABC) **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.
- 6:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.
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(LIFE) **Movie "Merry Little Christmas Wedding"** (2020) Kelly Rowland. A couple has a Christmas wedding more memorable than they could have ever dreamed.
- 7:30 p.m.** (FOX) **Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** Sid travels to the North Pole after Manny convinces him he is on Santa's naughty list.
- 8 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas in Royal Fashion"** (2018) Cindy Busby. A prince hopes a fashion line will bring business to his financially strapped kingdom.
- 9 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
(LIFE) **Movie "Once Upon a Main Street"** (2020) Vanessa Lachey. A woman wants to open a shop, but discovers someone else also wants the property.



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Monday, November 30

- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Miss Christmas"** (2017) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman in search of the perfect Christmas tree finds something else instead.
- 6:10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **Disney Holiday Singalong** The festive musical event will feature star-studded performances.
(HALL) **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. A woman is hired to become a personal shopper for an uptight, corporate executive.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
(HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) Lacey Chabert. A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.
(LIFE) **Movie "The Christmas Listing"** (2020) Lexi Giovagnoli. A realty owner has to spend five days at a Christmas Inn with her business competitor.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

Tuesday, December 1

- 2 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Timeless Christmas"** (2020) Erin Cahill. A man travels from 1903 to 2020 where he experiences a 21st Century Christmas.
- 4:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 7 p.m.** (CBS) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.
- 8:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 9:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 11 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Good Morning Christmas!"** (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.

Wednesday, December 2

- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle"** (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.
- 4:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014) Candace Cameron Bure. A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **The Goldbergs** Pop-Pop surprises the family with an ill-advised winter cruise to Canada.

Friday, Dec. 4, on FX



Universal Pictures

When a young boy (Emjay Anthony) accidentally summons an ancient Australian Christmas demon, he and his parents (Toni Collette and Adam Scott) find themselves being terrorized by toys in the horror-comedy **"Krampus,"** airing Friday, Dec. 4, on FX.

- (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.
- (NBC) **Christmas in Rockefeller Center**
- 7:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 8:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Black-ish** Dre takes his family back to his hometown of Compton for Christmas.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
(HALL) **Movie "The Christmas House"** (2020) Robert Buckley. A TV star's parents ask him to bring back a revered family tradition.
- 9:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 10 p.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

- 11 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.

Thursday, December 3

- 3 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Cartwright's"** (2014) Alicia Witt. A single mom is desperate to find a job to make her daughter's holiday a happy one.
- 5 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 7 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
(HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

Friday, December 4

- 3 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) Toni Collette. A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.
- 3:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 5 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Pemberley Manor"** (2018) Jessica Lowndes. The spirit of the holidays may create an opportunity for a Christmas wish of love.
- 5:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 6 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 7 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol"** (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.
- 8 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 8:10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
(CW) **The Hollywood Christmas Parade Greatest Moments** A look at the best moments of past parades.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa"** (2018) Michelle Choi-Lee. A woman returns home for Christmas to discover a historic store has closed.
(LIFE) **Movie "Spotlight on Christmas"** (2020) Tori Anderson. Dumped two weeks before Christmas, an actress returns to her tiny hometown to hide out.

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10 p.m. (HGTV) **Biggest Little Christmas Showdown**

10:15 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

Saturday, December 5

2 p.m. (ION) **Movie "Three Holiday Tails"** (2011) Julie Gonzalo. Retirees play matchmaker with their neighbor and her ex-husband.
(TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.

2:15 p.m. (AMC) **The Legend of Frosty The Snowman** Frosty is shocked when he learns that a group of kids don't know how to enjoy winter.

2:50 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry the Cable Guy. Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.

3 p.m. (BET) **Movie "For the Love of Christmas"** (2016) Tiffany L. Addison. A homeless family shows up on a couple's doorstep, giving them a change of heart.

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Waltz"** (2020) Lacey Chabert. After a woman's Christmas wedding is canceled, a dance instructor helps her face fears.

3:30 p.m. (FX) **Movie "Almost Christmas"** (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.

3:45 p.m. (TCM) **Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue"** (1947) Don DeFore. While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.

4 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Golden Christmas 3"** (2012) Shantel VanSanten. An unlikely couple fall in love during a production of 'A Christmas Carol.'

(TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

4:55 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

5 p.m. (AMC) **The Little Drummer Boy: Book II** The drummer boy struggles to protect great silver bells from seizure by Roman soldiers.

5:30 p.m. (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.

6 p.m. (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.

(FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

7 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.

7:35 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

7:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

8:40 p.m. (FREE) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

Sunday, Dec. 6, on Lifetime



Tony award winner Ali Stoker stars as Izzi Simmons, a popular romance novelist spending Christmas at a quaint bed-and-breakfast, in the new film **"Christmas Ever After,"** airing Sunday, Dec. 6, on Lifetime. Faced with a deadline and a severe case of writers block, Izzi fears her holiday is ruined ... that is until she meets the new owner (Daniel DiTomasso) who looks remarkably like the hero from her book.

9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

(LIFE) **Movie "Let's Meet Again on Christmas Eve"** (2020) Kyla Pratt. College sweethearts decide to part ways and meet again in two years on Christmas Eve.

9:45 p.m. (FREE) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

10:20 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

Sunday, December 6

2 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Cruise"** (2017) Vivica A. Fox. An aspiring novelist finds the love of her life onboard a holiday-themed cruise.

2:15 p.m. (TCM) **Movie "Holiday Affair"** (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.

2:30 p.m. (FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

3 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.

(TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.

3:20 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

3:30 p.m. (AMC) **The Little Drummer Boy: Book II** The drummer boy struggles to protect great silver bells from seizure by Roman soldiers.

4 p.m. (AMC) **The Legend of Frosty The Snowman** Frosty is shocked when he learns that a group of kids don't know how to enjoy winter.

(TCM) **Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.

5 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

(TBS) **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.

5:30 p.m. (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.

(TBS) **An Elf's Story: The Elf on the Shelf** An elf tries to help a little boy believe.

6 p.m. (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.

6:05 p.m. (FREE) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

6:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

(FX) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

6:40 p.m. (FREE) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

7 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Good Morning Christmas!"** (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.

7:45 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

8:30 p.m. (TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.

9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

(FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

(LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Ever After"** (2020) Ali Stoker. A popular romance novelist spends Christmas at her favorite bed & breakfast.

10 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. A fledgling event planner falls for a wealthy playboy at a masquerade ball.

