



An enduring tale

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A timeless Christmas companion

‘The Nutcracker and the Mouse King’ celebrates its 200th anniversary

By Jacqueline Spendlove
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More than 120 years ago, a ballet opened in St. Petersburg, just in time for Christmas. It was not a success — it gleaned, in fact, much disparagement from critics — yet, with a production change here and a casting tweak there, “The Nutcracker” went on to become one of the most popular and well-known ballets in the world. One can’t begrudge composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky his part in the show’s eventual success, yet the bulk of it undoubtedly goes to the storyteller.

The tale of a little girl whose favorite toy comes to life and whisks her away to a magical doll kingdom has become a Christmas staple. The ballet is just one of many productions spawned by the original novella written in 1816 by E. T. A. Hoffmann, and with 2016 marking the 200th anniversary of the story, it’s clear just how truly enduring it is.

Hoffmann’s “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” has been adapted countless times for stage and screen. Details change here and there, but for the most part, they all follow the same basic structure, which sees little Marie (or Clara, as she’s called in the ballet) drawn into a dreamlike world where her toys come to life at Christmastime. Her favorite, a nutcracker doll, leads his fellow toys into battle against an army of mice led by the frightening, seven-headed Mouse King. A story-within-the-story explains how nutcrackers came to be, and ties together the real world and that of Marie’s dreams. The Nutcracker defeats the evil Mouse King, and Marie’s love removes the curse that’s upon him. Returned to his human form, he returns



Ukraine’s Kiev Ballet dancers perform “The Nutcracker”

to the doll kingdom with Marie, where the two rule together as king and queen. In a nutshell.

Despite its rough start, the ballet is arguably the best-known incarnation of the story. Even if you can’t name any other ballet, you can probably name “The Nutcracker,” and Tchaikovsky’s iconic

score is recognizable even to those who have never seen the production. It’s actually based on Alexandre Dumas’s 1844 adaptation of Hoffmann’s story, which is nearly identical in plot.

Famed choreographer George Balanchine staged his version of the ballet in the 1950s with the

New York City Ballet, and is widely credited with making “The Nutcracker” famous in the United States. It has been staged in New York every year since 1954, and is used as a model for many other productions throughout the U.S., drawing flocks of theatergoers during the Christmas season.

The (eventual) success of the stage production led to a number of filmed versions of the ballet. “Nutcracker: The Motion Picture” was released in 1986 and performed by the Pacific Northwest Ballet. The film features sets and costume designs by Maurice Sendak, author and illustrator of “Where the Wild Things Are.” The ending deviates from that of the original ballet, and there are some slightly creepy undertones throughout, but it’s a generally well-received version of story.

“George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker” came along in 1993, and features that loveable Christmas scamp Macaulay Culkin in the role of The Nutcracker. What was surely a strategic casting choice — Culkin was still riding high on his Christmas-themed “Home Alone” (1993) success at the time — really didn’t do the movie any favors. Overall, reviews were mixed, but Culkin drew pretty consistent critique across the board. It’s despite him, rather than because of him, that the film garnered the praise it did, and the superb dancing is the real star of this production, gleaming as much approval as Culkin did criticism, if not more.

Other movies and specials based on “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” moved away from the ballet that made it famous, and are straight retellings of the original story. “The Nutcracker in 3D” (2010) had high hopes — director Andrei Konchalovsky said it had been his dream project for more than 20 years, and that the fantastical elements lent themselves to being presented in 3D.

Unfortunately, the final product of the big-budget musical didn’t quite live up to Konchalovsky’s vision, with critics panning it as “ill-conceived,” “misguided” and “bewildering” (the Holocaust imagery really didn’t help matters). The film features Elle Fanning (“Maleficent” 2014), Nathan Lane (“The

Birdcage,” 1996) and John Turturro (“O Brother, Where Art Thou?,” 2000) — a worthy enough cast, but they couldn’t save it from flopping at the box office.

Fortunately, other filmed returns to the story’s literary roots fared better; simpler, small-scale productions have become well-loved and are regularly televised during the holidays. “The Nutcracker Prince” (1990) is an animated Canadian offering of the story, and features the voice talents of Kiefer Sutherland (“24”), Megan Follows (“Anne of Green Gables”), Peter O’Toole (“Lawrence of Arabia,” 1962) and Phyllis Diller (“A Bug’s Life,” 1998). It pulls elements from both the original story and the ballet, and is a solid version for children and adults alike.

What does Barbie have to do with “The Nutcracker?” Who cares! “Barbie in the Nutcracker” (2001) marks the illustrious doll’s first feature-length motion picture, as well as the first computer-animated movie in the Barbie film series. It’s cute and colorful, employing music based on Tchaikovsky’s ballet score, which is its major selling point. The film is loosely based on Hoffmann’s story, drawing elements from the ballet as well (unsurprisingly, the illustrious Barbie is one heck of a dancer).

As for what the future holds for The Nutcracker, Marie/Clara and the rest, we already know that we can look past the story’s 200th anniversary for yet another retelling. A new live-action adaptation, titled “The Nutcracker and the Four Realms,” is in the works, and Disney plans to release it in 2018. You’re sure to recognize some of the cast — Mackenzie Foy (“Interstellar,” 2014), Morgan Freeman (“The Shawshank Redemption,” 1994), Helen Mirren (“The Queen,” 2006) and Keira Knightley (“Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl,” 2003) are all on board for the project. “The Nutcracker and the Four Realms” is based on the original story (all hail the return of the Mouse King’s gruesome seven heads!), yet still contains elements from the ballet, including one major dance sequence, which will be handled by ballerina Misty Copeland.



Elle Fanning in a scene from “The Nutcracker in 3D”

Two hundred years on, the world that was born with Hoffmann’s little Christmas novella continues to grow. No matter the format, the story is one that doesn’t get old, and remains a faithful companion during the holidays.

Best Movie Santa Clauses

by Shona Dustan

Ed Asner ("Elf," 2003)

If there's a real Santa, I hope it's the sweet and salty Ed Asner version. Buddy the Elf's favorite person is a-ok in my books, and it's a side-splitting joy to watch this film year after year. I like to imagine that Asner's Santa will someday be regarded as highly as the next entry on my list ...



Edmund Gwenn ("Miracle on 34th Street," 1947)

I tear up every time I watch this film. A man holding to his principles despite seemingly insurmountable odds is compelling even when the man in question isn't Old Saint Nick, and the way others rally around him is just heartwarming. Gwenn was born to play this role, and his work has stood the test of time.

Douglas Seale ("Ernest Saves Christmas," 1988)

This film is one of the most overlooked Christmas movies, and what a shame that is. Jim Varney's Ernest is as wacky and, well, earnest as ever, but Seale's Santa is an excellent version of the classic sweet, jolly old guy we've all come to expect, mixed with the melancholy that comes with being burdened with 150 years of life.

Richard Attenborough ("Miracle on 34th Street," 1994)

I know, it's probably cheating to include both versions of this Santa, but there's just something about a whole city coming together to "believe" a sweet old guy out of a jail sentence. Plus, such an iconic role must have been incredibly daunting to recreate, so Attenborough is owed some major kudos. He pulls it off well — all those warm, fuzzy feelings from the original turn up again here.

Tim Allen ("The Santa Clause," 1994)

I will admit to a little bias here — I was 10 years old in 1994, and a "Home Improvement" fan, so Tim Allen is the Santa of my childhood. While his full beard and jolly countenance at the end of the film are totally on point, it's his transformation that's transfixing. From semi-competent divorcé dad to Father Christmas, selflessly dedicated to his son and all the children of the planet, this Santa's dedication to his craft is beyond question.



David Huddleston ("Santa Claus: The Movie," 1985)

This film and its Santa are by far the most traditional of any on this list. Appearance-wise, Huddleston is basically the Coca Cola Santa Claus we've all come to identify with Christmas, but it's his kindly, warm demeanor and savior storyline that really seal the deal.

Love in every stitch

Dolly Parton spins another yarn in NBC holiday special

By Kyla Brewer
TV Media

As family and friends begin to gather together for the holidays, there's nothing like a heartwarming story everyone can enjoy. Luckily for TV viewers, beloved country music icon Dolly Parton ("9 to 5," 1980) shares another story from her own life this holiday season, a follow-up to last year's critically acclaimed "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors."

The young Parton family braces for an unexpected blizzard in the premiere holiday film "Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love," airing Wednesday, Nov. 30, on NBC. Set in 1950s Tennessee, the made-for-TV movie continues the story that began in last year's ratings smash hit holiday special "Coat of Many Colors," which was based on the true story of Parton's early life, and one of her biggest hit songs. The December premiere of "Coat" drew more than 13 million live viewers, making it the most-watched television film in years.

"I was so overwhelmed and touched by how many people watched 'Coat of Many Colors' and their reaction to it," Parton said after the announcement. "The song 'Coat of Many Colors,' of course, has always been my favorite and has touched so many people throughout the years, especially me. It is a true story from a very special time in my childhood."

It's really no wonder so many people tuned in to "Coat of Many Colors" when you consider Parton is the most-honored female country performer of all time. She has millions of fans, a record 41 career top 10 country albums and numerous awards, not

to mention a heart of gold. Even with all of her success, she is reportedly one of the entertainment industry's most down-to-earth stars, and her humble upbringing may be her key to staying grounded. Viewers were obviously enthralled with her story last holiday season and, in May, NBC executive Richard Greenblatt announced a sequel to the film would grace this year's holiday lineup.

The cast of the original returns to help Dolly tell another story from her early years. Young Dolly will once again be portrayed by talented youngster Alyvia Alyn Lind ("Dark Skies," 2013). Country music star Jennifer Nettles ("Underground") put her music career on hold to reprise her critically acclaimed role as Parton family matriarch Avie Lee Parton, while Ricky Schroder ("NYPD Blue") stars as her husband and Dolly's father, Robert Lee Parton. The cast also includes Gerald McRaney ("Major Dad") as Rev. Jake Owens, Avie Lee's father. Stephen Herek ("Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure," 1989) returned to the director's chair to helm the sequel.

In June, Variety announced that Disney star Kelli Berglund ("Lab Rats") had signed on to this year's project as Dolly's oldest sister Willadeene, who has left school to help out with her younger siblings. Dolly herself will appear in the film as well, playing the "town trollop" as she told Jimmy Fallon during an August interview in "The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon." She also told Fallon she had modeled her trademark style on the very same trollop's look.

The new holiday movie "Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love" captures Christmas joy just as Robert and the kids are struggling to raise enough money to buy his loving wife the wedding ring he never could afford. At the same time,



Dolly Parton and Alyvia Alyn Lind in a scene from "Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love"

an important figure in Dolly's life realizes that her musical gift may be meant for bigger things.

In real life, as we all know, Dolly went on to become a trailblazing female country singer. In fact, she was recently honored with the Willie Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award at the 50th Annual CMA Awards in early November. But it appears the star is far from finished — even at the age of 70, she's breaking new ground as her work on Pentatonix's a cappella version of her hit "Jolene" recently cracked the top 20 on the Hot Country Songs chart, making her the first artist with top 20 hits in the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, '00s and '10s.

She's also an Oscar, Grammy, Tony and Emmy nominee, one of few performers to earn nods for all four. Her film credits include "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (1982), "Steel Magnolias" (1989) and "Joyful Noise" (2012).

