

A very English holiday

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Holiday TV



Celebrate the holidays with beloved characters from British television as a variety of lavish Christmas specials make their way across the pond this season. Fan favorites such as “Call the Midwife,” “Doctor Who,” “Victoria,” “The Office” and “Downton Abbey” offer viewers stand-alone Christmas stories.

Happy Christmas from across the pond

British holiday specials are gifts for all

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TV fans are a lucky lot during the holidays. Watching festive television specials and holiday-themed episodes of beloved shows is a time-honored tradition in many households, and fans of British TV are particularly fortunate.

Across the pond, broadcasters often gift viewers with lavish extended editions of their favorite programs, and many of them will make their way into North American homes this season. On this side of the Atlantic, broadcasters sometimes feature holiday themes in regular TV episodes, but British broadcasters have a propensity for producing longer, stand-alone Christmas specials, which often air outside a series' regular run. Shows such as "Call the Midwife," "Doctor Who," "Victoria," "Downton Abbey" and "The Office" have been highly praised for their special holiday editions.

The U.K. film and television industry has earned a reputation for superior period dramas, and "Call the Midwife" has a long-standing track record for top-notch Christmas specials. Inspired by the memoirs of British nurse Jennifer Worth, the show follows the lives of nurse midwives working in London's poverty-stricken East End in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The show premiered in 2012 to widespread acclaim and has aired a stand-alone holiday special between each season since

the very beginning.

PBS executive Beth Hoppe expressed appreciation for the popular series in an official release about the 2016 holiday special when it was scheduled to air on the network.

"The series has been praised for its compassionate and bold approach to issues, including stillbirth, mental health, abortion, homosexuality, race and disability," Hoppe said of "Call the Midwife."

When the show began, Vanessa Redgrave ("Julia," 1977) narrated the story as nurse Jenny Lee (Jessica Raine, "Line of Duty") as she worked alongside her fellow midwives and the nuns of Nonnatus House, a nursing convent. Raine left the show after season 3, but many of the core cast have remained. Jenny Agutter ("The Avengers," 2012), Judy Parfitt ("Dolores Claiborne," 1995), Helen George ("Strictly Come Dancing") and Miranda Hart ("Miranda") also appear in the series.

Over the years, "Call the Midwife" Christmas specials have dealt with such topics as mental illness, teenage pregnancy and adoption. Fans will be happy to know that another Christmas special is in the works to premiere before the new season begins in 2019.

Perhaps the most popular period drama to emerge from British television lately is "Downton Abbey," and it, too, has gifted fans with several Christmas-themed specials. Since its premiere in 2010, the show has captivated



Courtesy of BBC

Kylie Minogue and David Tennant as seen in "Doctor Who"

audiences with the saga of the aristocratic Crawley family and their domestic servants at their Yorkshire country estate known as Downton Abbey.

Oscar winner Julian Fellowes ("Gosford Park," 2001) created the program, which features a very large cast of talented performers, including Hugh Bonneville ("Paddington," 2014) as Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham, and Elizabeth McGovern ("The Handmaid's Tale," 1990) as his wife, Cora, the Countess of Grantham. Michelle Dockery ("Good Behavior"), Laura Carmichael ("Marcella") and Jessica Brown Findlay ("Albatross," 2011) portray their daughters, Mary, Edith and Sybil.

The show chronicled their tumultuous lives from 1912 to 1925 over the course of its six-season run, which included five Christmas specials. In fact, the final episode of the series aired as a Christmas

special on Christmas Day in 2015, a bittersweet holiday treat for viewers. Like so many other British specials, the Yuletide editions of "Downton Abbey" feature stories of romance, tragedy and scandal. Each one wraps up significant moments in the Crawleys' lives, from the births of children to the deaths of loved ones.

Those hoping for a glimpse inside a Royal Christmas may want to look out for the holiday edition of "Victoria." Created by Daisy Goodwin ("Jamie's Kitchen"), the show is a fictional retelling of the days of Queen Victoria, played by Jenna Coleman ("Doctor Who"). On this side of the pond, the program airs under PBS's "Masterpiece Theatre" banner, and it's earned considerable acclaim from North American audiences.

In the show's two-hour Christmas special set in 1846, Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert (Tom Hughes, "The Game"), hopes to recreate the Christmastime joy of his youth. For her part, Victoria tries to make an African girl named Sarah (Zaris-Angel Hator, "Black Earth Rising") feel welcome within the palace. Tensions are high between the Royal couple, but the holiday spirit has a habit of bringing people together.

"Victoria" is expected to return to ITV in early 2019 with eight episodes set in 1848, a turbulent time for the monarch. Those hoping for another Christmas special may be out of luck, however. No plans for another holiday edition have been announced, but at least fans can revel watching Coleman and Hughes in the 2017 special.

Of course, the U.K. is known for much more than just period dramas, and so is Coleman. Fans of the iconic television series "Doctor Who" may remember the actress as Clara Oswald, who served as the companion of both the 11th and 12th incarnations of the alien time-traveler known as The Doctor. A Time Lord, The Doctor traverses the universe in the TARDIS, a time-traveling space ship that looks like a blue British police box. The quirky science fiction show first aired on the BBC from 1963 to 1989, and was revived in 2005.

Over the years, 13 actors have taken on the coveted role of The Doctor, who regenerates when it's time. Past Doctors include William Hartnell ("The Army Game"), Peter Davison ("Campion"), David Tennant ("Broadchurch") and Peter Capaldi ("The Thick of It"). This year marked a big change for the series with its first female Doctor as Jodie Whittaker ("Black Mirror") took the reigns from Capaldi in the 2017 Christmas special in front of nearly eight million viewers. Believe it or not, "Doctor Who" Christmas specials have peaked even higher in the ratings over the years. The top-rated Yule-themed "Doctor Who" special featured Tennant's Doctor alongside Kylie Minogue ("Neighbours") as Astrid, a waitress on an interstellar replica of the Titanic who helps the hero prevent the space liner from crashing into Earth. The program drew more than 13 million viewers when it aired on Christmas Day in 2007.