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Monday, December 7

- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) Candace Cameron Bure. An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.
- 4:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Emma Thompson. Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Double Holiday"** (2019) Kristoffer Polaha. A woman is tasked with throwing her companies holiday party, with her nemesis.
- 7:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- (HALL) **Movie "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe"** (2018) Lacey Chabert. A career-driven woman's life is turned upside down when her mother gets sick.
- (LIFE) **Movie "The Santa Squad"** (2020) Rebecca Dalton. An out of work art teacher accepts a job to help a widower and his two daughters.
- 9:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

Tuesday, December 8

- 11:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Emma Thompson. Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) Beverley Breuer. A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.
- 5:10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Perfect Holiday"** (2007) Morris Chestnut. A department store Santa helps a young girl find her mother a new husband.
- 6 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Reginald Owen. Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Next Door"** (2017) Jesse Metcalfe. The author, is left in charge of his young niece and nephew for the holidays.
- 7:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Waltz"** (2020) Lacey Chabert. After a woman's Christmas wedding is canceled, a dance instructor helps her face fears.
- 9:20 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Almost Christmas"** (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, on CW



Kevin Frazier and Keltie Knight return to CW on Wednesday, Dec. 9, for the annual **"Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown."** The duo look at the season's top commercials from all over the world. Each commercial takes it's own superlative whether it's the most heartwarming or the most ridiculous. Find out which commercials make this year's top 12.

Wednesday, December 9

- 9 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Very Merry Mix-Up"** (2013) Alicia Witt. A woman forms a bond with a family that she is accidentally landed with over the holidays.
- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "A Miracle on Christmas Lake"** (2016) Will Sasso. A teen discovers a magical hockey rink and must protect it from greedy land developers.
- 11:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Santa's Apprentice"** (2010) Julie Gayet. Santa doesn't want to retire, but he must train someone to replace him.
- 1 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Prancer Returns"** (2001) John Corbett. A boy's care and concern for an orphaned reindeer brings his town and family together.
- 2 p.m.** (EWTN) **Feasts With the Friar** Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.
- 3 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 5 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

(FREE) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

(HALL) **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. A woman is hired to become a personal shopper for an uptight, corporate executive.

7 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

(FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

(HALL) **Movie "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"** (2008) Brooke Burns. A single mom who has lost all faith in Christmas finds answers when her uncle visits.

(NBC) **Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical** Discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage.

8 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas.

9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

(FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

10 p.m. (CW) **Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown** A countdown of the best 12 holiday commercials.

11 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

(FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

(HALL) **Movie "Switched for Christmas"** (2017) Candace Cameron Bure. Identical twins decide to swap lives for the holidays, learning lessons along the way.

Thursday, December 10

9 a.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman's wish is granted a wish by a Christmas angel.

11:30 a.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

1 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

(HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) Lacey Chabert. A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.

3 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Getaway"** (2017) Bridget Regan. A recently single writer is forced to share a cabin due to a vacation mix up.

3:30 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

5 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) Candace Cameron Bure. A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.

6 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

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- 7 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Veteran's Christmas"** (2018) Eloise Mumford. When a veteran returns home, she meets and falls in love with a judge.
- 8 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (CW) **Silent Night: A Song for the World** A look at the creation and cultural impact of the song Silent Night, by Salzburg.
- 9:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 11:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 1 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

Friday, December 11

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Miss Christmas"** (2017) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman in search of the perfect Christmas tree finds something else instead.
- 9 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Snow"** (2004) Tom Cavanagh. A young man with a toy delivery business sets out to rescue a reindeer before Christmas.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Cartwright's"** (2014) Alicia Witt. A single mom is desperate to find a job to make her daughter's holiday a happy one.
- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **Buster and Chauncey's Silent Night** Two mice accidentally help write 'Silent Night,' the beloved Christmas song.
- 11 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Snow 2: Brain Freeze"** (2008) Tom Cavanagh. In the rush for preparing for Christmas, Santa loses his memory and forgets who he is.
- 12:30 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "Saving Santa"** (2013) Ashley Tisdale. A lowly stable elf finds he is the only one who can stop an invasion of the North Pole.
- 1 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Snowglobe"** (2007) Lorraine Bracco. A mystical snow globe transports Angela into an idyllic Christmas winter wonderland.
- 2:30 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.
- 3 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Holly Lodge"** (2017) Alison Sweeney. A woman's life is changed after a visit to her family's ski lodge.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 5:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 6 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 7 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Vienna"** (2020) Sarah Drew. A concert violinist finds the inspiration she has been missing with an American diplomat.

Friday, Dec. 11, on Lifetime



Mandy Leeds (Jonna Walsh) has been so caught up becoming a successful business woman in the world of corporate hotel ownership that she hasn't gone home in years. But when a local inn is put up for sale, she agrees to come home for the holidays in order to make it part of her company in **"Inn Love By Christmas,"** premiering Friday, Dec. 11, on Lifetime. However, when she gets home, she is reunited with her high school rival (Jesse Hutch) who also wants to buy the inn.

- 7:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- (CW) **The Christmas Caroler Challenge** Twelve Christmas carol groups compete before three celebrity judges.
- (HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Inn Love By Christmas"** (2020) Jonna Walsh. A successful woman heads home for the holidays, and runs into her high school rival.
- 9:30 p.m.** (HBO) **Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas"** (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.
- 10 p.m.** (HGTV) **Holiday Crafters Gone Wild**

- 11 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
- 1 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas with the Darlings"** (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.

Saturday, December 12

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Joy"** (2018) Danielle Panabaker. A woman must return to her hometown to care for her aunt at Christmas.
- 7:45 a.m.** (EWTN) **Feasts With the Friar** Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.
- 8 a.m.** (FX) **Movie "Saving Santa"** (2013) Ashley Tisdale. A lowly stable elf finds he is the only one who can stop an invasion of the North Pole.
- 9 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Good Morning Christmas!"** (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.
- 10 a.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.
- (TCM) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Reginald Owen. Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.
- 11 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "One Royal Holiday"** (2020) Laura Osnes. A woman offers stranded family a place to stay during a blizzard.
- 11:05 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa"** (2018) Michelle Choi-Lee. A woman returns home for Christmas to discover a historic store has closed.
- 1:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 1:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 1:45 p.m.** (AMC) **The First Christmas: The Story of the First Christmas Snow** A blind shepherd boy is taken in by nuns and participates in a Christmas pageant.
- 2 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. A fledgling event planner falls for a wealthy playboy at a masquerade ball.
- 3:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 3:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle"** (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 7 p.m.** (BET) **Movie "Hip Hop Holiday"** (2019) Wendy Raquel Robinson. A hip hop diva is forced to re-examine the real reason for her dislike for the holiday.