Worst Movie Santa Clauses

by Shona Dustan

Jeff Gillen ("A Christmas Story," 1983)

There's something terrifying about this Santa, and it's not just because he kicks little Ralphie down a slide (after siding with his parents about the boy's dream toy, no less). He's manic, cynical and creepy, and a perfect antagonist for Ralphie, who just wants that stinking gun already.



Jeff Gillen and Peter Billingsley in a scene from "A Christmas Story"; MGM

Bill Raymond ("The Ref," 1994)

When Santa complains about the cookies and milk left out by children, he gets put on the (hilariously) bad Santa list. "You wanna see Santa farting down everyone's chimney?" Enough said.

Lloyd Bridges ("In the Nick of Time," 1991).

In a film full of weird racial stereotypes, exposition and extreme cheese, Bridges is actually a breath of comparatively fresh air. But his drawn, thin face and desire to rid himself of his Santa-ness is just a little depressing.

William Hootkins ("Like Father, Like Santa," 1998)

Stuffed into overalls, cheesy, over-the-top jolly — in any other holiday film, this Santa may not have been so bad, but the movie itself is so terrible that even Santa is dragged down with it. I really hate to relegate Hootkins to this list, though, as he holds a special place in my nerdy heart — he was Red Six (also indelicately known as Porkins) in "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope" (1977), wherein he gives his life to the rebel cause in the assault on the first Death Star. RIP Porkins.

Artie Lange ("Elf," 2003)

"You sit on a throne of LIES!" If Buddy the Elf can't stomach a Santa, he's bad in my books. The movie's two Santas are polar opposites, so it's only appropriate to include both in these rankings. It's clear from the start that he's totally given up, but, to be fair, how could Lange's mall Santa ever live up to the real deal?

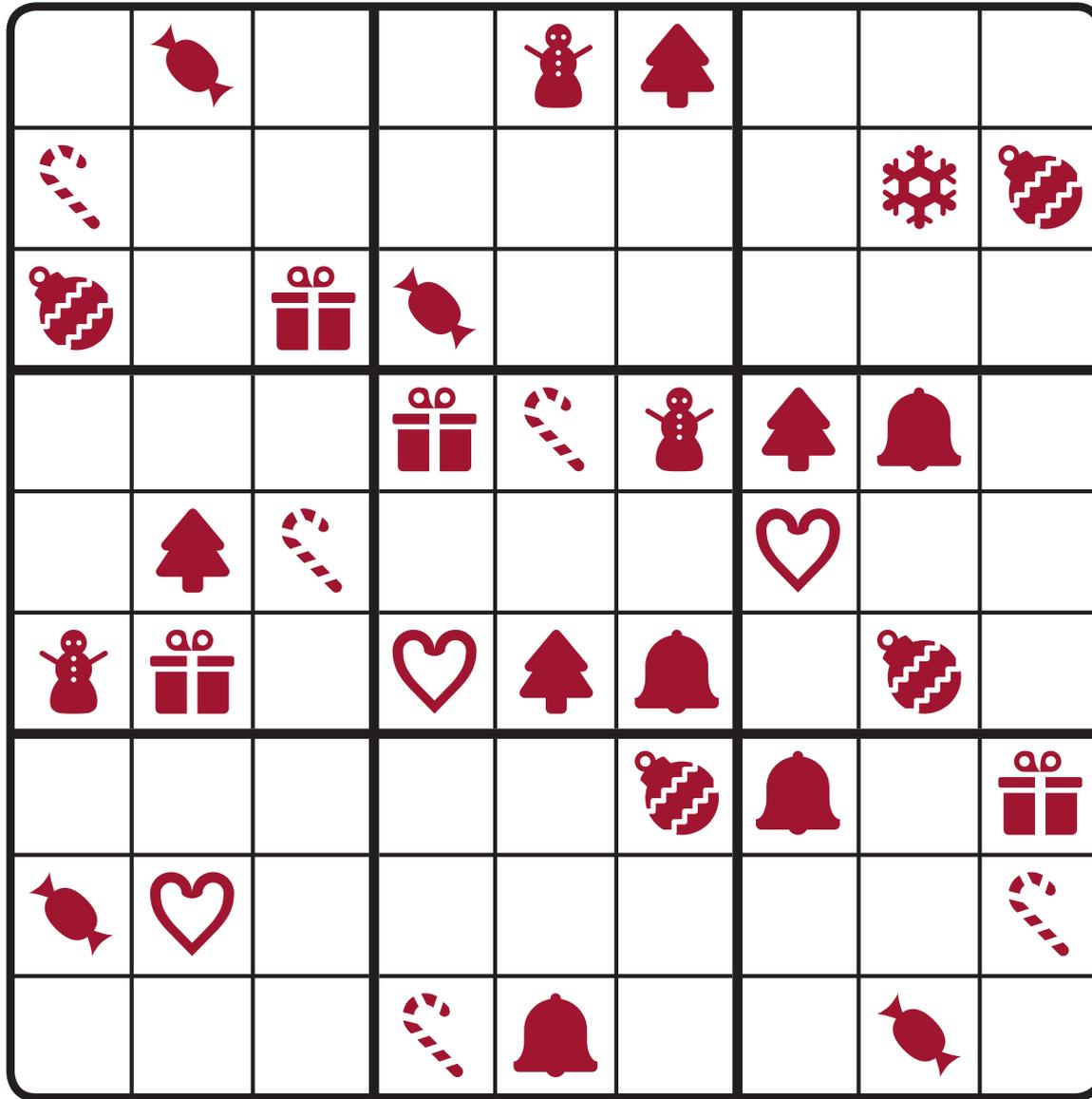
Billy Bob Thornton ("Bad Santa," 2003)

This list was made for old Billy Bob, but don't let the terrible quality of his Santa-ness put you off the movie (and its sequel). This Santa may not be for children (seriously), but adults with a taste for dark humor will find him just delightful. The way his lips move under the bushy beard gets me every time.



Billy Bob Thornton and Lauren Graham star in "Bad Santa"; Sony Pictures

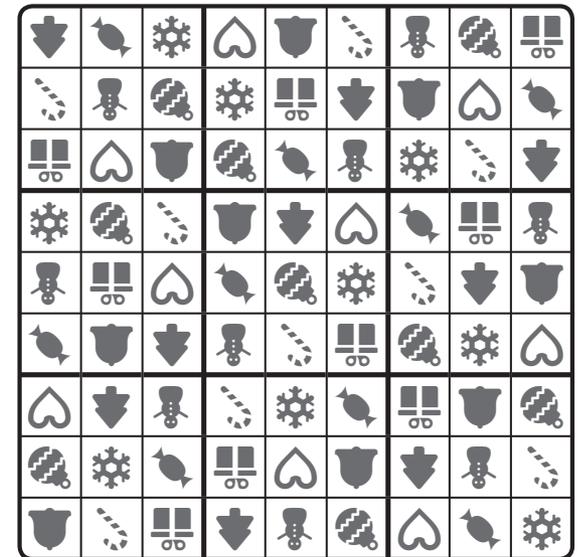
Holiday Pictogram Sudoku



Fill in the grid so that every column, every row, and every 3x3 box contains the following seasonal symbols:



Solution



Thursday, November 24

- 9 a.m. CBS** **Thanksgiving Day Parade** Watch the amazing array of floats and bands in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- HIST** **Swampsgiving** Gator season has come and gone, but Thanksgiving is just around the corner.
- NBC** **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** Balloons, floats, celebrities and marchers parade through the streets of Manhattan.
- 10 a.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.
- HIST** **Swampsgiving 2** Celebrate Thanksgiving with the Swampers.
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Help for the Holidays"** (2012) Summer Glau. An elf sets out to teach her new employers what it means to be a family at Christmastime.
- NBC** **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** Balloons, floats, celebrities and marchers parade through the streets of Manhattan.
- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.
- 5:30 p.m. ESQUIRE** **Parks and Recreation** Leslie forms a citizen action group to achieve changes outside of the Parks Department.
- 6 p.m. CMT** **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.
- HALL** **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) Daniel Lissing. An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.
- 8 p.m. CMT** **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.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "My Christmas Dream"** (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.
- TBN** **The Christmas Lodge**
- Midnight CMT** **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.
- TBN** **The Christmas Experience** Discover what it truly means to experience Christmas.

Friday, November 25

- 10 a.m. HALL** **Movie "Matchmaker Santa"** (2012) Lacey Chabert. A mysterious Santa strands a baker and her boyfriend's best friend in a small town.
- Noon HALL** **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Christmas Land"** (2015) A woman inherits a Christmas tree farm from her grandmother and decides she must sell it.
- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Just in Time for Christmas"** (2015) Eloise Mumford. A woman must choose between moving for her dream job or staying to marry her dream man.
- 5 p.m. TBN** **The Christmas Lodge**
- 6 p.m. HALL** **Movie "The Mistletoe Promise"** (2016) Jamie King. Two strangers who share a disdain for Christmas navigate the holiday together.

Thursday, Nov. 24, on NBC



Eric Liebowitz/NBC

The streets of Manhattan are flooded with floats, giant balloons, marching bands and so much more as **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** kicks off the 2016 holiday season. It's the 90th anniversary of this cherished New York City tradition, and NBC's Al Roker, Savannah Guthrie and Matt Lauer are on hand to present the most exciting parts of the event to viewers. The legendary Tony Bennett is set to make an appearance, as well as some of the "Sesame Street" cast, and, of course, Santa Claus himself.

- 7 p.m. FXMovie** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 8 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.
- CW** **Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer** On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- LIFE** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- NBC** **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** An evil Grinch plots to steal everything Christmas-related from the Whos.
- 8:30 p.m. CBS** **Frosty Returns** A little girl tries to keep Frosty from melting when a snow-removing spray is invented.
- NBC** **How Murray Saved Christmas** A cranky deli owner is forced to fill in for Santa, and does a wonderful job.

- 8:55 p.m. FXMovie** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 9 p.m. USA** **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 10 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.
- Midnight HALL** **Movie "A Princess for Christmas"** (2011) Katie McGrath. A young woman falls for a dashing prince when she visits England for Christmas.
- LIFE** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

Saturday, November 26

- 9 a.m. FOOD** **Giada's Holiday Handbook** Giada hosts a party for her large extended family to celebrate Christmas.
- Noon HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- LIFE** **Movie "Home by Christmas"** (2006) Linda Hamilton. When a woman's perfect life is shattered, she struggles to create a new life for herself.
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.
- LIFE** **Movie "All About Christmas Eve"** (2012) Haylie Duff. A party planner needs to choose between a vacation and a huge event.
- 4 p.m. FOOD** **Cupcake Wars** Four bakers battle for a place among the stars at the Hollywood Christmas Parade.
- HALL** **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) Daniel Lissing. An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.
- LIFE** **Movie "Christmas in the City"** (2013) John Prescott. A woman tries to bring out the true meaning of Christmas before it's too late.
- 6 p.m. LIFE** **Movie "Dear Santa"** (2011) Amy Acker. A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.
- 8 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- LIFE** **Movie "All I Want for Christmas"** (2013) Melissa Sagemiller. A woman is gifted the ability to hear every unspoken thought of the people around her.
- 9 p.m. CBS** **The Story of Santa Claus** A toymaker and his wife are evicted from their small shop by their heartless landlord.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Christmas Melody"** (2015) A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.
- LIFE** **Movie "The Flight Before Christmas"** (2015) Mayim Bialik. A heartbroken woman's flight home the night before Christmas is diverted.
- Midnight 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.
- LIFE** **Movie "All I Want for Christmas"** (2013) Melissa Sagemiller. A woman is gifted the ability to hear every unspoken thought of the people around her.