Coleman's first appearance as Clara is actually in the Christmas special "The Snowmen," which premiered on Christmas Day in 2012. In it, she enlists The Doctor's help to stop an entity known as the Great Intelligence from creating an army of ice people. Other holiday editions have featured everything from robot Santas, alien spiders and wooden humanoids.

While the original run of the series didn't



Hallie Woodhall, Tom Hughes and Jenna Coleman star in "Victoria"

feature proper Christmas specials, the new "Doctor Who" has included a holiday treat every year since it was revived in 2005, and this year will be no different. At this year's San Diego Comic-Con, showrunner Chris Chibnall confirmed that the new season would feature Whittaker's Doctor in a Christmas special in addition to the 10 regular episodes. It remains to be seen whether Whittaker's holiday offering will entice as many diehard fans as past Christmas specials.

In addition to sweeping dramas and legendary science fiction, British television is known for comedy, and one of the most memorable holiday specials of the modern television era was the official finale of the BBC Two mockumentary "The Office." After creators Ricky Gervais ("Extras") and Stephen Merchant ("Extras") announced they wouldn't be writing another season of the hit series, they appeased disap-

pointed fans with a two-part Christmas special.

The holiday program revisited the characters from the comedy, including Gervais as David Brent, who was once the general manager of the branch of a paper company where the other characters worked. Martin Freeman ("Fargo") appeared as witty Tim Canterbury, the antithesis to kiss-up Gareth Keenan (Mackenzie Cook, "Game of Thrones"), and Lucy Davis ("Wonder Woman," 2017) portrayed office receptionist Dawn Tinsley. The special wrapped up the agonizing will-they-won't-they storyline between Dawn and Tim in a bow for fans of the series.

Christmas specials run the gamut from drama to science fiction, and even comedy, so there is truly something for everyone this holiday season. Check local listings for a full list of British Christmas programs to celebrate the season.

Thursday, November 29

- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Holly Lodge"** (2017) Sophie inherits the Evergreen Inn and Ski Lodge and spends every holiday there.
- 6 p.m.** (FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Getaway"** (2017) A recently single writer is forced to share a cabin due to a vacation mix up.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Snowed-Inn Christmas"** (2017) Polar-opposite publicists are forced to spend Christmas together in Santa Claus, Indiana.
- 6:30 p.m.** (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **The Wonderful World of Disney: Olaf's Frozen Adventure** Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.
- (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Everlasting"** (2018) A woman learns her sister has passed away and she must return home immediately.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Dear Santa"** (2011) A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.
- 8:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 8:50 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.
- 10:05 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "Dear Secret Santa"** (2013) A woman receives Christmas cards from an admirer who she believes is dead.

Friday, November 30

- 2 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "Kristin's Christmas Past"** (2013) A woman wakes up Christmas morning, seventeen years into her past.
- 4 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "A Very Merry Toy Store"** (2017) Two competing toy store owners face adversity when a big-box toy store opens in town.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014) A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.
- 6:30 p.m.** (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.
- 6:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 8 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "A Very Nutty Christmas"** (2018) A woman finds her Christmas spirit when a handsome soldier appears.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.
- 10:05 p.m.** (LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Harmony"** (2018) A woman finds the spirit of Christmas after returning to her small town.

Saturday, December 1

- 9 a.m.** (DISN) **Movie "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"** (1999) Donald Duck and his nephews wish for Christmas every day. Goofy shows Christmas spirit.
- 10 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.
- 11 a.m.** (AMC) **The Little Drummer Boy: Book II** The drummer boy struggles to protect great silver bells from seizure by Roman soldiers.
- 11:30 a.m.** (AMC) **The First Christmas: The Story of the First Christmas Snow** A blind shepherd boy is taken in by nuns and participates in a Christmas pageant.
- Noon** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Everlasting"** (2018) A woman learns her sister has passed away and she must return home immediately.
- (TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.

Saturday, Dec. 1, on TBS


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Several tales of romance unfold over the holidays in the critically acclaimed British Christmas movie **"Love Actually,"** airing Christmas Day. Juliet (Keira Knightley) and Peter (Chiwetel Ejiofor) celebrate their love by tying the knot, but best man Mark (Andrew Lincoln) harbours a secret crush on the bride. Meanwhile, Karen (Emma Thompson) hopes to rekindle the passion in her marriage, but her husband Harry (Alan Rickman) is attracted to his new secretary, Mia (Heike Makatsch). Newly elected Prime Minister David (Hugh Grant) has fallen for staff member Natalie (Martine McCutcheon).