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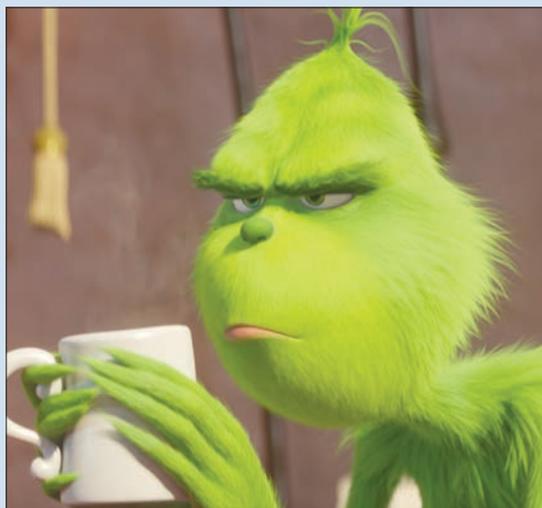
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- 8 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 9 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- (LIFE) **Movie "The Christmas Setup"** (2020) Ben Lewis. A lawyer heads home for the holidays and reconnects with his high school secret crush.
- 10 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Princess"** (2019) Shein Mompremier. A struggling small town diner chef crosses paths with a prince.
- 11 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

Sunday, December 13

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) Lacey Chabert. A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.
- 8 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Love the Coopers"** (2015) Diane Keaton. Four generations of Coopers gather for their annual Christmas Eve celebration.
- (ION) **Movie "Back to Christmas"** (2014) Kelly Overton. A woman travels back to a previous Christmas in order to undo the mistakes of her past.
- 9 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Crown for Christmas"** (2015) Danica McKellar. A woman is fired from her job at a hotel and accepts a new job as governess to a girl.
- 10 a.m.** (ION) **Movie "Country Christmas Album"** (2018) Hannah Barefoot.
- 10:30 a.m.** (AMC) **The Legend of Frosty The Snowman** Frosty is shocked when he learns that a group of kids don't know how to enjoy winter.
- (FREE) **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 11 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Prancer Returns"** (2001) John Corbett. A boy's care and concern for an orphaned reindeer brings his town and family together.
- (HALL) **Movie "Coming Home for Christmas"** (2017) Danica McKellar. A woman falls for a handsome man while planning a Christmas gala at his estate.
- Noon** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Cruise"** (2017) Vivica A. Fox. An aspiring novelist finds the love of her life onboard a holiday-themed cruise.
- 1 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 1:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 2 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) Judy Garland. A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.
- 3:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 6 p.m.** (ABC) **Disney Holiday Singalong** The festive musical event will feature star-studded performances.

Saturday, Dec. 12, on FX



Universal Pictures

Benedict Cumberbatch and Angela Lansbury star in the 2018 animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic "The Grinch," airing Saturday, Dec. 12, on FX. While every Who loves Christmas, the Grinch does not, so when the townsfolk plan to have the brightest Christmas ever, he devises a plan to steal it away.

(TBS) **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.

- 6:30 p.m.** (TBS) **An Elf's Story: The Elf on the Shelf** An elf tries to help a little boy believe.
- 7 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Timeless Christmas"** (2020) Erin Cahill. A man travels from 1903 to 2020 where he experiences a 21st Century Christmas.
- (HGTV) **White House Christmas 2020**
- 8 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (ION) **Movie "A Golden Christmas"** (2018) Andrea Roth. Two long-lost friends reconnect during Christmas.
- 8:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 9 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "A Sugar & Spice Holiday"** (2020) Jacky Lai. An architect returns to her hometown and reconnects with a friend who's a catch.
- 10 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Firehouse Christmas"** (2016) Anita Brown. With Christmas approaching, life appears to be good for Tom and his girlfriend, Jenny.

- 10:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 10:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 11 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater"** (2020) Ashley Williams. A single mom is facing Christmas alone until a stranger becomes an unexpected houseguest.

Monday, December 14

- 6:30 a.m.** (AMC) **The First Christmas: The Story of the First Christmas Snow** A blind shepherd boy is taken in by nuns and participates in a Christmas pageant.
- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. A woman is hired to become a personal shopper for an uptight, corporate executive.
- 8 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Prancer Returns"** (2001) John Corbett. A boy's care and concern for an orphaned reindeer brings his town and family together.
- 10:15 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You"** (2017) Mariah Carey. A little girl who dreams of getting a dog for Christmas is tasked with dog-sitting.
- Noon** (FREE) **Movie "The Perfect Holiday"** (2007) Morris Chestnut. A department store Santa helps a young girl find her mother a new husband.
- 2 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Almost Christmas"** (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Finding Santa"** (2017) Jodie Sweetin. When a parade Santa falls off his sleigh, a woman goes on a quest to find his replacement.
- 4:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) Daniel Lissing. An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (HALL) **Movie "Good Morning Christmas!"** (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Lonestar Christmas"** (2020) Stephanie Bennett. A single mom takes her daughters to spend Christmas with her dad on his Texas ranch.
- 9:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

Tuesday, December 15

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Cookie Cutter Christmas"** (2014) Erin Krakow. Two long-time rival school teachers duke it out during the holidays in a bake-off.
- 9 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Veteran's Christmas"** (2018) Eloise Mumford. When a veteran returns home, she meets and falls in love with a judge.

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- 1 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry the Cable Guy. Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.
- 3 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Made to Order"** (2018) Alexa PenaVega. A Christmas amateur finds himself in charge of his family's holiday celebration.
- 5 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 5:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 6:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
(HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 9:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
(HALL) **Movie "Welcome to Christmas"** (2018) Eric Mabius. A resort developer heads to Christmas, Colorado, to scope out a new piece of land.
- 11:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.

Wednesday, December 16

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman's wish is granted a wish by a Christmas angel.
- 9 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **The Legend of Frosty The Snowman** Frosty is shocked when he learns that a group of kids don't know how to enjoy winter.
- 12:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater"** (2020) Ashley Williams. A single mom is facing Christmas alone until a stranger becomes an unexpected houseguest.
- 2:35 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Timeless Christmas"** (2020) Erin Cahill. A man travels from 1903 to 2020 where he experiences a 21st Century Christmas.
- 4:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

Sunday, Dec. 16, on CW



Christmas is a magical time, so why not spend it with a magical duo? Magicians Penn and Teller, are joined by host Alyson Hannigan in their annual Christmas competition **"Penn & Teller: Merry Fool Us,"** airing Wednesday, Dec. 16, on CW. This special sees amazing magicians perform their most incredible and festive feats as they compete for a fantastic Christmas trophy.

- 5:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas.
(AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- 7:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 8 p.m.** (NBC) **A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special**
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9:55 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 10 p.m.** (CW) **Penn & Teller: Merry Fool Us** The magical duo of Penn and Teller kick off the Christmas season with new magicians.