Sunday, November 27

- 1 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.
- (LIFE) Movie "Dear Secret Santa"** (2013) Tatyana Ali. A woman receives Christmas cards from an admirer she believes to be someone who's passed.
- 1:45 p.m. (TBS) Movie "Surviving Christmas"** (2004) Ben Affleck. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.
- 2 p.m. (HALL) Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- 3 p.m. (LIFE) Movie "Holiday Switch"** (2007) Nicole Eggert. A woman wonders what her life would be like if she married her high school boyfriend.
- 4 p.m. (HALL) Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- 5 p.m. (FOOD) Outrageous Christmas** Tune in for some outrageous Christmas creations, like a 1,000-pound cake.
- (ION) Movie "A Christmas Wedding Date"** (2012) Marla Sokoloff. A woman faces difficulties when she returns home for a friend's Christmas wedding.
- (LIFE) Movie "Twelve Men of Christmas"** (2009) Kristin Chenoweth. A high-powered New York public relations executive finds love in a small town in Montana.
- 6 p.m. (HALL) Movie "My Christmas Dream"** (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.
- 7 p.m. (DISN) Disney Parks Presents: A Descendants Magical Holiday Celebration**
- (FOX) Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** Sid travels to the North Pole after Manny convinces him he is on Santa's naughty list.
- (ION) Movie "How Sarah Got Her Wings"** (2015) Lindsey Gort. There's no room in heaven for Sarah unless she rights one wrong from her past.
- (LIFE) Movie "A Gift Wrapped Christmas"** (2015) Meredith Hagner. A personal shopper makes it her mission to get one of her clients into the holiday spirit.
- 8 p.m. (HALL) Movie "Journey Back to Christmas"** (2016) Candace Cameron Bure. A WWII-era nurse is transported in time to 2016, and learns the true meaning of Christmas.
- 9 p.m. (ION) Movie "A Christmas in Vermont"** (2016) Abigail Hawk. Riley's sent by her profit-obsessed boss to shut down one of the company's holdings.
- (LIFE) Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 10 p.m. (HALL) Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 11 p.m. (ION) Movie "A Golden Christmas"** (2009) Andrea Roth. A young boy and girl become friends over a summer because of a special dog.
- (LIFE) Movie "A Gift Wrapped Christmas"** (2015) Meredith Hagner. A personal shopper makes it her mission to get one of her clients into the holiday spirit.

Sunday, Nov. 27, on Fox



The stars of the Ice Age movie franchise grace the small screen in the animated holiday special **"Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas."** As Christmas approaches, Manny drags out the Christmas Rock, a family heirloom that helps Santa find them to deliver presents. After Sid destroys the cherished decoration, Manny convinces him he'll end up on Santa's naughty list, and Peaches convinces Sid to go to the North Pole to plead his case to Santa. Meanwhile, when Ellie realizes Peaches is missing, she and Manny enlist Diego's help to find them. Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary and Queen Latifah voice characters in this special.

Monday, November 28

- 2 p.m. (HALL) Movie "One Starry Christmas"** (2014) Sarah Sanguin Carter. Holly can't wait to go back to New York City and introduce her big shot boyfriend.
- 4 p.m. (HALL) Movie "Best Christmas Party Ever"** (2014) Torrey DeVitto. An up-and-coming event planner finds out her boss intends to hand off her business.
- 5:30 p.m. (FREE) Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 6 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.
- 8 p.m. (FOOD) Christmas Cookie Challenge** Five bold and creative bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making mettle.
- (HALL) Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.
- 9 p.m. (FOOD) Cake Wars: Christmas** Five remaining teams return to battle to create mind-blowing Christmas fantasy creations.

Tuesday, November 29

- 2 p.m. (HALL) Movie "A Bride for Christmas"** (2012) Andrew W. Walker. A woman falls in love, unaware she's been handpicked to help the man win a bet.
- 4 p.m. (EWTN) Feasts With the Friar** Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.
- (HALL) Movie "A Christmas Melody"** (2015) A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.
- 6 p.m. (HALL) Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- 8 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.
- 10 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.

Wednesday, November 30

- 1:45 p.m. (TCM) Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Reginald Owen. Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.
- 2 p.m. (HALL) Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.
- 3 p.m. (TCM) Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.
- 4 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.
- 6 p.m. (HALL) Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- 7 p.m. (FREE) Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 8 p.m. (HALL) Movie "My Christmas Dream"** (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.
- (NBC) Christmas in Rockefeller Center** The 84th annual lighting of the Rockefeller Christmas Tree is celebrated.
- 9 p.m. (FREE) Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- Midnight (FREE) Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

Thursday, December 1

- 2 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.
- 4 p.m. (HALL) Movie "A Princess for Christmas"** (2011) Katie McGrath. A young woman falls for a dashing prince when she visits England for Christmas.
- 6 p.m. (FREE) The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.
- (HALL) Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.
- 7:05 p.m. (FREE) Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

- 8 p.m. ABC** **A Charlie Brown Christmas** Charlie Brown and his Peanut pal, Linus, search for the true meaning of Christmas.
- DISN** **Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!"** (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs, and scramble to get reunited.
- HALL** **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- LMN** **Movie "A Nanny for Christmas"** (2010) Dean Cain. An advertising executive loses her job at a powerful firm just before the holidays.
- 9:15 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.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- LMN** **Movie "Christmas in the City"** (2013) John Prescott. A woman tries to bring out the true meaning of Christmas before it's too late.
- TOM** **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.
- 11:40 p.m. HBO** **Movie "Bad Santa"** (2003) Billy Bob Thornton. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.
- Midnight TBN** **The Christmas Experience** Discover what it truly means to experience Christmas.

Friday, December 2

- 2:30 p.m. FREE** **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.
- 5:10 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.
- 5:30 p.m. DISN** **Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!"** (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs, and scramble to get reunited.
- 6 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 7:15 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.
- 8 p.m. LIFE** **Movie "Twelve Men of Christmas"** (2009) Kristin Chenoweth. A high-powered New York public relations executive finds love in a small town in Montana.
- 9:20 p.m. FREE** **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.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Matchmaker Santa"** (2012) Lacey Chabert. A mysterious Santa strands a baker and her boyfriend's best friend in a small town.
- LIFE** **Movie "Home by Christmas"** (2006) Linda Hamilton. When a woman's perfect life is shattered, she struggles to create a new life for herself.

Saturday, December 3

- Noon 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.

Friday, Dec. 2, on Freeform



Warner Brothers Inc.

Enjoy a magical holiday adventure with **"The Polar Express,"** the computer-animated film based on the classic book by Chris Van Allsburg. Robert Zemeckis directs and Tom Hanks produces and stars in this story about a boy who begins to doubt that Santa exists. In an attempt to prove his theory, he stays up late on Christmas Eve to wait for the jolly man himself, but, much to his surprise, a magical train arrives to take him to the North Pole instead. There, he has experiences that teach him important truths about friendship and bravery, and his eyes are opened to the true magic of Christmas.

- 1 p.m. TON** **Movie "A Golden Christmas 3"** (2012) Shantel VanSanten. An unlikely couple fall in love during a production of 'A Christmas Carol.'
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- TBN** **Movie "Christmas Angel"** (2009) K.C. Clyde. A woman in need of work takes a job helping people in distress.
- 3 p.m. FOOD** **Cake Wars: Christmas** Five remaining teams return to battle to create mind-blowing Christmas fantasy creations.
- FXMovie** **Movie "Switchmas"** (2012) Elliott Gould. A Jewish boy obsessed with Christmas figures out how to get the Christmas of his dreams.
- TON** **Movie "A Christmas Kiss"** (2011) Brendan Fehr. A designer and her assistant vie for a man while decorating his home for the holidays.
- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- 4:40 p.m. FREE** **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 p.m. FOOD** **Cupcake Wars** Four bakers compete to have their cupcakes featured on opening night for 'The Nutcracker.'
- 6 p.m. HALL** **Movie "The Mistletoe Promise"** (2016) Jamie King. Two strangers who share a disdain for Christmas navigate the holiday together.
- 6:45 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.
- 7 p.m. TON** **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) Karissa Staples. Whitney happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.
- 8 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.
- NBC** **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.
- 8:50 p.m. FREE** **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. TON** **Movie "A Firehouse Christmas"** (2016) Anita Brown. With Christmas approaching, life appears to be good for Tom and his girlfriend, Jenny.
- USA** **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story"** (2016) Lori Loughlin. A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.
- LIFE** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 11 p.m. TON** **Movie "A Christmas in Vermont"** (2016) Abigail Hawk. Riley's sent by her profit-obsessed boss to shut down one of the company's holdings.
- TBN** **Movie "A Christmas Wish"** (2010) Kristy Swanson. A woman, left destitute by her husband, faces a bleak Christmas with her children.

Sunday, December 4

- 12:10 p.m. FREE** **Movie "I'll Be Home for Christmas"** (1998) Jonathan Taylor Thomas. A conniving college student tries desperately to get home in time for Christmas dinner.
- 1 p.m. TON** **Movie "Christmas Mail"** (2010) Ashley Scott. A woman who answers Santa's mail at the post office finds love with a post-carrier.
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.
- 2:20 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.
- 3 p.m. FOOD** **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Five bold and creative bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making mettle.
- TON** **Movie "How Sarah Got Her Wings"** (2015) Lindsey Gort. There's no room in heaven for Sarah unless she rights one wrong from her past.
- 4 p.m. FOOD** **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- 4:30 p.m. FREE** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, on Freeform



Walt Disney Pictures

When Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) hears strange noises on his roof on Christmas Eve, he accidentally startles Santa, who falls from the roof and vanishes, leaving the Santa suit behind in **"The Santa Clause."** After Scott's son, Charlie (Eric Lloyd), convinces him to put on the suit and finish delivering presents to boys and girls all over the world, Scott is taken to the North Pole, where he learns that he is now contractually obligated to become the next Santa Claus. A reluctant Scott slowly transforms into the Jolly Old Elf while struggling to mend his troubled relationship with his son. David Krumholtz, Wendy Crewson and Judge Reinhold also star.

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

HALL **Movie "Merry Matrimony"** (2015) Jessica Lowndes. An advertising executive lands her dream assignment, but is paired with her ex-boyfriend.

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

10 p.m. HALL **Movie "Christmas Incorporated"** (2015) Shenae Grimes. Riley hatches a plan to save a factory from being shut down weeks before Christmas.

11 p.m. BET **Movie "Christmas in Compton"** (2012) The owner of a Christmas tree lot in Compton runs into trouble when his son crosses a line.

11:05 p.m. USA **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.

Tuesday, December 6

2 p.m. HALL **Movie "Christmas Cookies"** (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

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

6 p.m. HALL **Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story"** (2016) Lori Loughlin. A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.

7 p.m. DISN **Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist"** (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.

FREE **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.

8 p.m. HALL **Movie "Christmas Land"** (2015) A woman inherits a Christmas tree farm from her grandmother and decides she must sell it.

9 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.

10 p.m. HALL **Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas"** (2015) Alicia Witt. A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.