- 1 p.m.** (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Inflatable holiday decorations inspire the six bakers' cute cream puff displays.
- 2 p.m.** (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** For the decorating challenge, bakers design two different cookies.
- (HALL) **Movie "It's Christmas, Eve"** (2018) An interim superintendent returns home for a job at her former school.
- 2:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.
- 3 p.m.** (FOOD) **Crazy Christmas Cakes** It's time to deck the halls with outrageous cakes that celebrate the holiday season!
- 3:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- 4 p.m.** (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- 4:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
- 5 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 5:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** The seven remaining bakers get creative with Thanksgiving-inspired desserts.
- 7:35 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 8 p.m.** (DISN) **Disney Parks Presents a 25 Days of Christmas Holiday Party**
- (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.
- (LIFE) **Movie "A Twist of Christmas"** (2018) Two single parents have to work together to save Christmas for their children.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** The bakers celebrate a couple of favorites by reinventing two Hanukkah classics.
- (USA) **Movie "A Madea Christmas"** (2013) Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.
- 9:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 9:45 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "The Bishop's Wife"** (1947) An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe"** (2018) A career-driven woman's life is turned upside down when her mother gets sick.
- (LIFE) **Movie "Love for Christmas"** (2018) Two former classmates reunite for a Christmas romance.
- 11 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

Sunday, December 2

- 1 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "Runaway Christmas Bride"** (2017) A bride is ready to marry the man of her dreams until he reveals a family secret.
- 1:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"** (1999) Donald Duck and his nephews wish for Christmas every day. Goofy shows Christmas spirit.
- 1:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.
- 2:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- 3 p.m.** (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss"** (2011) A designer and her assistant vie for a man while decorating his home for the holidays.
- 3:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
- 4 p.m.** (FOOD) **Holiday Wars** The artists create a display that shows who saves the day when Santa's elves call in sick.
- (HALL) **Movie "A Gift to Remember"** (2017) An accident between a bookshop worker and a stranger leaves him without his memory.
- 4:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 4:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 4:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- 5 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss II"** (2014) A woman feigns a romance in order to fend off the advances of a billionaire playboy.
- 6 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.
- 6:20 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 7 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "Christmas Belle"** (2013) A man and woman fall for each other when he hires her to help him sell his home.
- 8 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Majestic Christmas"** (2018) A woman is given the unpopular job of turning her town's playhouse into a multiplex.
- (LIFE) **Movie "The Christmas Pact"** (2018) Childhood friends reunite for Christmas to keep the Christmas magic alive.
- 8:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Life-Size 2"** (2018) A young woman's childhood doll comes to life to help her get back on track.
- 10 p.m.** (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Inflatable holiday decorations inspire the six bakers' cute cream puff displays.
- (HALL) **Movie "Finding Santa"** (2017) When a parade Santa falls off his sleigh, a woman goes on a quest to find his replacement.

(LIFE) **Movie "A Star for Christmas"** (2018) A cupcakery owner falls for her hunky new customer just in time for the holidays.

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

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

Monday, December 3

Noon (FREE) **Movie "The Truth About Christmas"** (2018) After meeting Santa, a political consultant cannot stop herself from telling the truth.

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Ice Sculpture Christmas"** (2015) A young woman is roped into an ice sculpture contest with wealthy partner.

3 p.m. (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** The seven remaining bakers get creative with Thanksgiving-inspired desserts.

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

5 p.m. (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** The bakers celebrate a couple of favorites by reinventing two Hanukkah classics.

5:25 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Life-Size 2"** (2018) A young woman's childhood doll comes to life to help her get back on track.

6 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.

7:25 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

7:45 p.m. (FXMovie) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.

8 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.

(FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Inflatable holiday decorations inspire the six bakers' cute cream puff displays.

(HALL) **Amy Grant's Tennessee Christmas** Amy Grant and husband Vince Gill share their favorite family holiday memories.

9 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight**

9:30 p.m. (FREE) **Pop Up Santa Holiday Special** Celebrate the spirit of the season through heartwarming moments with Santa.

9:40 p.m. (FXMovie) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.

10 p.m. (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Host Eddie Jackson challenges bakers to make nesting doll-inspired cookies.

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

10:30 p.m. (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.

Tuesday, December 4

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

4:10 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "This Christmas"** (2007) Whitfield family comes together for their first holiday together in four years.

4:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

6 p.m. (LMN) **Movie "Crazy for Christmas"** (2005) On Christmas Eve, a single mother finds herself having to chauffeur an eccentric client.

6:50 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

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

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

(LMN) **Movie "Dear Secret Santa"** (2013) A woman receives Christmas cards from an admirer who she believes is dead.

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Joy"** (2018) A woman must return to her hometown to care for her aunt at Christmas.

(LMN) **Movie "A Snow Globe Christmas"** (2013) When a woman wakes up in a snow globe, she tries to escape, but begins to find happiness.

Wednesday, December 5

1:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "All I Want for Christmas"** (1991) A divorced couple's two children scheme to get them back together for Christmas.

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Boyfriend for Christmas"** (2004) A girl asks Santa for a boyfriend for Christmas, and her wish comes true years later.

4:05 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

5:10 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

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

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

(HALL) **Movie "Road to Christmas"** (2018) A woman finds herself producing a Christmas special for her network.

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Gift to Remember"** (2017) An accident between a bookshop worker and a stranger leaves him without his memory.

Thursday, December 6

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) A royal princess runs from her obligations to experience life as a commoner.

2:05 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

3:10 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

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

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

6:30 p.m. (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.

8 p.m. (ABC) **A Charlie Brown Christmas** The Peanuts search for the meaning of Christmas amongst all the commercialism.

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

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

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

9 p.m. (CMT) **AmericanaFest**

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen"** (2017) A wish upon a snow globe for a romantic Christmas comes true.

10:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Friday, December 7

2 p.m. (DISN) **Disney Parks Presents a 25 Days of Christmas Holiday Party**

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

2:15 p.m. (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.

3:30 p.m. (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.

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

4:30 p.m. (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.

5:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

6 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Finding Santa"** (2017) When a parade Santa falls off his sleigh, a woman goes on a quest to find his replacement.

6:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

7 p.m. (AMC) **Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular** Donkey, Shrek and their pals sing Christmas carols.

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

7:15 p.m. (AMC) **Madagascar Penguins Christmas Caper** Private sneaks out of the zoo to find a present for a lonely polar bear.