Thursday, December 17

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"** (2008) Brooke Burns. A single mom who has lost all faith in Christmas finds answers when her uncle visits.
- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **How Murray Saved Christmas** A cranky deli owner is forced to fill in for Santa, and does a wonderful job.
- 11 a.m.** (AMC) **The First Christmas: The Story of the First Christmas Snow** A blind shepherd boy is taken in by nuns and participates in a Christmas pageant.
- 11:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.
- Noon** (AMC) **Pinocchio's Christmas** Pinocchio works at a puppet show to raise money to buy Geppetto a Christmas present.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- 2:30 p.m.** (AMC) **The Little Drummer Boy: Book II** The drummer boy struggles to protect great silver bells from seizure by Roman soldiers.
- 3 p.m.** (EWTN) **The Promise** The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas with the Darlings"** (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.
- 5 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
(HALL) **Movie "The Christmas House"** (2020) Robert Buckley. A TV star's parents ask him to bring back a revered family tradition.
- 5:30 p.m.** (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- 7 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.
- 7:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- 8:30 p.m.** (EWTN) **Reclaiming the Carol** The spirit of Charles Dickens shows a cynical stage manager the true meaning of Christmas.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
(FX) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2019) A disgruntled, old man who despises Christmas is visited by three ghosts.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

Friday, December 18

- 7 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe"** (2018) Lacey Chabert. A career-driven woman's life is turned upside down when her mother gets sick.
- 8 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Holiday in Handcuffs"** (2007) Melissa Joan Hart. A woman kidnaps a handsome guy to take home to her parents during the Christmas holidays.



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- 11:15 a.m.** (AMC) **The Little Drummer Boy: Book II** The drummer boy struggles to protect great silver bells from seizure by Roman soldiers.
- 1:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 2:15 p.m.** (AMC) **"Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- 2:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- 3 p.m.** (EWTN) **The EWTN Family Christmas Special** A special Christmas Concert at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- 3:20 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 4:30 p.m.** (EWTN) **An EWTN Holy Land Experience** Journey to sites throughout Bethlehem for an unforgettable Christmas experience.
- 5:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 6 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Remember the Night"** (1940) Barbara Stanwyck. A shoplifter's life is changed when she is placed in a compassionate lawyer's care.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **Olaf's Frozen Adventure** Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.
- (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 7:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Shrek the Halls** Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Puss In Boots and all their fairy-tale buddies celebrate Christmas.
- 7:55 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- (CW) **The Christmas Caroler Challenge** Twelve Christmas carol groups compete before three celebrity judges.
- (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle"** (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Christmas on the Menu"** (2020) Kim Shaw. A celebrated chef heads home for the holidays and clashes with a famous food critic.
- (TNT) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

Saturday, December 19

- 9 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

Wednesday Dec. 19, on Lifetime



Canadian actress Laura Vandervoort stars as Molly Cooper in the new holiday film **"A Christmas Exchange,"** premiering Saturday, Dec. 19, on Lifetime. Similar to the 2006 film "The Holiday," the film sees Molly trade homes with London financier Patrick (Rainbow Sun), who in turn takes up residence in her farm house. Their relationship quickly grows as they correspond via email and step into each others lives.

- 10:30 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Emma Thompson. Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 11:05 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 11:15 a.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 12:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Waltz"** (2020) Lacey Chabert. After a woman's Christmas wedding is canceled, a dance instructor helps her face fears.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Pemberley Manor"** (2018) Jessica Lowndes. The spirit of the holidays may create an opportunity for a Christmas wish of love.
- 4 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- (EWTN) **Reclaiming the Carol** The spirit of Charles Dickens shows a cynical stage manager the true meaning of Christmas.

- (TCM) **Movie "The Bishop's Wife"** (1947) Cary Grant. An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.
- 5 p.m.** (TNT) **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 5:25 p.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 5:55 p.m.** (FREE) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- (EWTN) **A Time to Remember** The Christmas story of a boy who develops his singing with a priest.
- 6:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.
- 7 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Vienna"** (2020) Sarah Drew. A concert violinist finds the inspiration she has been missing with an American diplomat.
- 7:35 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- 8 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "A Christmas Exchange"** (2020) Laura Vandervoort. A woman swaps her quaint farmhouse for a London Financier's posh apartment.
- (TNT) **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 9:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 10:20 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Sunday, December 20

- 8 a.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss"** (2011) Brendan Fehr. A designer and her assistant vie for a man while decorating his home for the holidays.
- 9:45 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "A Dennis the Menace Christmas"** (2007) Maxwell Perry Cotton. Dennis the Menace tries to make amends with his neighbor, Mr. Wilson.
- 10 a.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss II"** (2014) Elisabeth Harnois. A woman feigns a romance in order to fend off the advances of a billionaire playboy.
- (TCM) **Movie "Little Women"** (1949) June Allyson. Follow the trials and tribulations of four sisters growing up during the Civil War.
- 10:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.
- 11:55 a.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- Noon** (ION) **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) Karissa Staples. A woman happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Veteran's Christmas"** (2018) Eloise Mumford. When a veteran returns home, she meets and falls in love with a judge.





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- 1:10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry the Cable Guy. Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.
- 1:45 p.m.** (AMC) **"Twas the Night Before Christmas"** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- 2 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "The Shop Around the Corner"** (1940) James Stewart. A pair of co-workers do not realize that they are each other's lonelyheart pen-pals.
- 3 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
- 3:20 p.m.** (FREE) **"Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- 3:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 4:25 p.m.** (FREE) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.
- 5 p.m.** (FREE) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.
- (FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- (TCM) **Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue"** (1947) Don DeFore. While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.
- 6:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 6:30 p.m.** (EWTN) **Keep Christ in Christmas** Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangomercial.
- 8 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 8:15 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Holly and Ivy"** (2020) A woman looks for a contractor so she can adopt her sick neighbor's kids.
- 8:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 9 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "A Christmas Break"** (2020) Cindy Sampson. A teacher meets a Hollywood actor home to reconnect with his roots and sparks fly.
- 10 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 11 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol"** (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.
- Monday, December 21**
- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Nativity Story"** (2006) Keisha Castle-Hughes. Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.
- 11:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry the Cable Guy. Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.
- Noon (EWTN) **The EWTN Family Christmas Special** A special Christmas Concert at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, Dec. 21, on Freeform



20th Century Studios

Lord Richard Attenborough stars as Kris Kringle in the 1994 version of **"Miracle on 34th Street,"** airing Monday, Dec. 21, on Freeform. When Kringle is hired by Dorey (Elizabeth Perkins), the events director at Macy's, to be the Santa in resident at their 34th Street location, the children of New York, except Dorey's daughter, Susan (Mara Wilson), start to believe he is the real Santa — which he is. Unfortunately, he soon finds himself on trial to prove that he really is Santa.

- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Switched for Christmas"** (2017) Candace Cameron Bure. Identical twins decide to swap lives for the holidays, learning lessons along the way.
- 1:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.
- 3 p.m.** (BET) **Movie "For the Love of Christmas"** (2016) Tiffany L. Addison. A homeless family shows up on a couple's doorstep, giving them a change of heart.
- 4 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 4:30 p.m.** (EWTN) **Keep Christ in Christmas** Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangomercial.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "On the Twelfth Day of Christmas"** (2015) Robin Dunne. Maggie is thrilled when her long time crush, Mitch, moves to her little town.
- 5:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- (NBC) **Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical** Discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage.
- 7:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (CW) **Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer** On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
- (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) Jesse Arthur Carroll. A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 10 p.m.** (CW) **Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown** A countdown of the best 12 holiday commercials.
- (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 11 p.m.** (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

Tuesday, December 22

- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular** Donkey, Shrek and their pals sing Christmas carols.
- 11 a.m.** (BET) **Movie "Hip Hop Holiday"** (2019) Wendy Raquel Robinson. A hip hop diva is forced to re-examine the real reason for her dislike for the holiday.
- Noon (FREE) **Movie "The Perfect Holiday"** (2007) Morris Chestnut. A department store Santa helps a young girl find her mother a new husband.
- 1 p.m.** (BET) **Movie "For the Love of Christmas"** (2016) Tiffany L. Addison. A homeless family shows up on a couple's doorstep, giving them a change of heart.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Getaway"** (2017) Bridget Regan. A recently single writer is forced to share a cabin due to a vacation mix up.
- 2 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 3 p.m.** (EWTN) **Reclaiming the Carol** The spirit of Charles Dickens shows a cynical stage manager the true meaning of Christmas.
- 4:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- 5 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. A woman is hired to become a personal shopper for an uptight, corporate executive.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Emma Thompson. Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- (BBC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.



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(TCM) **Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.

- 6:10 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 7 p.m.** (TNT) **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 8 p.m.** (NBC) **A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special** (BBC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1999) Patrick Stewart. A miserly old man is visited by three ghosts in order to learn the meaning of Christmas.
- 10 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Holiday Affair"** (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

Wednesday, December 23

- 10 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "All I Want for Christmas"** (1991) Jamey Sheridan. A divorced couple's two children scheme to get them back together for Christmas.
- 12:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Holiday in Handcuffs"** (2007) Melissa Joan Hart. A woman kidnaps a handsome guy to take home to her parents during the Christmas holidays.
- 1 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Entertaining Christmas"** (2018) Jodie Sweetin. A cookbook author's daughter is set to take over the family business.
- 2 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Love the Coopers"** (2015) Diane Keaton. Four generations of Coopers gather for their annual Christmas Eve celebration.
- 2:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 3 p.m.** (BET) **Movie "The Best Man Holiday"** (2013) Monica Calhoun. Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.
- 4:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 4:35 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 6 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) Judy Garland. A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.
- 7 p.m.** (ABC) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- 7:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas.

Thursday, Dec. 24, on NBC



Keeping with tradition, NBC is set to air **"It's a Wonderful Life"** on Christmas Eve. One of the ultimate Christmas classics the film follows George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart), a down-on-his-luck banker who wishes he'd never been born. But, when a guardian angel shows him what the world would be like without him, he begins to see the good in his life.

(EWTN) **Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas** Country music star Collin Raye and Andre Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.

(FX) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (2019) A disgruntled, old man who despises Christmas is visited by three ghosts.

9 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas.

(AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

(CW) **Silent Night: A Song for the World** A look at the creation and cultural impact of the song Silent Night, by Salzburg.

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Next Door"** (2017) Jesse Metcalfe. The author, is left in charge of his young niece and nephew for the holidays.

9:10 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

11 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

Thursday, December 24

- 11 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Miss Christmas"** (2017) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman in search of the perfect Christmas tree finds something else instead.
- 11:30 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Prancer Returns"** (2001) John Corbett. A boy's care and concern for an orphaned reindeer brings his town and family together.
- 12:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 1 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "Saving Santa"** (2013) Ashley Tisdale. A lowly stable elf finds he is the only one who can stop an invasion of the North Pole.
- 1:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 1:50 p.m.** (BBC) **Doctor Who** The Doctor is recruited into a chase across the galaxy on Christmas Day.
- 2 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) Judy Garland. A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.
- 3 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- (FX) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.
- 4 p.m.** (EWTN) **The EWTN Family Christmas Special** A special Christmas Concert at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- (TCM) **Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.
- 5 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle"** (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.
- 6 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Princess"** (2019) Shein Mompriemer. A struggling small town diner chef crosses paths with a prince.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- (TCM) **Movie "The Bishop's Wife"** (1947) Cary Grant. An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.
- 6:35 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (EWTN) **The Promise** The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.
- (NBC) **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.
- 8 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Prince for Christmas"** (2015) Viva Bianca. A charming European prince steals away incognito to the U.S. in search of true love.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.



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(TCM) **Movie "The Shop Around the Corner"** (1940) James Stewart. A pair of co-workers do not realize that they are each other's lonelyheart pen-pals.

9 p.m. (ABC) **CMA Country Christmas** Country's biggest stars celebrate the holidays with songs and stories to warm your heart.

(AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

(FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

9:15 p.m. (FREE) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

9:50 p.m. (FREE) **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

10 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Royal Christmas Ball"** (2017) Tara Reid. An unmarried European king tracks down his American college sweetheart.

(TBS) (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

(TCM) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Reginald Owen. Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.

10:45 p.m. (HBO) **Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas"** (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.

10:55 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

11 p.m. (FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

Friday, December 25

9 a.m. (STARZ) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

10 a.m. (FX) **Movie "The Star"** (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

(TBS) (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

10:20 a.m. (BBC) **Doctor Who** The Doctor must come out of mourning to defeat a chilling menace.

10:30 a.m. (HALL) **Movie "The Christmas House"** (2020) Robert Buckley. A TV star's parents ask him to bring back a revered family tradition.

11:30 a.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

Noon (FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.

(ION) **Movie "A Christmas in Vermont"** (2016) Abigail Hawk. A woman is sent by her profit-obsessed boss to shut down one of the company's holdings.

(TBS) (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

Friday, Dec. 25, on NBC



Universal Pictures

Jim Carrey stars in the live-action film **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas,"** airing Christmas day on NBC. The cantankerous Grinch (Carrey) is intent on ruining Christmas for the cheerful residents of Whoville but young Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen) is sure she can fill his heart with cheer and bring everyone together.

1 p.m. (BBC) **Doctor Who** Santa-shaped assassins herald the approach of a terrible danger from the stars.

1:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

(FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

2 p.m. (TBS) (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

(TCM) **Movie "Holiday Affair"** (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.

2:30 p.m. (EWTN) **The First Christmas** Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.

2:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

3 p.m. (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Waltz"** (2020) Lacey Chabert. After a woman's Christmas wedding is canceled, a dance instructor helps her face fears.

3:30 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

(IFC) **Movie "Reindeer Games"** (2000) Ben Affleck. An ex-convict assumes his old cellmate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend.

4 p.m. (TBS) (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

4:30 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.

4:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

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(HALL) **Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol"** (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.

(ION) **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. A fledgling event planner falls for a wealthy playboy at a masquerade ball.

(TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

6:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

7 p.m. (ABC) **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.

(BBC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

(FREE) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

(NBC) **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.