Wednesday, December 7

2 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.

2:20 p.m. DISN **Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist"** (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.

4 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.

4:30 p.m. EWTN **Saints and Heroes**

5 p.m. FREE **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.

6 p.m. HALL **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.

7 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 p.m. HALL **Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.

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

Thursday, December 8

2 p.m. HALL **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.

4 p.m. HALL **Movie "Christmas Land"** (2015) A woman inherits a Christmas tree farm from her grandmother and decides she must sell it.

5 p.m. FREE **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

6 p.m. HALL **Movie "Looks Like Christmas"** (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.

6:30 p.m. EWTN **Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception From EWTN**

5 p.m. TON **Movie "A Firehouse Christmas"** (2016) Anita Brown. With Christmas approaching, life appears to be good for Tom and his girlfriend, Jenny.

5:35 p.m. FREE **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.

6 p.m. FX **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

HALL **Movie "Christmas Cookies"** (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

6:40 p.m. FREE **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

7 p.m. TON **Movie "A Prince for Christmas"** (2015) Viva Bianca. A charming European prince steals away incognito to the U.S. in search of true love.

LIFE **Movie "Love at the Christmas Table"** (2012) Danica McKeller. Two friends who spend Christmas together realize they are meant to be together.

8 p.m. FX **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.

HALL **Movie "Looks Like Christmas"** (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.

8:45 p.m. FREE **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

9 p.m. TON **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. Fledgling event planner Angie Wells falls for wealthy playboy Nicholas Karmichael.

10 p.m. FX **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.

HALL **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.

10:30 p.m. TBN **Movie "Love's Christmas Journey"** (2011) Ellie Davis. A woman's brother goes missing while she's visiting him during the Christmas holiday.

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. TON **Movie "A Christmas Wedding Date"** (2012) Marla Sokoloff. A woman faces difficulties when she returns home for a friend's Christmas wedding.

LIFE **Movie "Love at the Christmas Table"** (2012) Danica McKeller. Two friends who spend Christmas together realize they are meant to be together.

Monday, December 5

4 p.m. FREE **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.

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

6 p.m. FOOD **Outrageous Christmas** Tune in for some outrageous Christmas creations, like a 1,000-pound cake.

7 p.m. FOOD **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills.

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

HALL **The National Christmas Tree Lighting**

7 p.m. **(EWTN)** Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception From EWTN

(FREE) 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 p.m. **(ABC)** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.

(FOX) Taraji and Terrence's White Hot Holidays Various artists team up to spread cheer, goodwill and some holiday magic.

(HALL) Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.

(LMN) Movie "Kristin's Christmas Past" (2013) Shiri Appleby. A woman wakes up Christmas morning, seventeen years into her past.

8:30 p.m. **(ABC)** Shrek the Halls Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Puss In Boots and all their fairy-tale buddies celebrate Christmas.

9 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.

10 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Christmas Cookies" (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

Friday, December 9

1:30 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "Home Alone 3" (1997) Alex D. Linz. A little boy defends himself against terrorists who have hidden a microchip in a toy car.

3:35 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "Santa Buddies" (2009) Craig Anton. Puppy Paws, the son of Santa Paws, forgets the true meaning up Christmas.

5:40 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "The Search for Santa Paws" (2010) Reese Alexander. Magic dogs and an elf work together to help Santa regain his memory.

6 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Christmas List" (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.

7:45 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups" (2012) Cheryl Ladd. When Mrs. Claus travels to Pineville, the playful Santa Pups stow away on her sled.

8 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Christmas in Homestead" (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.

(LIFE) Movie "A Gift Wrapped Christmas" (2015) Meredith Hagner. A personal shopper makes it her mission to get one of her clients into the holiday spirit.

10 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "A Heavenly Christmas" (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.

(LIFE) Movie "Becoming Santa" (2015) Michael Gross. A woman introduces her toy designer boyfriend to her parents, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Saturday, December 10

1 p.m. **(ION)** Movie "A Perfect Christmas List" (2014) Ellen Hollman. A woman attempts to repair her daughter and granddaughter's strained relationship.

2 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Looks Like Christmas" (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.

3 p.m. **(ION)** Movie "A Christmas Wedding Date" (2012) Marla Sokoloff. A woman faces difficulties when she returns home for a friend's Christmas wedding.

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

Saturday, Dec. 10, on TBS



Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.

Boris Karloff narrates Dr. Seuss's classic holiday tale about the mean-spirited Grinch who tries to ruin Christmas for the whimsical Whos in the 1966 animated special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The miserly Grinch disguises himself as Santa Claus and sneaks into Whoville to steal all of the Christmas trees, presents and stockings in an effort to keep Christmas from coming. However, the Grinch learns an important lesson about the true meaning of the season when he realizes that the Whos are going to celebrate the holiday anyway.

3:30 p.m. **(TBN)** Crabb Family Christmas The Crabb Family performs seasonal music.

4 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Royal Christmas" (2014) Lacey Chabert. Prince Leopold, who has no intention of marrying royalty, falls in love with Emily.

5 p.m. **(ION)** Movie "All I Want for Christmas" (1991) Jamey Sheridan. A divorced couple's two children scheme to get them back together for Christmas.

6 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.

7 p.m. **(DISN)** Disney Parks Presents: A Descendants Magical Holiday Celebration

(ION) Movie "A Christmas Reunion" (2015) Denise Richards. An executive discovers an unusual Christmas surprise when she inherits her aunt's bakery.

7:30 p.m. **(TBS)** How the Grinch Stole Christmas An evil Grinch plots to steal everything Christmas-related from the Whos.

8 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.

(FYI) Tiny House Nation

(HALL) Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas" (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

(LIFE) Movie "A Christmas Wedding Date" (2012) Marla Sokoloff. A woman faces difficulties when she returns home for a friend's Christmas wedding.

(TBS) The Elf on the Shelf: An Elf's Story Scout elves help Santa Claus determine who to put on the 'naughty' and 'nice' lists.

(USA) Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.

8:30 p.m. **(TBS)** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

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

(ION) Movie "Christmas With the Andersons" (2016) Christy Carlson Romano. Drowning in tinsel and lights every Christmas, the Andersons throw the biggest party.

9:30 p.m. **(CBS)** Frosty Returns A little girl tries to keep Frosty from melting when a snow-removing spray is invented.

10 p.m. **(LIFE)** Movie "Love at the Christmas Table" (2012) Danica McKeller. Two friends who spend Christmas together realize they are meant to be together.

10:20 p.m. **(FREE)** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.

10:50 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "Arthur Christmas" (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.

11 p.m. **(TBN)** Movie "Christmas Oranges" (2012) Edward Herrmann. An orphan teaches the meaning of hope to everyone around her.

Sunday, December 11

12:15 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.

12:45 p.m. **(FREE)** Movie "Arthur Christmas" (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.

2 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas" (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

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

4 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "A Heavenly Christmas" (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.

6 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.

(HGTV) White House Christmas 2016

7 p.m. **(ION)** Movie "A Christmas Truce" (2015) Craig Olejnik. A couple vows to reunite under a bell tower Christmas Eve after the war.

(LIFE) Movie "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

8 p.m. **(HALL)** Movie "Love You Like Christmas" (2016) Bonnie Somerville. A high-powered marketing executive on her way to a wedding is derailed by car trouble.

9 p.m. **(ION)** Movie "A Husband for Christmas" (2016) Two graphic designers help one another by agreeing to a marriage of convenience.

- 9:25 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Toy Story That Time Forgot"** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 9:55 p.m. FREE** **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.
- 10 p.m. HALL** **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. Anna is hired to become a personal shopper for Marc, an uptight corporate executive.
- 11 p.m. TON** **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. Fledgling event planner Angie Wells falls for wealthy playboy Nicholas Karmichael.
- LIFE** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

Monday, December 12

- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for a loop.
- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "My Christmas Dream"** (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.
- 4:30 p.m. FOOD** **Giada's Holiday Handbook** Giada hosts a decadent holiday-themed cocktail party for her girlfriends.
- 6 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.
- 7 p.m. FREE** **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.
- 8 p.m. ABC** **The Great Christmas Light Fight** Twenty families from across America decorate their homes to the extreme for Christmas.
- CW** **Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer** On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
- 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.
- 9 p.m. FREE** **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. HALL** **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) Daniel Lissing. An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.

Tuesday, December 13

- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas"** (2015) Alicia Witt. A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.
- 7 p.m. FREE** **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 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- 9 p.m. FREE** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 10 p.m. APL** **My Cat From Hell: Worst Cat-astrophes** Jackson saves the holidays from some cats that are definitely NOT in the Christmas spirit.
- HALL** **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, on CW



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Host Dean Cain presents a look at some of the most beloved holiday movies of all time as he counts down to the No. 1 flick in the one-hour Yuletide special **"The Top 12 Greatest Christmas Movies of All Time."** Relive magical moments from iconic holiday films that make viewers laugh, cry and want to watch them over and over again. Find out why such great movies have come to epitomize the holidays and what they are all about.

Wednesday, December 14

- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Hitched for the Holidays"** (2012) Joey Lawrence. A man and woman agree to pose as each other's significant other to their families.
- 3 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Home Alone 3"** (1997) Alex D. Linz. A little boy defends himself against terrorists who have hidden a microchip in a toy car.
- TNT** **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 4 p.m. HALL** **Movie "A Bride for Christmas"** (2012) Andrew W. Walker. A woman falls in love, unaware she's been handpicked to help the man win a bet.
- 5 p.m. FREE** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 6 p.m. FX** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas Incorporated"** (2015) Shenae Grimes. Riley hatches a plan to save a factory from being shut down weeks before Christmas.

- 7 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.
- 8 p.m. CW** **The Top 12 Greatest Christmas Movies of All Time** Dean Cain takes a fresh look inside the 12 greatest Christmas movies of all-time.
- FX** **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.
- HALL** **Movie "Looks Like Christmas"** (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.
- NBC** **Pentatonix Special** A capella group Pentatonix performs a variety of holiday songs from their albums.
- TNT** **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 8:30 p.m. TNT** **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 9 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.
- NBC** **Saturday Night Live Christmas** Take a look back at the comedy show's holiday-themed sketches from past years.
- TNT** **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 9:30 p.m. STARZ** **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.
- 10 p.m. FX** **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.
- HALL** **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.
- USA** **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 11:30 p.m. TNT** **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

Thursday, December 15

- 1 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Home Alone 3"** (1997) Alex D. Linz. A little boy defends himself against terrorists who have hidden a microchip in a toy car.
- 2 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Window Wonderland"** (2013) Chyler Leigh. As the Christmas season approaches, a woman vies for the position of head window designer.
- 3 p.m. FREE** **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. HALL** **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. Anna is hired to become a personal shopper for Marc, an uptight corporate executive.
- 5 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.
- 6 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. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 8 p.m. ABC** Disney's Prep and Landing Elves known as Prep & Landing prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.
- AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- CW** iHeartRadio Jingle Ball The iHeartRadio Jingle Ball returns from Madison Square Garden.
- HALL** Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas" (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.
- 8:30 p.m. ABC** Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice Wayne and his estranged brother, Lanny, race to recover classified North Pole technology.
- 9 p.m. APL** Monsters Inside Me: Extra Deadly Infectious diseases ruin the holidays for a Christmas baby and a school teacher.
- FREE** Movie "The Search for Santa Paws" (2010) Reese Alexander. Magic dogs and an elf work together to help Santa regain his memory.
- 10 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- APL** Monsters Inside Me A Christmas baby is born, but doctors find her brain was infected in-utero.
- HALL** Movie "The Mistletoe Promise" (2016) Jamie King. Two strangers who share a disdain for Christmas navigate the holiday together.
- TCM** Movie "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.