7:30 p.m. (AMC) **Merry Madagascar** Santa and his reindeer crash into Madagascar and the animals need to save Christmas.

8 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You"** (2017) A little girl who dreams of getting a dog for Christmas is tasked with dog-sitting.

(HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.

(LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Lost and Found"** (2018) A grandmother imparts wisdom and special holiday ornaments on her visiting granddaughter.

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

10:25 p.m. (FXMovie) **Movie "The Best Man Holiday"** (2013) Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.

Saturday, December 8

1 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Golden Christmas"** (2009) A young boy and girl become friends over a summer because of a special dog.

2 p.m. (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Host Eddie Jackson challenges bakers to make nesting doll-inspired cookies.

(HALL) **Movie "A Majestic Christmas"** (2018) A woman is given the unpopular job of turning her town's playhouse into a multiplex.

2:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1947) A Macy's store Santa Claus causes furor when he claims to be the real Kris Kringle.

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

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

4:25 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. (ION) **Movie "The Spruces and the Pines"** (2017) A Romeo and Juliet romance takes place among two feuding Christmas tree lot families.

6 p.m. (FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

(HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.

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

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.

(HALL) **Movie "Homegrown Christmas"** (2018) A CEO steps down from her dream job and heads home for the holidays. (LIFE) **Movie "Santa's Boots"** (2018) A woman's love interest goes missing, leaving only a Santa boot behind.

- 9 p.m.** (CBS) **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.
- (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 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.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Pemberley Manor"** (2018) The spirit of the holidays may create an opportunity for a Christmas wish of love.
- 11 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Mystery"** (2014) A woman hires a detective to help unravel the mystery behind letters to her late mother.

Saturday, Dec. 8, on CBS



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A song about a misfit reindeer with a red nose serves as the inspiration for the timeless Rankin/Bass stop-motion animated special **"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."** Young Rudolph is embarrassed when the other reindeers tease him about his glowing nose, so he decides to run away with his new friend, Hermey, an elf who would rather be a dentist than a toymaker. When they later return to the North Pole, a blizzard threatens Santa's Christmas Eve trip, until he realizes Rudolph's nose could light the way. The special features the voice of Burl Ives as the snowman narrator.

Sunday, December 9

- 12:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Life-Size 2"** (2018) A young woman's childhood doll comes to life to help her get back on track.
- 1 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) A woman happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.
- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.
- 3 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Royal Christmas Ball"** (2017) An unmarried European king tracks down his American college sweetheart.
- 3:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.
- 4:50 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 5 p.m.** (FOOD) **Cake Wars: Christmas** The teams must bring world-famous Christmas songs to life in a huge edible creation.
- (ION) **Movie "A Prince for Christmas"** (2015) A charming European prince steals away incognito to the U.S. in search of true love.
- 6 p.m.** (HGTV) **White House Christmas 2018**
- 6:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Santa's St. Bernards Save Christmas** Santa discovers there is not enough Christmas spirit for him to make Christmas magical.

- 7 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) A fledgling event planner falls for a wealthy playboy at a masquerade ball.
- (TBS) **Santa's St. Bernards Save Christmas** Santa discovers there is not enough Christmas spirit for him to make Christmas magical.
- 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.** (HALL) **Movie "Welcome to Christmas"** (2018) A resort developer heads to Christmas, Colorado, to scope out a new piece of land.
- (LIFE) **Movie "A Christmas in Tennessee"** (2018) A bakery owner must thwart a charming real estate agent looking to buy up her small town.
- (TCM) **Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue"** (1947) While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.
- 8:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 9 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.
- 11 p.m.** (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** For the decorating challenge, bakers design two different cookies.
- (ION) **Movie "Christmas Belle"** (2013) A man and woman fall for each other when he hires her to help him sell his home.

Monday, December 10

- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.
- 4:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.
- 6:20 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **CMA Country Christmas** Country's biggest stars celebrate the holidays with songs and stories to warm your heart.
- (CMT) **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
- (HALL) **Movie "Miss Christmas"** (2017) A woman in search of the perfect Christmas tree finds something else instead.
- 9:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Coming Home for Christmas"** (2017) A woman falls for a handsome man while planning a Christmas gala at his estate.
- (NBC) **Pentatonix: Not So Silent Night**
- 10:30 p.m.** (CMT) **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.

Tuesday, December 11

- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas"** (2015) A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.
- 2:40 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 4 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
- 4:20 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.
- 4:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
- (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

- 5:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) 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 Getaway"** (2017) A recently single writer is forced to share a cabin due to a vacation mix up.
- 9 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- (NBC) **Darci Lynne: Hometown Christmas**
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.
- (LMN) **Movie "Christmas in Mississippi"** (2017) A photographer returns home for Christmas just as the annual holiday light show begins.

Wednesday, December 12

- 1:30 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"** (1999) Donald Duck and his nephews wish for Christmas every day. Goofy shows Christmas spirit.
- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Cookies"** (2016) When a small-town factory is sold, an executive must seal the deal, but things get tricky.
- 3 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas"** (2004) Mickey, Minnie and Santa Claus attempt to teach Donald the true meaning of Christmas.
- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Royal Christmas"** (2014) A woman is whisked away to Europe when her boyfriend reveals he's actually a prince.
- 4:45 p.m.** (EWTN) **Feasts With the Friar** Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Under Wraps"** (2014) A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.
- 6:55 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.
- 8 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.
- 8:50 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Majestic Christmas"** (2018) A woman is given the unpopular job of turning her town's playhouse into a multiplex.
- (NBC) **A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy** John Legend, Chrissy Teigen and their friends and family get into the holiday spirit.