7:30 p.m. (ABC) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.

(HALL) **Movie "If I Only Had Christmas"** (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.

(NBC) **Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

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9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

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(CW) **The Christmas Caroler Challenge** Twelve Christmas carol groups compete before three celebrity judges.

10 p.m. (BBC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

(FX) **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

(HGTV) **Saving Santa Claus**

(ION) **Movie "Christmas Belle"** (2013) C. Thomas Howell. A man and woman fall for each other when he hires her to help him sell his home.

11 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

Saturday, December 26

11:30 a.m. (IFC) **Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.

Noon (EWTN) **Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas** Country music star Collin Raye and Andrea Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.

1 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.

2 p.m. (IFC) **Movie "A Dennis the Menace Christmas"** (2007) Maxwell Perry Cotton. Dennis the Menace tries to make amends with his neighbor, Mr. Wilson.

4 p.m. (IFC) **Movie "A Christmas Story 2"** (2012) Daniel Stern. It's five years later, and Ralphie is eyeing a car, but trouble seems to be following him.

9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas with the Darlings"** (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.

Sunday, December 27

11 a.m. (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle"** (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.

11:30 a.m. (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.

1 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014) Candace Cameron Bure. A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.

3 p.m. (EWTN) **In Concert** One of the world's most celebrated ensembles performs traditional Christmas classics.

7 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

(HALL) **Movie "A Crown for Christmas"** (2015) Danica McKellar. A woman is fired from her job at a hotel and accepts a new job as governess to a girl.

9 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"** (2008) Brooke Burns. A single mom who has lost all faith in Christmas finds answers when her uncle visits.

11 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) Candace Cameron Bure. A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.

Saturday, Dec. 26, on AMC



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Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his wacky family indulge in some holiday antics in the classic Christmas comedy **"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation,"** airing Saturday, Dec. 26, on AMC. As numerous dysfunctional relatives descend on the Griswolds during Christmas, all of Clark's plans for the holidays quickly go awry. But things go from bad to worse when Clark's cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) kidnaps his boss (Brian Doyle-Murray) on Christmas Eve.

Monday, December 28

10 a.m. (AMC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** The Preston family's epic display has the tallest and brightest Nativity scene.

1 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Welcome to Christmas"** (2018) Eric Mabius. A resort developer heads to Christmas, Colorado, to scope out a new piece of land.

5 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe"** (2018) Lacey Chabert. A career-driven woman's life is turned upside down when her mother gets sick.

6:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

9 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

11 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

Tuesday, December 29

12:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

1 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Sleigh Bells Ring"** (2016) Erin Cahill. A divorced woman struggles to get into the holiday spirit while heading up a parade.

2:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

3 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa"** (2018) Michelle Choi-Lee. A woman returns home for Christmas to discover a historic store has closed.

5 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

(HALL) **Movie "Five Star Christmas"** (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.

7 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

9 p.m. (CW) **Popstar's Best of 2020** Elizabeth Stanton counts down the greatest and most memorable moments and trends of 2020.

10:10 p.m. (BBC) **Doctor Who** Doctor Who works with a stranger called The Doctor to protect Earth.

11 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas with the Darlings"** (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.

Wednesday, December 30

9 a.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Joy"** (2018) Danielle Panabaker. A woman must return to her hometown to care for her aunt at Christmas.

3 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.

5 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "With Love, Christmas"** (2017) Aaron O'Connell. An ad executive and her uptight co-worker must create the ultimate Christmas commercial.

9 p.m. (CW) **Heroes on the Front Line** A celebration of the heroes who dared to make a difference in the worldwide pandemic.

Thursday, December 31

1 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Pemberley Manor"** (2018) Jessica Lowndes. The spirit of the holidays may create an opportunity for a Christmas wish of love.

3 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "It's Christmas, Eve"** (2018) LeAnn Rimes. A school superintendent is forced to make cutbacks during the holiday season.

5 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas By Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.

8:30 p.m. (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.

9:20 p.m. (BBC) **Doctor Who** It's the Tenth Doctor's final journey; his psychotic nemesis the Master, has been reborn.

10:30 p.m. (IFC) **Two and a Half Men** Walden helps Jenny get a second date with a one-night stand and Alan receives a gift.

Friday, January 1

10 p.m. (HGTV) **Saving Santa Claus**



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A 'Home Sweet Home'

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

It's official: the countdown to Christmas cooking has begun. Gatherings might be smaller or fewer this year, but that just puts a greater emphasis on making this holiday season meaningful and special for everyone, even from afar. And food traditions new and old may be just the thing we need to keep our spirits merry and bright, as holiday preparations ramp up and the year winds down.

Whether you're homebound for the holidays or looking to gift some edible cheer, count on Ree Drummond, aka "The Pioneer Woman," to serve up some bite-sized holiday magic in two new episodes of "The Pioneer Woman: Home Sweet Home," airing this month on Food Network.

If your holidays typically involve brunch, make yourself a pre-Christmas mimosa and tune in on Saturday, Dec. 5. In that episode, Drummond makes an at-home brunch extra special with her Smoked Salmon Benedict, which is followed by a recipe for Creamy Mushroom Soup that will warm you up on a cold December day. But if you're mostly focused on the big feast and looking for a new festive side dish, Drummond will also walk you through all the steps for making Hasselback Sweet Potatoes.

More holiday favorites are offered up in the Saturday, Dec. 12, episode. Got



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some puff pastry tucked away in the freezer? You'll want to thaw it out and use it after Drummond bakes up her Brie & Mushrooms en Croute on screen. And why drink eggnog out of a plain old glass when you can serve it ice cold in a ginger crumb-rimmed glass?

These are the kind of festive touches that can spice up your at-home celebrations. But if you're in dire need of a gift idea for the cocktail lover in your life, Drummond has you covered: in that same episode, she'll show you how to prepare a cocktail hour gift basket filled with a Berry Basil Vodka and Festive Marinated Olives.

Holiday-themed specials or episodes of "The Pioneer Woman" have become somewhat of an annual tradition since the series premiered in 2011. But what makes this year's batch extra special is the fact that they were self-shot on Drummond's Oklahoma ranch — hence the added title, "Home Sweet Home."

Quick Candy Cane Brownies

By Jessica Gosse
TV Media

Many people have found themselves in a bind without something to bring to a holiday potluck and, when you have to factor in the many food allergies and dietary restrictions, it can be hard to find the time and energy to make something from scratch. Luckily, not only are these festive brownies gluten free, they can be made in under an hour.

INGREDIENTS:

2 eggs
1 cup white sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup melted butter
3/4 cup sifted rice flour
1/2 cup sifted cocoa powder
crushed candy canes -- as much as you like

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, use a hand mixer to beat together eggs, sugar and salt (if you don't have a hand mixer whisking well will do the trick).
2. Add in the melted butter and beat until blended together.
3. Stir in the vanilla extract.
4. Sift and mix in rice flour and cocoa powder until blended together then set aside (if you don't have a sifter that's OK just make sure to mix very well).
5. Grease an 8x8 glass pan and pour in batter.
6. Microwave for about 4 minutes.
7. Sprinkle with crushed candy canes then microwave for another minute.
8. Let cool before cutting into squares and serving.