Friday, December 16

- 1:20 p.m. FREE** Movie "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups" (2012) Cheryl Ladd. When Mrs. Claus travels to Pineville, the playful Santa Pups stow away on her sled.
- 2 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Holiday Engagement" (2011) Haylie Duff. A woman hires a man to come home and pretend to be her fiancé over the holidays.
- 3:25 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist" (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.
- 4 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.
- 5:30 p.m. FREE** Movie "Jingle All the Way" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 7:35 p.m. FREE** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 8 p.m. AMC** Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.
- CW** Hollywood Christmas Parade Olivia Newton-John is Grand Marshall of the 85th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade.
- DISN** Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!" (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs, and scramble to get reunited.
- HALL** Movie "Love You Like Christmas" (2016) Bonnie Somerville. A high-powered marketing executive on her way to a wedding is derailed by car trouble.

Friday, Dec. 16, on Freeform



Freeform

Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his wacky family indulge in some holiday antics in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." Numerous dysfunctional relatives descend upon the Griswolds' home during the holidays as Clark sets out to have a "good, old-fashioned family Christmas." Unfortunately, everything goes wrong, from Clark's ill-fated efforts to decorate the house with lights to a disastrous holiday dinner.

USA Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.

9:45 p.m. FREE 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.

10 p.m. AMC Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

LIFE Movie "A Nanny for Christmas" (2010) Dean Cain. An advertising executive loses her job at a powerful firm just before the holidays.

10:30 p.m. FX Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prize Christmas tree.

Saturday, December 17

2 p.m. HALL Movie "Love You Like Christmas" (2016) Bonnie Somerville. A high-powered marketing executive on her way to a wedding is derailed by car trouble.

TBN Movie "Christmas Miracle" (2012) Dan Payne. Eight strangers learn how to manage various dilemmas by working together.

2:35 p.m. FREE 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.

3 p.m. FX Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prize Christmas tree.

4 p.m. HALL Movie "Christmas Cookies" (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

4:40 p.m. FREE Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

5:30 p.m. AMC Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie" (1985) Burgess Meredith. Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.

6 p.m. HALL Movie "Christmas in Homestead" (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.

6:50 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 p.m. ABC I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown Linus and Lucy's younger brother, ReRun, asks Snoopy to invite his brother Spike to visit.

AMC Movie "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott. An old man who hates Christmas is taught its true meaning and spirit by three ghosts.

FYI Tiny House Nation

9 p.m. NBC Saturday Night Live Christmas Take a look back at the comedy show's holiday-themed sketches from past years.

10 p.m. HALL Movie "Broadcasting Christmas" (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.

11 p.m. EWTN In Concert

Sunday, December 18

1 p.m. AMC Movie "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott. An old man who hates Christmas is taught its true meaning and spirit by three ghosts.

TON Movie "How Sarah Got Her Wings" (2015) Lindsey Gort. There's no room in heaven for Sarah unless she rights one wrong from her past.

3 p.m. TON Movie "A Christmas Reunion" (2015) Denise Richards. An executive discovers an unusual Christmas surprise when she inherits her aunt's bakery.

4 p.m. EWTN A Time to Remember The Christmas story of a boy who develops his singing with a priest.

FREE Disney's Prep and Landing Elves known as Prep & Landing prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.

HALL Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.

4:30 p.m. FREE Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice Wayne and his estranged brother, Lanny, race to recover classified North Pole technology.

5 p.m. TON Movie "Christmas With the Andersons" (2016) Christy Carlson Romano. Drowning in tinsel and lights every Christmas, the Andersons throw the biggest party.

5:10 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.

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

BET Soul Train Christmas

HALL Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas" (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

7 p.m. BET Movie "Black Nativity" (2013) Forest Whitaker. A Baltimore teen travels to New York City to spend Christmas with his estranged family.

ION Movie "A Husband for Christmas" (2016) Two graphic designers help one another by agreeing to a marriage of convenience.

LIFE Movie "Dear Santa" (2011) Amy Acker. A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.

8 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.

TBN Because of Bethlehem

TCM Movie "Scrooge" (1970) Albert Finney. Three spirits visit Scrooge, a miserable man soured on the meaning of Christmas.

9 p.m. DISN Disney Parks Presents: A Descendants Magical Holiday Celebration

EWTN Keep Christ in Christmas Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangelical.

ION Movie "A Christmas Kiss" (2011) Brendan Fehr. A designer and her assistant vie for a man while decorating his home for the holidays.

LIFE Movie "Dear Secret Santa" (2013) Tatyana Ali. A woman receives Christmas cards from an admirer she believes to be someone who's passed.

9:50 p.m. FREE 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. HALL Movie "Christmas List" (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.

11 p.m. LIFE Movie "Dear Santa" (2011) Amy Acker. A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.

Monday, December 19

12:35 p.m. FREE Movie "Home Alone 3" (1997) Alex D. Linz. A little boy defends himself against terrorists who have hidden a microchip in a toy car.

2 p.m. HALL Movie "Best Christmas Party Ever" (2014) Torrey DeVitto. An up-and-coming event planner finds out her boss intends to hand off her business.

2:30 p.m. TBS Bob's Burgers Determined to have a perfect Thanksgiving, Bob meticulously prepares the family turkey.

2:40 p.m. FREE Movie "The Search for Santa Paws" (2010) Reese Alexander. Magic dogs and an elf work together to help Santa regain his memory.

4 p.m. HALL Movie "Looks Like Christmas" (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.

4:45 p.m. FREE Movie "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups" (2012) Cheryl Ladd. When Mrs. Claus travels to Pineville, the playful Santa Pups stow away on her sled.

6 p.m. FOOD Cake Wars: Christmas Five remaining teams return to battle to create mind-blowing Christmas fantasy creations.

HALL Movie "The Christmas Parade" (2014) AnnaLynne McCord. A big-city morning show host finds a renewed Christmas spirit and unexpected love.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, on ABC



DreamWorks Animation LLC

Shrek tries to get into the Christmas spirit for the sake of Fiona and the kids in "Shrek the Halls." After buying a book about Christmas while visiting Far, Far Away, Shrek decorates the house in the hopes of spending a quiet holiday with his family. However, Donkey, Puss in Boots and Gingy the gingerbread man all have their own ideas about the holidays, and their antics ruin Shrek's idyllic Christmas. This animated holiday special features the voices of the Shrek franchise cast, including Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz.

TNT Movie "Surviving Christmas" (2004) Ben Affleck. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.

6:50 p.m. FREE Movie "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

7:30 p.m. DISN Movie "Arthur Christmas" (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.

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

AMC Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

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

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.

8:55 p.m. FREE Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

10 p.m. TBN Movie "A Christmas Snow" (2010) Danny Cahill. Christmas has not been the same for a young woman since her father left.

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.

Tuesday, December 20

2 p.m. HALL Movie "One Starry Christmas" (2014) Sarah Sanguin Carter. Holly can't wait to go back to New York City and introduce her big shot boyfriend.

4 p.m. EWTN Feasts With the Friar Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.

HALL Movie "Christmas Incorporated" (2015) Shenae Grimes. Riley hatches a plan to save a factory from being shut down weeks before Christmas.

4:30 p.m. FREE Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

5 p.m. TBN Movie "Christmas Lodge" (2011) Peter Benson. A historic preservationist restores an old lodge, and also finds the love of her life.

5:35 p.m. FREE The Year Without a Santa Claus Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.

6 p.m. AMC Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

6:40 p.m. FREE Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

7:30 p.m. DISN Disney Parks Presents: A Descendants Magical Holiday Celebration

8 p.m. ABC Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.

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

CW Terry Crews Saves Christmas A hopeless Christmas enthusiast is given the chance to learn how to do Christmas right.

FOX Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Sid travels to the North Pole after Manny convinces him he is on Santa's naughty list.

HALL Movie "Christmas Cookies" (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

NBC Michael Bublé Christmas

8:30 p.m. ABC Shrek the Halls Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Puss In Boots and all their fairy-tale buddies celebrate Christmas.

8:50 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. HGTV Fixer Upper Joanna falls in love with one of the houses they've visited that the couple passed on.

10 p.m. HALL Movie "Merry Matrimony" (2015) Jessica Lowndes. An advertising executive lands her dream assignment, but is paired with her ex-boyfriend.

TBN Because of Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 21

1 p.m. EWTN Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas Country music star Collin Raye and Andre Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.

Thursday, Dec. 22, on ABC



1965 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

Discouraged by the over-commercialization of Christmas, Charlie Brown finds himself depressed during the holiday season in the classic animated special **"A Charlie Brown Christmas."** Lucy suggests that he direct the local holiday play in the hopes of rekindling his Christmas spirit, but his friends ridicule him, prompting Charlie Brown to question the true meaning of Christmas. Linus steps in to remind everyone why the holiday is so special. Based on the popular comic strip, "Peanuts," by Charles M. Schulz, this holiday cartoon first premiered in December 1965.

Thursday, December 22

- Noon** **(FREE)** **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.
- 2 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "Hitched for the Holidays"** (2012) Joey Lawrence. A man and woman agree to pose as each other's significant other to their families.
- 3 p.m.** **(AMC)** **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Burgess Meredith. Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
- 3:15 p.m.** **(DISN)** **Movie "Home Alone 3"** (1997) Alex D. Linz. A little boy defends himself against terrorists who have hidden a microchip in a toy car.
- 4 p.m.** **(EWTN)** **Saints and Heroes**
(HALL) **Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story"** (2016) Lori Loughlin. A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.
- 4:10 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.

- 4:40 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 5:30 p.m.** **(AMC)** **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1984) George C. Scott. An old man who hates Christmas is taught its true meaning and spirit by three ghosts.
- 6 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.
- 6:45 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 7:25 p.m.** **(STARZ)** **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.
- 7:30 p.m.** **(DISN)** **Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist"** (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.
- 8 p.m.** **(ABC)** **A Charlie Brown Christmas** The Peanuts search for the meaning of Christmas amongst all the commercialism.
(AMC) **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.
(CW) **Terry Crews Saves Christmas** A hopeless Christmas enthusiast is given the chance to learn how to do Christmas right.
(TCM) **Movie "Holiday Affair"** (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.
- 8:55 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 9:45 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.
- 10 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas"** (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

Friday, December 23

- 1 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Movie "Jingle All the Way"** (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.
- 2 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "Merry Matrimony"** (2015) Jessica Lowndes. An advertising executive lands her dream assignment, but is paired with her ex-boyfriend.
- 4 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.
- 4:35 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- 5 p.m.** **(TBN)** **Movie "Christmas Oranges"** (2012) Edward Herrmann. An orphan teaches the meaning of hope to everyone around her.
- 5:20 p.m.** **(DISN)** **Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist"** (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.
- 5:40 p.m.** **(FREE)** **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.
- 6 p.m.** **(AMC)** **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.
(HALL) **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.
- 6:45 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.