Thursday, December 13

- 1:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "This Christmas"** (2007) Whitfield family comes together for their first holiday together in four years.
- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Looks Like Christmas"** (2016) Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.
- 4 p.m.** (TLC) **Invasion of the Christmas Lights** Visit Christmas lighting enthusiasts and see their glorious and elaborate displays.
- 5 p.m.** (TLC) **Extreme Christmas Trees** Captures the anticipation, excitement and joy embodied by the ultimate Christmas icon.
- 6:30 p.m.** (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.
- 7 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1947) A Macy's store Santa Claus causes furor when he claims to be the real Kris Kringle.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.
- (FOOD) **Holiday Wars** The artists create a display that shows who saves the day when Santa's elves call in sick.
- (HALL) **Movie "Welcome to Christmas"** (2018) A resort developer heads to Christmas, Colorado, to scope out a new piece of land.
- 8:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.
- 8:55 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 9 p.m.** (ABC) **The Great American Baking Show**

9:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1947) A Macy's store Santa Claus causes furor when he claims to be the real Kris Kringle.

10 p.m. (ABC) **The Great American Baking Show** (HALL) **Movie "Switched for Christmas"** (2017) Identical twins decide to swap lives for the holidays, learning lessons along the way.

Friday, December 14

1:05 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Mistle-Tones"** (2012) A young singer creates her own musical Christmas group after losing a spot in another.

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Cartwright's"** (2014) A single mom is desperate to find a job to make her daughter's holiday a happy one.

4 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen"** (2017) A wish upon a snow globe for a romantic Christmas comes true.

6:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

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

7:20 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

8 p.m. (CW) **Hollywood Christmas Parade** Nancy O'Dell is Grand Marshal of the 'largest Christmas celebration in America.'

(HALL) **Movie "Homegrown Christmas"** (2018) A CEO steps down from her dream job and heads home for the holidays.

(LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Around the Corner"** (2018) A woman wanting to save a bookstore clashes with the owner.

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Holly Lodge"** (2017) Sophie inherits the Evergreen Inn and Ski Lodge and spends every holiday there.

Saturday, December 15

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

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

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

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

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

5 p.m. (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Inflatable holiday decorations inspire the six bakers' cute cream puff displays.

(ION) **Movie "Snowmance"** (2017) No man is perfect enough for Sarah, except perhaps the snowmen she sculpts with her pal.

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

7 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Cruise"** (2017)

8 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Five bold and creative bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making mettle.

(HALL) **Movie "Entertaining Christmas"** (2018) A cookbook author's daughter is set to take over the family business.

(LIFE) **Movie "Christmas Pen Pals"** (2018) A woman begins to wonder if her anonymous pen pal might be her soul mate.

8:30 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

9 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** (ION) **Movie "Country Christmas Album"** (2018)

9:15 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Road to Christmas"** (2018) A woman finds herself producing a Christmas special for her network.

10:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1947) A Macy's store Santa Claus causes furor when he claims to be the real Kris Kringle.

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

Sunday, December 16

1 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss II"** (2014) A woman feigns a romance in order to fend off the advances of a billionaire playboy.

2 p.m. (ABC) **Taste Buds: Chefs-giving** Highly recognizable chefs prepare an unforgettable holiday meal.

3 p.m. (ION) **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) A woman happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.

4 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Joy"** (2018) A woman must return to her hometown to care for her aunt at Christmas.

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

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

6:35 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.

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

8 p.m. (CW) **iHeartRadio Jingle Ball** Recording artists Shawn Mendes, Cardi B, Camila Cabello and more perform.

(HALL) **Movie "A Gingerbread Romance"** (2018) An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.

(LIFE) **Movie "Hometown Christmas"** (2018) A woman plans to save her town's nativity tradition when she returns home.

(TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.

8:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

9 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas in Royal Fashion"** (2018) A prince hopes a fashion line will bring business to his financially strapped kingdom.

9:25 p.m. (DISN) **Disney Parks Presents a 25 Days of Christmas Holiday Party**

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

10:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

11 p.m. (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Host Eddie Jackson challenges bakers to make nesting doll-inspired cookies.

Monday, December 17

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

3:30 p.m. (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.

4:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

6 p.m. (AMC) **Donkey's Caroling Christmas-tacular** Donkey, Shrek and their pals sing Christmas carols.

(FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Inflatable holiday decorations inspire the six bakers' cute cream puff displays.

6:15 p.m. (AMC) **Madagascar Penguins Christmas Caper** Private sneaks out of the zoo to find a present for a lonely polar bear.

6:30 p.m. (AMC) **Merry Madagascar** Santa and his reindeer crash into Madagascar and the animals need to save Christmas.

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

7:15 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

8 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight** (HALL) **Movie "Finding Santa"** (2017) When a parade Santa falls off his sleigh, a woman goes on a quest to find his replacement.

(TNT) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

9 p.m. (ABC) **The Great Christmas Light Fight**

11 p.m. (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.

(TNT) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

Tuesday, December 18

Noon (LMN) **Movie "On Strike for Christmas"** (2010) A mother goes on strike when her family takes her for granted at Christmas time.

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Gift to Remember"** (2017) An accident between a bookshop worker and a stranger leaves him without his memory.

(LMN) **Movie "The Christmas Hope"** (2009) A social worker, whose marriage is shaky, takes in a 5-year-old over the holidays.

3:40 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Truth About Christmas"** (2018) After meeting Santa, a political consultant cannot stop herself from telling the truth.

4 p.m. (LMN) **Movie "Holiday Wishes"** (2006) After a visit to the mall with Santa, a rich girl and an orphan switch bodies.

4:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

6 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "It's Christmas, Eve"** (2018) An interim superintendent returns home for a job at her former school.

(LMN) **Movie "Twelve Men of Christmas"** (2009) A high-powered New York public relations executive finds love in a small town in Montana.

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

8 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Gingerbread Romance"** (2018) An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.

(LMN) **Movie "Christmas in the City"** (2013) A woman tries to bring out the true meaning of Christmas before it's too late.

8:55 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

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

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

(LMN) **Movie "Snowed-Inn Christmas"** (2017) Polar-opposite publicists are forced to spend Christmas together in Santa Claus, Indiana.

11 p.m. (EWTN) **An EWTN Holy Land Experience** Journey to sites throughout Bethlehem for an unforgettable Christmas experience.

Wednesday, December 19

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Coming Home for Christmas"** (2017) A woman falls for a handsome man while planning a Christmas gala at his estate.

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

4:30 p.m. (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.

5:05 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

6 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Joy"** (2018) A woman must return to her hometown to care for her aunt at Christmas.

6:30 p.m. (EWTN) **An EWTN Holy Land Experience** Journey to sites throughout Bethlehem for an unforgettable Christmas experience.

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

8 p.m. (ABC) **The Wonderful World of Disney: Olaf's Frozen Adventure** Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.

(CW) **Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer** On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.

Monday, Dec. 17, on ABC



Eric Liebowitz/ABC

Settle in for an evening of outstanding holiday decorating as Carter Oosterhouse and Taniya Nayak meet families who go all out to deck their halls in a new episode of the fun-filled reality TV series **"The Great Christmas Light Fight."** Cameras follow the co-hosts as they visit four different families as they showcase dazzling light displays, incredible trees and whimsical dioramas, among other decorations. After examining the extreme Christmas decor inside and out, Oosterhouse and Nayak decide which family deserves the \$50,000 prize and the coveted Light Fight trophy.

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

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

9:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

10 p.m. (NBC) **Pentatonix: Not So Silent Night**

Thursday, December 20

1:30 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Life-Size 2"** (2018) A young woman's childhood doll comes to life to help her get back on track.

5:35 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

6 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Road to Christmas"** (2018) A woman finds herself producing a Christmas special for her network.

6:30 p.m. (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.

8 p.m. (ABC) **A Charlie Brown Christmas** The Peanuts search for the meaning of Christmas amongst all the commercialism.

(FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** For the decorating challenge, bakers design two different cookies.

(FOX) **A Christmas Story Live!** Nine-year-old Ralphie Parker wants a very specific gift for Christmas.

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

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

(TCM) **Movie "Christmas in July"** (1940) An office clerk enters contests in the hopes of someday winning a fortune.

10 p.m. (FX) **Movie "The Night Before"** (2015) Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

(HALL) **Movie "A Gingerbread Romance"** (2018) An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.

10:30 p.m. (EWTN) **Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas** Country music star Collin Raye and Andre Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.

Friday, December 21

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.

2:15 p.m. (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.

3:30 p.m. (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.

(DISN) **Disney Parks Presents a 25 Days of Christmas Holiday Party**

4 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.

4:30 p.m. (EWTN) **The First Christmas** Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.

4:45 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

5:05 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

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

6:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

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

(LIFE) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss"** (2018) An interior designer competes for the affections of a socialite home for the holidays.

(TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

9:15 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.

10:15 p.m. (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1999) A miserly old man is visited by three ghosts in order to learn the meaning of Christmas.

Saturday, December 22

9 a.m. (ION) **Movie "Christmas Cupid's Arrow"** (2018) A woman decides she's going to make an effort to find Mr. Right.

9:40 a.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

10 a.m. (HALL) **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.

11 a.m. (TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

11:30 a.m. (FX) **Movie "Krampus"** (2015) A boy who had an unhappy Christmas summons a demon to his family's home.

Noon (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Next Door"** (2017) Eric Randall, an author, is left in charge of his young niece and nephew for the holidays.

1:55 p.m. (FREE) **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.

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

(HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa"** (2018) A woman returns home for Christmas to discover a historic store has closed.

2:25 p.m. (FREE) **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.

2:55 p.m. (FREE) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.

3 p.m. (ION) **Movie "Country Christmas Album"** (2018)

3:25 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

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

5 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas in Royal Fashion"** (2018) A prince hopes a fashion line will bring business to his financially strapped kingdom.

5:05 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.

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

(HALL) **Movie "A Gingerbread Romance"** (2018) An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.

(TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1999) A miserly old man is visited by three ghosts in order to learn the meaning of Christmas.

7:45 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

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

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

(EWTN) **A Time to Remember** The Christmas story of a boy who develops his singing with a priest.

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

9 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Mystery"** (2014) A woman hires a detective to help unravel the mystery behind letters to her late mother.

10 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.

(LIFE) **Movie "A Golden Christmas"** (2018) Two long-lost friends reconnect during Christmas.

10:15 p.m. (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

11 p.m. (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Cruise"** (2017)

Sunday, December 23

12:15 p.m. (FREE) **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

1 p.m. (ION) **Movie "Back to Christmas"** (2014) A woman travels back to a previous Christmas in order to undo the mistakes of her past.

1:20 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

2 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "A Royal Christmas"** (2014) A woman is whisked away to Europe when her boyfriend reveals he's actually a prince.

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

(ION) **Movie "A Firehouse Christmas"** (2016) With Christmas approaching, life appears to be good for Tom and his girlfriend, Jenny.

4 p.m. (HALL) **Movie "Mingle All the Way"** (2018) A young entrepreneur invents a new dating app designed to help singles find dates.