Special note:

If you are a big fan of peppermint try substituting the vanilla extract with peppermint extract — but only use half the amount, it's potent stuff! — or, stir the crushed candy canes in with the batter before cooking.



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A gift yule love

Lifetime features LGBTQ+ couple in new film

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

No matter your faith, the holidays are always a time of joy and community. From the familiar smell of baked goods in the oven, to the subtle, soul-soothing twinkle of lights and candles and the glimmer of decorations throughout the house, there is no denying the magic and comfort of the holidays. And, yes, the themed rom-coms and holiday favorites are definitely big spirit-of-the-season promoters as well.

This year, in keeping with tradition, Lifetime is adding a number of new films to their It's a Wonderful Lifetime campaign — 30 new films, to be exact, meaning more than 1200 hours of all-new festive-film merriment between now (the films began airing on Oct. 23) and Christmas. One of the films on this list is drawing a lot of attention for its long-overdue portrayal of two leading men.

"The Christmas Setup," premiering Saturday, Dec. 12, on Lifetime, focuses on New York City lawyer, Hugo (Ben Lewis, "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World," 2010) as he treks home to Milwaukee to spend the holidays with his mother, Kate (Fran Drescher, "The Nanny"). Kate, busy with spearheading the town's local Christmas festivities, is not too busy, however, to play match-

maker. So, Hugo's determined mother arranges for him to "accidentally" run into his high school friend — and crush — Patrick (Blake Lee, "Parks and Recreation"), who just returned home after hitting it big in Silicon Valley. Happy to have been reacquainted, Hugo and Patrick enjoy the fruits of Kate's labor — in more ways than one — at the festival. All seems hunky-dory until Hugo gets called up for a promotion at work, threatening his budding relationship to Patrick, as accepting the job would require a move to London, England.

While heartfelt romantic comedies set during the holidays aren't exactly new fare, "The Christmas Setup" is still an industry pioneer, marking the first-ever instance of an LGBTQ+ couple at the center of a holiday-film cast.

Hot on the heels of the 2019 Lifetime movie "Twinkle All the Way's" on-screen kiss between Lex (Brian Sills, "Baby on Board," 2009) and Danny (Mark Ghanimé, "The Age of Adaline," 2015), real-life spouses Lewis and Lee pave the way for more inclusivity in film and television.

"The world we create on camera should reflect the world we live in," said Amy Winter, executive vice president and head of programming for Lifetime and LMN, in an interview. Asserting that movies like "The Christmas Setup" are necessary in today's



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world "because they continue our effort to tell the stories of the diverse communities represented by our viewers," Winter continued, "our hope with these inclusive films, and others, is that people will see themselves while enjoying universally relatable holiday romances."

Accompanying "The Christmas Setup" on the It's a Wonderful Lifetime lineup this year is another breakthrough film for diversity and inclusivity. "A Sugar & Spice Holiday" tells the story of Suzie (Jacky Lai, "V-Wars"), a Chinese-American architect who looks to old, cultural traditions to spice up her submission to the local gingerbread house competition. Not only is "A Sugar & Spice Holiday" the first holiday film to hinge upon the life of

a family of Asian heritage, it was also created by a trio of Asian women on the other side of the screen: director Jennifer Liao ("Blood and Water"), writer Eirene Donoghue ("Drink Slay Love," 2017) and casting director Judy Lee ("Hector and the Search for Happiness," 2014).

Needless to say, these two new Christmas films are just a couple among many exiting new additions to a list of bingeable holiday features, and there is no doubt that we'll be adding "A Sugar & Spice Holiday" and "The Christmas Setup" to our list of favorites for next year as well.

Catch "The Christmas Setup," when it premieres Saturday, Dec. 12, on Lifetime.

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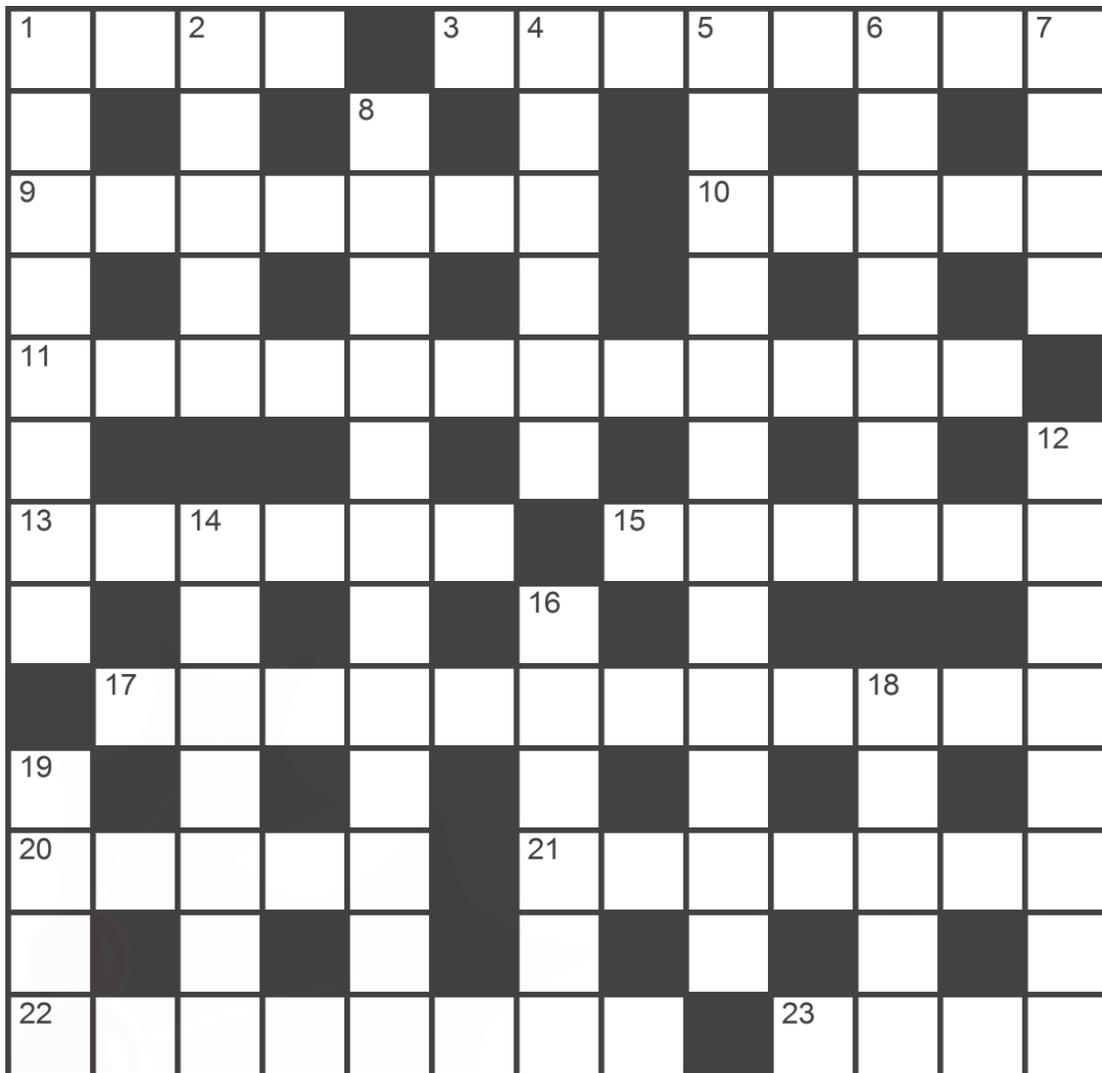
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Holiday Crossword