- 1:10 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- 2 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "The Mistletoe Promise"** (2016) Jamie King. Two strangers who share a disdain for Christmas navigate the holiday together.
- 2:10 p.m.** **(FREE)** **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.
- 3:15 p.m.** **(FREE)** **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.
- 4 p.m.** **(HALL)** **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 4:30 p.m.** **(EWTN)** **The First Christmas** Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.
- 5 p.m.** **(EWTN)** **The Chimes** This claymation feature tells a story about generosity.
(TBN) **Because of Bethlehem**
- 5:20 p.m.** **(FREE)** **Disney's Prep and Landing** Elves known as Prep & Landing prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.
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(CW) **Terry Crews Saves Christmas** A hopeless Christmas enthusiast is given the chance to learn how to do Christmas right.
(HALL) **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
(NBC) **Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas** An Elf named Buddy travels to New York City to meet the father he never knew he had.
- 8:55 p.m.** **(FREE)** **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.** **(HALL)** **Movie "Sleigh Bells Ring"** (2016) Erin Cahill. A divorced woman struggles to get into the holiday spirit while heading up a parade.
(TBS) **Surprise! Instant Christmas Carol!**
- 10:30 p.m.** **(AMC)** **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Burgess Meredith. Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
(EWTN) **The Promise** The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.

Saturday, Dec. 24, on TBS



Columbia TriStar

Whoopi Goldberg stars as Lucy, a home shopping network producer, in the jolly holiday film **"Call Me Claus."** When Lucy sets out to hire a Santa for her network, she unknowingly hires the real deal. The actor — whose name is Nick, of course — is, in fact, the real Santa Claus, and he's finally ready to retire after 200 years on the job. In search of someone to take over Santa duty, he must find just the right candidate to fill his shoes, and Nick may just get what needs while working for Lucy.

- 8 p.m. CW** **Terry Crews Saves Christmas** A hopeless Christmas enthusiast is given the chance to learn how to do Christmas right.
- FOX** **Taraji and Terrence's White Hot Holidays** Various artists team up to spread cheer, goodwill and some holiday magic.
- FX** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- HALL** **Movie "Sleigh Bells Ring"** (2016) Erin Cahill. A divorced woman struggles to get into the holiday spirit while heading up a parade.
- NBC** **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** An evil Grinch plots to steal everything Christmas-related from the Whos.
- 8:30 p.m. NBC** **How Murray Saved Christmas** A cranky deli owner is forced to fill in for Santa, and does a wonderful job.
- 8:50 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. CW** **Terry Crews Saves Christmas** A hopeless Christmas enthusiast is given the chance to learn how to do Christmas right.
- 10 p.m. FX** **Movie "Christmas With the Kranks"** (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- TBN** **Because of Bethlehem**
- 10:30 p.m. AMC** **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- Midnight FREE** **Movie "Home Alone: Holiday Heist"** (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy set up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.
- 12:30 a.m. AMC** **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.
- 1:30 a.m. TBS** **Movie "Surviving Christmas"** (2004) Ben Affleck. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.

Saturday, December 24

- 8:30 a.m. AMC** **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Burgess Meredith. Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
- TBS** **Movie "Call Me Claus"** (2001) Whoopi Goldberg. A television producer unknowingly hires the real Santa to play Santa Claus on the network.
- 9 a.m. ION** **Movie "Christmas Mail"** (2010) Ashley Scott. A woman who answers Santa's mail at the post office finds love with a postal carrier.
- 9:40 a.m. FREE** **Movie "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas"** (2004) Voices of Wayne Allwine. Mickey, Minnie and Santa Claus attempt to teach Donald the true meaning of Christmas.
- 9:45 a.m. STARZ** **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.
- 10 a.m. EWTV** **The First Christmas** Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas Incorporated"** (2015) Shenae Grimes. Riley hatches a plan to save a factory from being shut down weeks before Christmas.
- 10:15 a.m. TCM** **Movie "Scrooge"** (1970) Albert Finney. Three spirits visit Scrooge, a miserable man soured on the meaning of Christmas.

- 10:30 a.m. TBS** **Movie "Surviving Christmas"** (2004) Ben Affleck. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.
- 11 a.m. AMC** **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1984) George C. Scott. An old man who hates Christmas is taught its true meaning and spirit by three ghosts.
- ION** **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) Emma Rigby. Fledgling event planner Angie Wells falls for wealthy playboy Nicholas Karmichael.
- 11:15 a.m. FREE** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- Noon HALL** **Movie "A Christmas Melody"** (2015) A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.
- 12:15 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.
- 12:20 p.m. FREE** **The Year Without a Santa Claus** Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.
- 12:30 p.m. FOOD** **Giada's Holiday Handbook** Giada shows us how to create an elegant feast without spending all day in the kitchen.

- 1 p.m. ION** **Movie "Christmas With the Andersons"** (2016) Christy Carlson Romano. Drowning in tinsel and lights every Christmas, the Andersons throw the biggest party.
- 1:25 p.m. FREE** **Movie "Arthur Christmas"** (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.
- 1:30 p.m. AMC** **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- 2 p.m. EWTV** **Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas** Country music star Collin Raye and Andre Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.
- HALL** **Movie "12 Gifts of Christmas"** (2015) Katrina Law. Anna is hired to become a personal shopper for Marc, an uptight corporate executive.
- TBN** **Movie "A Christmas Snow"** (2010) Danny Cahill. Christmas has not been the same for a young woman since her father left.
- 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.
- 3 p.m. ION** **Movie "A Firehouse Christmas"** (2016) Anita Brown. With Christmas approaching, life appears to be good for Tom and his girlfriend, Jenny.
- TBS** **Friends** Joey and the gang get invited by Janine to the advance taping of a New Year's special.
- 3:30 p.m. AMC** **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.
- FREE** **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.
- 4 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.
- 4:30 p.m. TNT** **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 5 p.m. FX** **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.
- ION** **Movie "A Husband for Christmas"** (2016) Two graphic designers help one another by agreeing to a marriage of convenience.
- TBN** **Because of Bethlehem**
- 5:35 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. FX** **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.
- ION** **Movie "A Christmas in Vermont"** (2016) Abigail Hawk. Riley's sent by her profit-obsessed boss to shut down one of the company's holdings.
- TBS** **Surprise! Instant Christmas Carol!**
- TNT** **Surprise! Instant Christmas Carol!**
- 7:40 p.m. FREE** **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 p.m. HALL** **Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story"** (2016) Lori Loughlin. A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.
- HGTV** **Fixer Upper** Joanna falls in love with one of the houses they've visited that the couple passed on.

NBC Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.

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

9 p.m. FX 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.

ION Movie "A Golden Christmas" (2009) Andrea Roth. A young boy and girl become friends over a summer because of a special dog.

9:30 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.

9:45 p.m. FREE Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

10 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.

11 p.m. FX 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.

HALL Movie "Christmas List" (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.

ION Movie "A Golden Christmas 2" (2011) A woman must decide if she wants to rekindle the love she once had for her ex.

TBN Movie "Christmas Oranges" (2012) Edward Herrmann. An orphan teaches the meaning of hope to everyone around her.

11:55 p.m. FREE Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

Midnight 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.

12:30 a.m. EWTN The Promise The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.

HALL Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.

12:55 a.m. STARZ 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.

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

TBN Movie "Christmas Lodge" (2011) Peter Benson. A historic preservationist restores an old lodge, and also finds the love of her life.

Sunday, December 25

9:10 a.m. FREE Movie "Santa Buddies" (2009) Craig Anton. Puppy Paws, the son of Santa Paws, forgets the true meaning up Christmas.

10 a.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.

11 a.m. HALL Movie "Looks Like Christmas" (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 25, on Freeform



Aardman Animations for Sony Pictures

When Santa's youngest son, Arthur, realizes a present has not been delivered to a little girl whose letter he personally replied to, he sets out to bring it to her before Christmas Eve ends in the festive film "Arthur Christmas." However, his mission is not as easy as he anticipated, and he must rely on the help of his Grandsanta and an elf named Bryony. Meanwhile, Arthur's brother, Steve, is let down when his father declares his intentions to continue on as Santa instead of retiring and passing the mantle on to his son. James McAvoy and Hugh Laurie lend their voices to this family-friendly tale about the spirit of the holidays.

HBO Movie "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara. A Macy's store Santa Claus raises eyebrows when he claims to be the real Kris Kringle.

11:20 a.m. FREE Movie "Arthur Christmas" (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.

Noon EWTN Solemn Mass of Christmas Day

FOOD Giada's Holiday Handbook Giada hosts a decadent holiday-themed cocktail party for her girlfriends.

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.

12:30 p.m. HALL Movie "My Christmas Dream" (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.

1:25 p.m. FREE 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.

2 p.m. HALL Movie "Christmas Cookies" (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.

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.

3:30 p.m. FREE Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

HALL Movie "The Mistletoe Promise" (2016) Jamie King. Two strangers who share a disdain for Christmas navigate the holiday together.

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.

4:35 p.m. FREE The Year Without a Santa Claus Santa decides to take time off because he feels people have lost the spirit of Christmas.

5 p.m. HALL Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas" (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

5:40 p.m. FREE Movie "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

6 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.

6:30 p.m. HALL Movie "A Heavenly Christmas" (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.

7:45 p.m. FREE Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

8 p.m. DISN Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!" (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs, and scramble to get reunited.

9 p.m. USA Movie "A Madea Christmas" (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.

9:55 p.m. FREE Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

10 p.m. LIFE Movie "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.

11 p.m. EWTN The Best of Mother Angelica Live Mother reflects on the question of 'What are you going to give Jesus for Christmas?'

11:30 p.m. HALL Movie "A Christmas Detour" (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.

1:30 a.m. EWTN A Time to Remember The Christmas story of a boy who develops his singing with a priest.

HALL Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas" (2015) Alicia Witt. A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.

Monday, December 26

2 p.m. HALL Movie "Tis the Season for Love" (2015) Garry Chalk. An actress returns home, where a Christmas romance could be better than Broadway.

4 p.m. HALL Movie "Just in Time for Christmas" (2015) Eloise Mumford. A woman must choose between moving for her dream job or staying to marry her dream man.

5 p.m. TBN Because of Bethlehem

6 p.m. HALL Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story" (2016) Lori Loughlin. A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.

- 8 p.m. (ABC)** **Happy New Year, Charlie Brown** Celebrate New Year's Eve with the Peanuts; includes 'She's a Good Skate, Charlie Brown.'
- (CW)** **iHeartRadio Jingle Ball** The iHeartRadio Jingle Ball returns from Madison Square Garden.
- (HALL)** **Movie "Royal Christmas"** (2014) Lacey Chabert. Prince Leopold, who has no intention of marrying royalty, falls in love with Emily.
- 9 p.m. (ABC)** **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
- 10 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "A Christmas Melody"** (2015) A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.
- 11 p.m. (EWTN)** **Keep Christ in Christmas** Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangomercial.
- Midnight (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.

Tuesday, December 27

- 4 p.m. (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.
- 4:30 p.m. (EWTN)** **Truth in the Heart** Sr. Mary David teaches how God became Man like you and me and is still God.
- 6 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.
- 8 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) Taylor Cole. An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for loop.
- 10 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.

Wednesday, December 28

- 2 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Christmas Land"** (2015) A woman inherits a Christmas tree farm from her grandmother and decides she must sell it.
- 4 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.
- 4:30 p.m. (EWTN)** **The Chimes** This claymation feature tells a story about generosity.
- 6 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas"** (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.