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

(TNT) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

5:05 p.m. (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

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

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

- 7:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
(FXMovie) **Movie "The Best Man Holiday"** (2013) Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.
(HALL) **Movie "Christmas Made to Order"** (2018) A Christmas amateur finds himself in charge of his family's holiday celebration.
(LIFE) **Movie "3 Holiday Tails"** (2018) A couple's family and friends work together to have a Christmas to remember.
- 8:30 p.m.** (ABC) **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Elves Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.
(EWTN) **Keep Christ in Christmas** Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangelism commercial.
- 9 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss II"** (2014) A woman feigns a romance in order to fend off the advances of a billionaire playboy.
- 9:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 9:50 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "The Best Man Holiday"** (2013) Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Welcome to Christmas"** (2018) A resort developer heads to Christmas, Colorado, to scope out a new piece of land.
(TCM) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 11 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) A woman happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.

Monday, December 24

- 9 a.m.** (BET) **Movie "The Perfect Holiday"** (2007) A department store Santa helps a young girl find her mother a new husband.
(CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.
(DISN) **Movie "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups"** (2012) When Mrs. Claus travels to Pineville, the playful Santa Pups stow away on her sled.
(FX) **Movie "The Best Man Holiday"** (2013) Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.
(ION) **Movie "A Golden Christmas"** (2009) A young boy and girl become friends over a summer because of a special dog.
- 10 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A December Bride"** (2016) An aspiring interior designer dreads the wedding of her cousin, who is marrying her ex.
- 11 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas"** (2004) Mickey, Minnie and Santa Claus attempt to teach Donald the true meaning of Christmas.
(ION) **Movie "A Royal Christmas Ball"** (2017) An unmarried European king tracks down his American college sweetheart.
- 11:15 a.m.** (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.
- 11:30 a.m.** (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.
- Noon** (HALL) **Movie "A Cookie Cutter Christmas"** (2014) Two long-time rival school teachers duke it out during the holidays in a bake-off.
- 12:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Frosty's Winter Wonderland** The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.
(FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
- 1 p.m.** (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
(ION) **Movie "A Christmas in Royal Fashion"** (2018) A prince hopes a fashion line will bring business to his financially strapped kingdom.
(TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.
(TNT) **An Elf's Story: The Elf on the Shelf** An elf tries to help a little boy believe.

Monday, Dec. 24, on TCM



When a father (Leon Ames) makes plans to move his family from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York City, he encounters unexpected opposition from his wife and children in **"Meet Me in St. Louis."** This heartwarming holiday classic stars Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor and boasts a stellar supporting cast. It is also the origin of the beloved Christmas song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," sung by Garland in the film.

- 1:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
(EWTN) **An EWTN Holy Land Experience** Journey to sites throughout Bethlehem for an unforgettable Christmas experience.
(TNT) **Santa's St. Bernards Save Christmas** Santa discovers there is not enough Christmas spirit for him to make Christmas magical.
- 2 p.m.** (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Host Eddie Jackson challenges bakers to make nesting doll-inspired cookies.
(HALL) **Movie "Once Upon a Holiday"** (2015) A royal princess runs from her obligations to experience life as a commoner.
- 2:05 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Jingle All the Way II"** (2014) Larry and his daughter's stepfather compete to get her the Christmas present she wants.
- 2:15 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Holiday Affair"** (1949) A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.
- 2:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.
- 3 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Prince for Christmas"** (2015) A charming European prince steals away incognito to the U.S. in search of true love.
- 4 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 6 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis"** (1944) A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.
- 6:15 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 6:50 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (DISN) **Disney Parks Presents a 25 Days of Christmas Holiday Party**
(FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Five bold and creative bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making mettle.
(ION) **Movie "Christmas Belle"** (2013) A man and woman fall for each other when he hires her to help him sell his home.

- 7:30 p.m.** (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.
- 8 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Shoe Addict's Christmas"** (2018) A self-professed Christmas hater is locked in a department store on Christmas Eve.
(NBC) **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.
(TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
(TCM) **Movie "The Bishop's Wife"** (1947) An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.
- 8:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 8:40 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 8:55 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 9 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Cinderella Christmas"** (2016) A fledgling event planner falls for a wealthy playboy at a masquerade ball.
(TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 9:30 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Pemberley Manor"** (2018) The spirit of the holidays may create an opportunity for a Christmas wish of love.
- 10 p.m.** (CMT) **Movie "A Country Christmas"** (2013) After losing his magic and getting stranded, two children help Santa save Christmas.
(FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills.
(TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
(TCM) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.
- 10:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
(FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 11 p.m.** (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

Tuesday, December 25

- 8:45 a.m.** (AMC) **'Twas the Night Before Christmas** The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.
- 9 a.m.** (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 9:15 a.m.** (AMC) **Jack Frost** Jack Frost wants to leave his North Pole existence and become human.
- 9:30 a.m.** (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.
- 10 a.m.** (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 10:30 a.m.** (AMC) **Rudolph's Shiny New Year** Rudolph must find Happy, the missing baby New Year, before midnight on New Year's Eve.
- 10:50 a.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 11 a.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"** (1993) The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.
(TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 11:45 a.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

Tuesday, Dec. 25, on TBS



Warner Bros.

In what has become a holiday tradition, TBS serves up a marathon of the Yuletide classic **"A Christmas Story"** airing all day long on Christmas Day. Young Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) begs his parents, Santa Claus and anyone else who will listen for a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas in this spirited holiday movie. Unfortunately for Ralphie, the grownups in his life think the toy will be a hazard to his health — specifically his eyes.