by Andrew Warren



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- 3 Cleans out the house, so to speak
- 9 Curved upwards, as hair
- 10 Actor Tim, who starred in "The Santa Clause" films
- 11 Gift from the Magi
- 13 Sounds heard in a one-horse open sleigh
- 15 Santa by another name
- 17 How Santa's list might be organized
- 20 Christmas tree topper
- 21 Frosty, for one
- 22 Wrong impression
- 23 Furthermore

Down

- 1 Festive holiday dish
- 2 Bamboozled
- 4 Thespian's profession

- 5 Mir or Skylab
- 6 Gigantic statues
- 7 Go carolling
- 8 2006 Christmas film, or a classic Christmas carol
- 12 Downton horizons
- 14 Prohibited by law
- 16 Mistreater
- 18 Animal often found in a nativity scene
- 19 Something put in the mail before December 25




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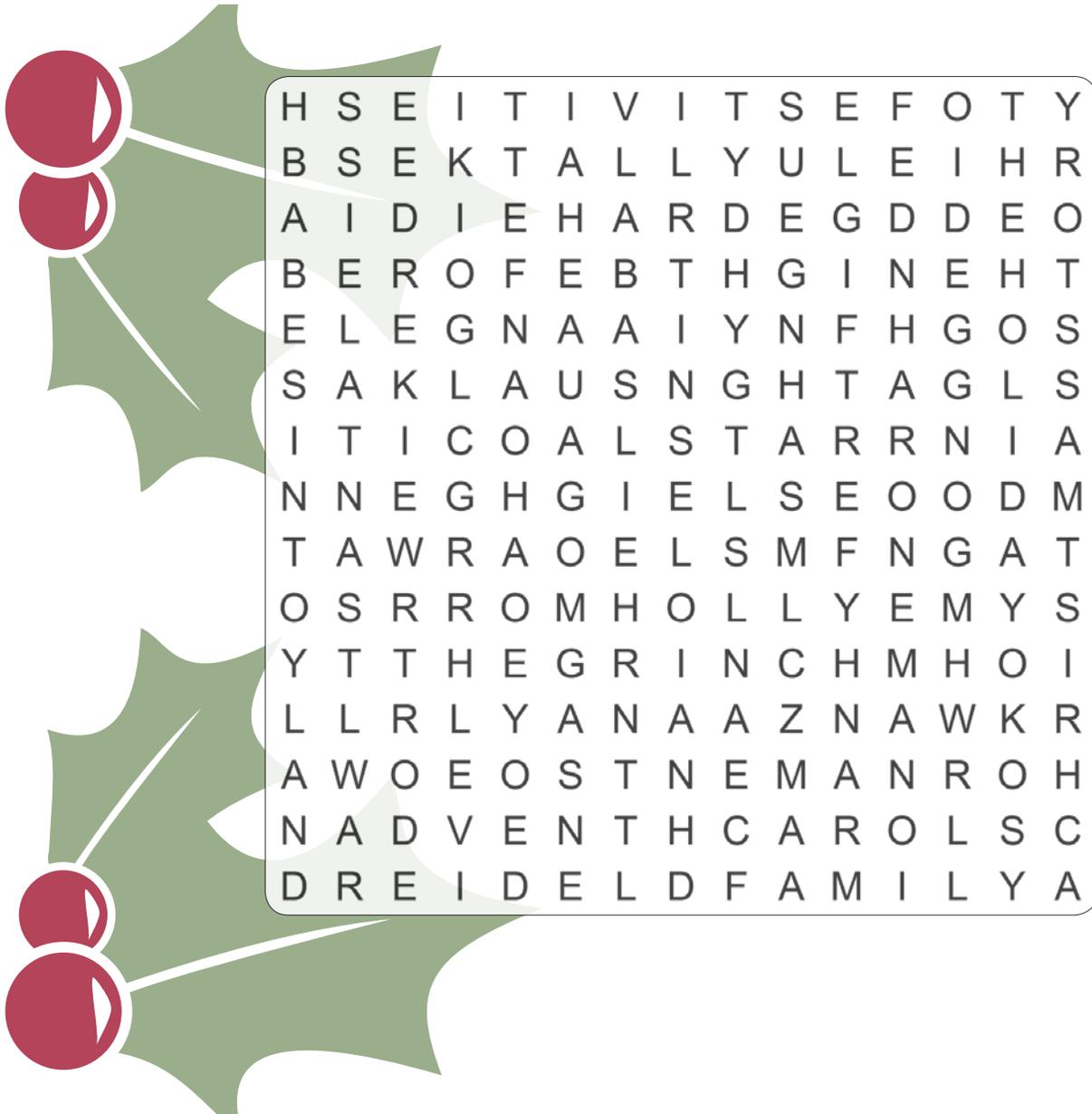
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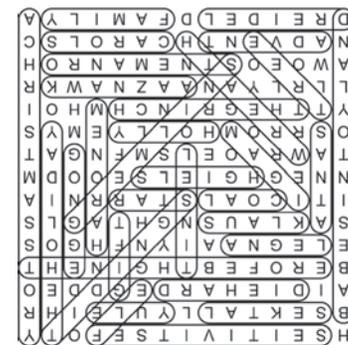
Holiday Word Search: Tinseltown Tidings

From the list below, find each word and circle its letters in the puzzle above to reveal the message relating to the holidays.



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| STORY | MAGI |
| ADVENT | MENORAH |
| ANGEL | ORNAMENTS |
| BABES IN | SANTA |
| TOYLAND | SLEIGH |
| CAROLS | STAR |
| COAL | THE GRINCH |
| DIE HARD | THE HOLIDAY |
| DREIDEL | THE NIGHT BE- |
| EGGNOG | FORE |
| ELF | TIDINGS |
| FAMILY | TINSEL |
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