Thursday, December 29

- 2 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas"** (2015) Alicia Witt. A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.
- 6 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Candace Cameron Bure. Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 8 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- 10 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) Briana Evigan. A royal princess runs off from her obligations for a bit to see how the other half lives.

Saturday, Dec. 31, on NBC



Rob Kim/NBC

Seth Meyers and Carson Daly team up to ring in the New Year in style in "New Year's Eve With Carson Daly." First, Meyers wraps up 2016 with some laughs as he takes a look at the most outrageous presidential campaign in recent memory. Then, in what has become an annual tradition, host Daly brings viewers all of the excitement from the Big Apple as he broadcasts from Times Square. The special features performances by some of today's biggest recording artists before the clock strikes midnight.

Friday, December 30

- 2 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.
- 4 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Matchmaker Santa"** (2012) Lacey Chabert. A mysterious Santa strands a baker and her boyfriend's best friend in a small town.
- 6 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.
- 8 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Love You Like Christmas"** (2016) Bonnie Somerville. A high-powered marketing executive on her way to a wedding is derailed by car trouble.
- 10 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Christmas List"** (2016) Alicia Witt. Planning a storybook Christmas with her boyfriend proves challenging for a woman.

Saturday, December 31

- 9 a.m. (FOOD)** **Giada's Holiday Handbook** The ultimate resource for creative, doable and fun entertaining ideas.

- 10 a.m. (HALL)** **Movie "Christmas Cookies"** (2016) Jill Wagner. When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.
- 10:30 a.m. (EWTN)** **The Chimes** This claymation feature tells a story about generosity.
- 11 a.m. (EWTN)** **Vespers of Thanksgiving**
- Noon (HALL)** **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.
- 1 p.m. (FOOD)** **Holiday Baking Championship** Talented bakers compete to create the most irresistibly delicious holiday treats.
- 4 p.m. (EWTN)** **Vespers of Thanksgiving**
- (HALL)** **Movie "Broadcasting Christmas"** (2016) Two exes compete for the same co-host position at a morning show in Manhattan.
- 6 p.m. (HALL)** **Movie "My Christmas Dream"** (2016) Danica McKellar. A manager of a department store is determined to land position for new Paris location.
- 8 p.m. (ABC)** **Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest** Celebrating live from Times Square in New York City.
- (HALL)** **Movie "A Nutcracker Christmas"** (2016) Amy Acker. A jaded ex-ballerina is forced to come to terms with the life and love she left behind.
- 10 p.m. (ABC)** **Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest** Celebrating live from Times Square in New York City.
- (HALL)** **Movie "A Dream of Christmas"** (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman is granted a wish by a Christmas Angel to be single again.
- (NBC)** **New Year's Eve With Carson Daly** Seth Meyers and Carson Daly team up to ring in the New Year in style.
- 11 p.m. (FOX)** **Pitbull's New Year's Revolution** Pitbull will be joined by some of his favorite A-list musicians, DJs and celebrities.
- 11:30 p.m. (ABC)** **Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest** The countdown to midnight from Times Square in New York continues.
- Midnight (HALL)** **Movie "A Heavenly Christmas"** (2016) Kristin Davis. Upon her untimely death, a workaholic finds herself in training to be a Christmas Angel.
- 1:10 a.m. (ABC)** **Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest** The countdown to midnight from Times Square in New York continues.

Sunday, January 1

- Noon (FOOD)** **Giada's Holiday Handbook** The ultimate resource for creative, doable and fun entertaining ideas.
- 1 p.m. (FOOD)** **Holiday Baking Championship** Talented bakers compete to create the most irresistibly delicious holiday treats.
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Tasty traditions

Christmas meals take center stage on Food Network

By Andrew Warren
TV Media

Gift wrap and boxes with ribbon and twine, a room filled with garland and family time: the Christmas season can bring out the best in anyone — it even seems to have brought out my inner poet — but it isn't just the carols, the loved ones, the decorations and gifts that make this such a happy time of year. Along with all of those wonderful things, the holidays are also all about the amazing food and the warming drinks.

Naturally, Food Network's schedule is filled with holiday programming in the leadup to the big day, and with its diverse lineup of regular hosts and special guests, even TV watchers with the most discerning palates shouldn't have much difficulty finding something to their taste.

"Food Network Star" mentor Bobby Flay is, true to the show's name, one of Food Network's biggest stars, and he's also the host of "Brunch at Bobby's." As a guy with a deep love of brunch, he's got some mouth-watering ideas about what to do with all of those leftovers that are sure to be sitting in the fridge come Dec. 26,

and he's sharing them in a new episode of "Brunch at Bobby's," airing Sunday, Dec. 4, on Food Network.

For Bobby, the first step in prepping the half breakfast, half lunch meal is to mix himself a tasty cocktail. Once he has a hand-mixed grapefruit sparkle in hand, he's ready to dive in to the leftovers. First, he whips up a Dutch baby pancake, made with leftover gingerbread, topped with poached maple pears and thick, creamy crème fraîche.

Bobby's light, sweet pancakes are served with denser, more savory ones — after all, brunch is the meal where sweet and savory come together. He makes leftover sweet potato and green onion pancakes with holiday ham and some pepper jam, a dish that's sure to make his guests' taste buds happy when they arrive for a second day of Christmas celebration.

Bobby is far from the only Food Network chef who has caught the holiday spirit. Saturday, Dec. 11, the network's most recognizable host has his own guests over for a very merry Christmas meal.

On that day's episode of "Guy's Big Bite," host Guy Fieri invites hip-hop artist and Cook-



Courtesy of Food Network

Bobby Flay as seen in "Brunch at Bobby's"

ing Channel host Rev Run ("Rev Run's Sunday Suppers") into his kitchen to help cook up an unforgettable dinner.

For the main dish, they join forces to make showstoppingly tender beef tenderloin filets with a habanero-infused butter. Of course, every good main dish needs equally delicious sides, and these two guys don't want to disappoint. They also serve up some succulent-sounding sides: roasted fingerling potatoes with crimini mushrooms, garlic and crab noodles and a shaved Brussels sprouts salad with walnuts and pecorino (an Italian sheep's milk cheese).

Liz's Leftover Turkey Dinner Hand Pie

By Liz MacDonell
TV Media

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of shredded leftover turkey
- ½ cup of mashed potatoes
- ½ cup of sweet potatoes
- ½ cup of stuffing
- ¼ cup green beans
- 1 - 2 frozen pie crusts
- 1 egg (beaten)
- Leftover gravy (warmed up)

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a bowl, stir together turkey, potatoes, stuffing and beans. Add any other turkey dinner leftovers you may have to the filling. Make sure to cut up larger vegetables to be approximately same size as shredded turkey.
- On a lightly floured surface, roll out each pie crust to approximately 1/4 inch thick. Using a 4-inch round cutter, cut out circles from the pie crusts.
- Place roughly 2 tbsps of leftover mixture a little off-center in each circle. Sprinkle with salt and pepper as desired.
- Spoon a little gravy over filling.
- Fold dough over the filling, lightly pressing the edges to seal and then crimp with a fork.
- Lightly brush each hand pie with egg mixture.
- Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden brown.

Unbaked hand pies can be frozen for up to a month. To bake frozen hand pies, preheat oven to 350 degrees, and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until golden brown.



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A sight to behold

Explore the origins of the Times Square ball drop

By Cassie Dresch
TV Media

New Year's Eve is a time when we look ahead to the coming 365 days. The pomp and circumstance helps us usher in the flipping of the calendar, and we charge into the new year feeling hopeful, anxious and excited. But sometimes, to go forward, we must look back — and what better way to welcome 2017 than to delve into the history of New Year's Eve's biggest tradition?

The ball drop in Times Square started as a bit of a publicity stunt for the New York Times, which was struggling to stay afloat around the turn of the 20th century. When publisher Adolph Ochs bought the Times in 1896, readership was at roughly 9,000. As a man on a mission to reverse the paper's fortunes, he made some key moves over the next few years that proved fruitful. One such move was quite literal: He packed up the Times' office and moved it to a shiny new building away from what was the downtown core at the time.

To celebrate the move and the building being renamed to Times Square, Ochs, who was a creative man with a flair for the dramatics, hosted a massive party for the 1904 New Year, with a midnight fireworks display capping off an all-day street festival. People were immediately drawn to the festivities, which continued for a couple years until, in 1907, the city wouldn't issue a permit for the display. (It didn't help that ash from the fireworks would burn folks on the ground.) Undeterred, Ochs found a new way to celebrate: a time ball.

Time balls were originally used in the 1800s by seafarers to recalibrate their marine chronometers

— timepieces that needed to be precisely accurate in order to avoid possible disasters at sea. The invention of the time ball by Capt. Robert Wauchope in 1829 was a revolution that made calibrating the delicate chronometers easy, and the contraption soon found its way into cities across the U.S. to help businesses and the public alike keep time.

As time-telling technologies progressed, the time ball fell by the wayside, but Ochs's head electrician at the New York Times, Walter F. Palmer, suggested using one atop the Times Square building to ring in 1908. Ochs was all-in on the idea, and a young metal worker named Jacob Starr was hired to build an electric ball that lit up. Starr got to work right away and built a 700-pound iron-and-wood New Year's Eve ball that was five feet in diameter and decked out in 100 25-watt light bulbs.

It was a sight to behold on New Year's Eve in 1907 when Starr lowered the ball down a flagpole to mark the beginning of 1908, and in the 109 years since, the spectacle has only grown. Now, more than a million people pack themselves into Times Square and more than one billion people worldwide tune in on TV to catch a glimpse of the iconic ball's descent.

And while the ball drop may be the most iconic part of the evening, there are still other traditions that make New Year's Eve one of the biggest and best parties of the year. From toasting with champagne to kissing someone at midnight, no other custom is as quintessential as flipping on the tube and turning on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

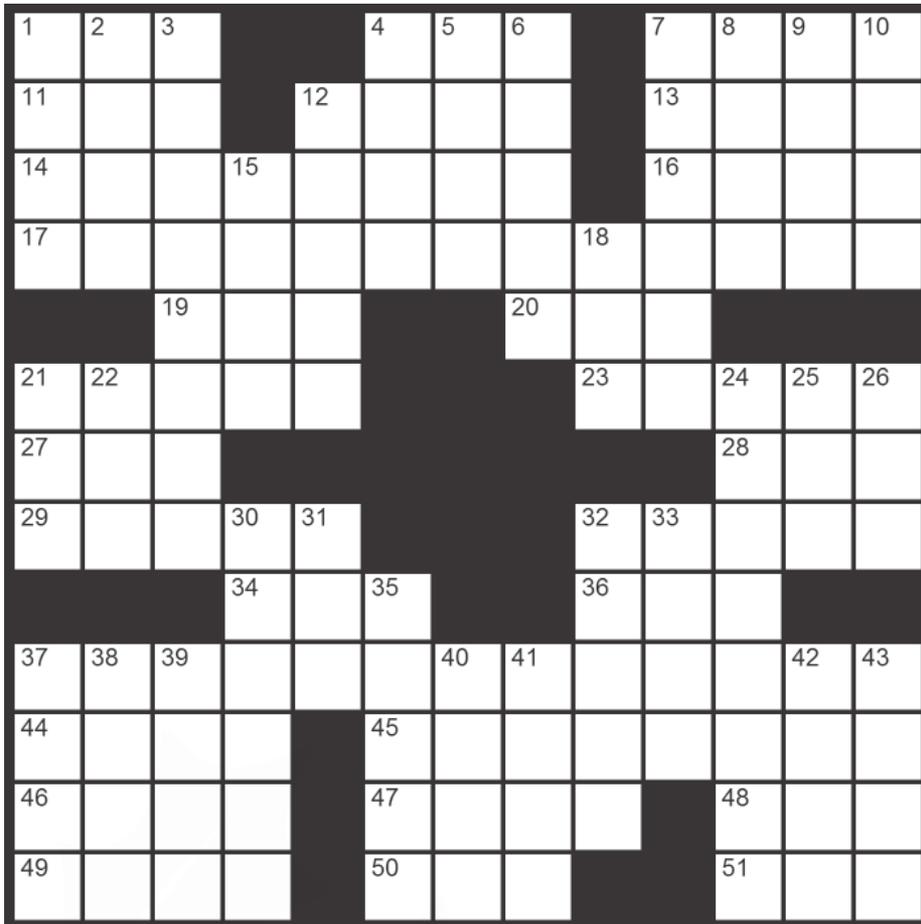
First broadcast in 1974 by the legendary Dick Clark ("American Bandstand"), the television event was meant to rival CBS's programming, which



Fergie, Dick Clark and Ryan Seacrest rang in the New Year on ABC in 2009

featured Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians performing "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight. When Lombardo died three years later, viewers flocked to Clark's show, and it became the premiere New Year's Eve television event. For the last 10 years, the multi-talented Ryan Seacrest ("American Idol") has hosted the show — six of those years alongside Clark before his death in 2012 — and this year, he's back with Fergie, of The Black Eyed Peas fame, and Jenny McCarthy ("Donnie Loves Jenny").

Holiday Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Reactions to unique Christmas gifts ...once the givers explain what they are!
- 4 Christmas carol from the Burgundy region of France: "Pat-a-__"
- 7 Wintertime guy Mr. Frost
- 11 The Grinch, to Christmas
- 12 How an aria is sung
- 13 Gift-giving __ (Perhaps a coffee mug or bottle of perfume or fruit basket or slippers, etc.)

- 14 Diamond, colloquially (Bauble in a jewelry Christmas gift, maybe)
- 16 Partridge in a Pear Tree's abode on the ground
- 17 Popular gifts under the Christmas tree in this modern age: 2 wds.
- 19 Riddle-me-__
- 20 High Renaissance artist of 1511 painting The Journey of the Magi, Andrea __ Sarto (b.1486 - d.1530)
- 21 19th-century Christmas carol: "It Came

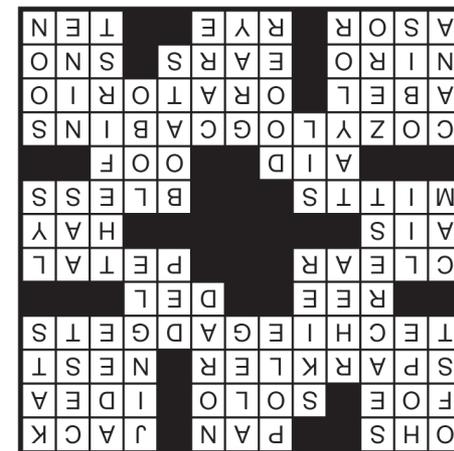
- Upon the Midnight __"
- 23 Pretty piece in the potpourri
- 27 `_' __ for Angel
- 28 Delish dish to a donkey
- 29 Knitted gifts, e.g.
- 32 Sanctify
- 34 1984: "Do They Know It's Christmas?" by Band __
- 36 "Yeow!" in a comic book snowball fight
- 37 Relaxing rustic retreats at Winter resorts: 3 wds.
- 44 Walter of movie musical classic "Holiday Inn" (1942)
- 45 "Christmas __" by Johann Sebastian Bach (b.1685 - d.1750)
- 46 Robert De __ of holiday movie "Everybody's Fine" (2009)
- 47 Winter 'muffs' warmers
- 48 Ski hill machine, __-Cat
- 49 Biblical stringed instrument
- 50 __ bread stuffing
- 51 New Year's Eve countdown starter!

DOWN

- 1 Bing Crosby/Ingrid Bergman festive flick, "The Bells __ __. Mary's" (1945)
- 2 Joy and __ (Christmas greeting card sentiments)
- 3 'New Year's Rockin' Eve' host Ryan
- 4 The North __
- 5 "I'll have __, please." (Request to the Christmas turkey carver)
- 6 Airspace protection org. known for its 'Santa Tracker' that monitors the flight of Santa and his Reindeer each Christmas Eve
- 7 "__ Bells"
- 8 'Chick' suffix (Little songbird)
- 9 "__ magnifique!"
- 10 "American Idol" alum Ms. McPhee, et al., singer of "It's Not Christmas Without You"
- 12 Snowy mountain enjoyer

- 15 Ms. Perlman of 2008 made-for-TV movie "The Christmas Choir"
- 18 Opposite of 'Arrival' at the airport, for short
- 21 Holiday photos taker, briefly
- 22 52 to Pontius Pilate
- 24 New Year's Day = __ __ of January
- 25 Small batteries
- 26 Fleur-de-__
- 30 2007 Christmas album: 'Sounds of the Season: The __ Swift Holiday Collection'
- 31 'S' of RSVP
- 32 Gravy __ (Christmas feast table items)
- 33 Timber wolf
- 35 Ski-__ (Snowmobiler)
- 37 Water-to-wine miracle site in The Bible
- 38 Stylish sashes
- 39 Below __ (Frigid temperature)
- 40 In the Christmas tune "Sleigh Ride", there's a party at the home of Farmer __
- 41 'Handle With __' (Parcel delivery directive)
- 42 Number of ladies dancing in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"
- 43 When it will be Christmas Day in "Silver Bells"

Solution



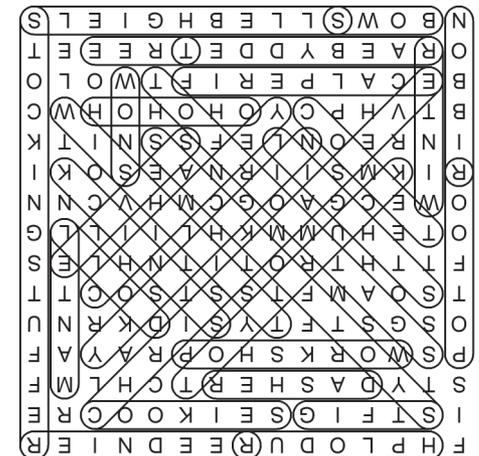
Holiday Word Search: Santa's Delivery

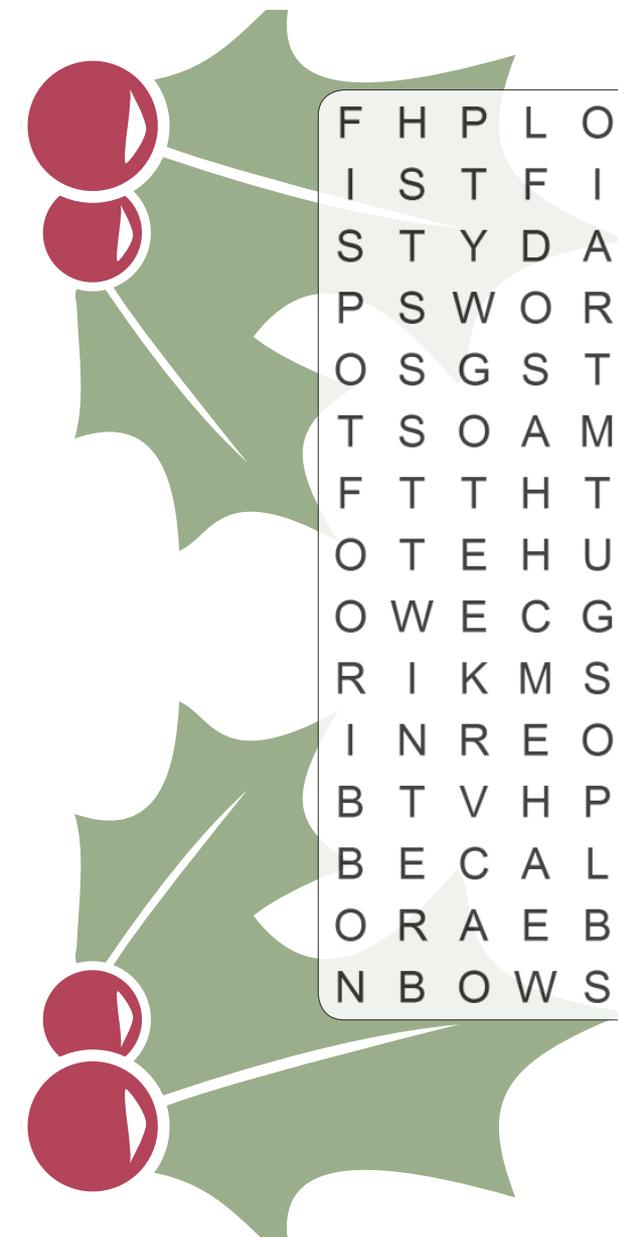
From the list below, find each word and circle its letters in the puzzle above to reveal the message relating to the theme.

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| CHRISTMAS EVE | RUDOLPH |
| COMET | SACK OF TOYS |
| COOKIES | SLEIGH BELLS |
| DASHER | SNOW |
| DOLL | ST NICK |
| ELVES | STOCKING STUFFER |
| FIREPLACE | TEDDY BEAR |
| GIFTS | TO FROM TAGS |
| HO HO HO | TOY TRUCK |
| LIGHTS | TREE |
| MANTEL | WINTER |
| NIGHT SKY | WISH LIST |
| REINDEER | WORKSHOP |

Solution





Create your own Christmas Carol

by Cassie Dresch

First, fill out the following list with the type of words indicated. Don't peek at the story! Then, read the story out loud, using your words to fill in the blanks.

- _____ NOUN plural
- _____ PERSON
- _____ NOUN plural
- _____ FOOD

- _____ PLANT plural
- _____ BODY PART
- _____ ADJECTIVE
- _____ VERB

- _____ NOUN plural
- _____ MODE OF TRANSPORTATION
- _____ GROUP OF PEOPLE
- _____ ANIMAL plural

- _____ NOUN
- _____ AGE

_____ roasting on an open fire
(NOUN plural)

_____ nipping at your nose
(PERSON)

Yuletide carols being sung by a choir

And folks dressed up like _____
(NOUN plural)

Everybody knows a(n) _____ and some _____
(FOOD) (PLANT plural)

Help to make the season bright

Tiny tots with their _____ all _____
(BODY PART) (ADJECTIVE)

Will find it hard to _____ tonight
(VERB)

They know that Santa's on his way

He's loaded lots of _____ and goodies on his _____
(NOUN plural) (MODE OF TRANSPORTATION)

And every _____ is gonna spy
(GROUP OF PEOPLE)

To see if _____ really know how to fly
(ANIMAL plural)

And so, I'm offering this simple _____
(NOUN)

To kids from one to _____
(AGE)

Although it's been said many times, many ways

"Merry Christmas to you"