- Noon** (EWTN) **Solemn Mass of Christmas Day** The Solemn Mass of Christmas from the Basilica of the National Shrine.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 1 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- (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) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 2 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (HALL) **Movie "It's Christmas Eve"** (2018) A school superintendent is forced to make cutbacks during the holiday season.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 2:35 p.m.** (STARZ) **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 3 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- (ION) **Movie "Christmas Cupid's Arrow"** (2018) A woman decides she's going to make an effort to find Mr. Right.
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 3:30 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Road to Christmas"** (2018) A woman finds herself producing a Christmas special for her network.

- 4 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (EWTN) **The First Christmas** Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 4:30 p.m.** (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.
- 4:45 p.m.** (FREE) **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 4:50 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 5 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (EWTN) **The Promise** The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 5:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "Elf"** (2003) A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 5:45 p.m.** (TCM) **Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue"** (1947) While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.
- 6 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (TBS) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 6:30 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.
- 6:40 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 7 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (ION) **Movie "Country Christmas Album"** (2018)
- (TNT) **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 7:30 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (CMT) **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
- 8 p.m.** (COM) **Jeff Dunham's Very Special Christmas Special** Comedian Jeff Dunham performs a holiday-themed stand-up special with his friends.
- (CW) **iHeartRadio Jingle Ball** Recording artists Shawn Mendes, Cardi B, Camila Cabello and more perform.
- (HALL) **When Calls the Heart** A group of orphans is stranded in Hope Valley for Christmas.
- (NBC) **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** An evil Grinch plots to steal everything Christmas-related from the Whos.
- 8:30 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- (NBC) **Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"** (2000) The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 9 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Royal Christmas Ball"** (2017) An unmarried European king tracks down his American college sweetheart.
- (TNT) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9:45 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- 10 p.m.** (CMT) **Movie "Santa Claus: The Movie"** (1985) Santa's head elf falls in with a greedy tycoon who wants to eliminate the legendary man.
- 10:20 p.m.** (FXMovie) **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 31, on ABC



Lou Rocco/ABC

Ryan Seacrest continues a longstanding tradition as he presents coverage of the New Year's festivities from New York City's iconic Times Square in **"Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve."** Before the famous "ball drop" signaling the beginning of the New Year, Seacrest welcomes celebrity guests and popular musical acts to entertain revelers in the Big Apple and across the globe. Created by legendary TV personality Dick Clark, the annual specials have been around since 1973, and consistently ranks as one of the top New Year's Eve specials in America.

- 11 p.m.** (ION) **Movie "A Christmas Kiss"** (2011) A designer and her assistant vie for a man while decorating his home for the holidays.
- 11:05 p.m.** (LIFE) **It's a Wonderful Lifetime** Viewers are shown how terrible life would be if Lifetime never produced Christmas movies.
- Midnight** (BET) **A Very Soul Train Christmas**
- (EWTN) **Solemn Mass of Christmas Day** The Solemn Mass of Christmas from the Basilica of the National Shrine.
- (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.
- Wednesday, December 26**
- 1 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.
- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Ice Sculpture Christmas"** (2015) A young woman is roped into an ice sculpture contest with wealthy partner.
- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Christmas Parade"** (2014) A big-city morning show host finds a renewed Christmas spirit and unexpected love.
- 5 p.m.** (TNT) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9:15 p.m.** (AMC) **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas Getaway"** (2017) A recently single writer is forced to share a cabin due to a vacation mix up.

Thursday, December 27

- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Boyfriend for Christmas"** (2004) A girl asks Santa for a boyfriend for Christmas, and her wish comes true years later.
- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Homestead"** (2016) An actress heads to a Christmas-obsessed town to film a movie, and is thrown for a loop.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Detour"** (2015) Two NYC-bound travelers find themselves linked when a storm waylays their flight.
- 6:30 p.m.** (TBN) **The Christmas Experience** The true meaning of Christmas is explored in this special.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **Happy New Year, Charlie Brown** Celebrate with the Peanuts gang in this holiday special, which includes a bonus cartoon.
- 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 "Let It Snow"** (2013) An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.
- 10:05 p.m.** (LIFE) **'Tis the Season: A One Tree Hill Cast Reunion** The Tree Hill Ravens are back together to celebrate the Christmas season.

Friday, December 28

- 1:30 p.m.** (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.
- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Every Christmas Has a Story"** (2016) A TV personality is invited to the most Christmas-y town to try and repair her image.
- 4 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Switched for Christmas"** (2017) Identical twins decide to swap lives for the holidays, learning lessons along the way.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "The Sweetest Christmas"** (2017) A pastry chef must embrace the Christmas spirit or risk losing a chance at love.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen"** (2017) A wish upon a snow globe for a romantic Christmas comes true.

Saturday, December 29

- 2 p.m.** (FOOD) **Christmas Cookie Challenge** Confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Reunited at Christmas"** (2018) A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.
- 8 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Midnight Kiss"** (2018) A family of party planners are given only one week to come up with a New Year's Eve bash.
- 11:30 p.m.** (TBS) **Movie "Love Actually"** (2003) Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays.

Sunday, December 30

- 2 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Gingerbread Romance"** (2018) An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.
- 8 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa"** (2018) A woman returns home for Christmas to discover a historic store has closed.
- 10 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe"** (2018) A career-driven woman's life is turned upside down when her mother gets sick.

Monday, December 31

- 10 a.m.** (HALL) **Movie "A Christmas Melody"** (2015) A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.
- 11 a.m.** (EWTN) **Vespers of Thanksgiving**
- Noon** (HALL) **Movie "A Royal New Year's Eve"** (2017) A fashion designer meets a man when she is hired to design a gown for a socialite.
- 4 p.m.** (EWTN) **Vespers of Thanksgiving**
- (HALL) **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.
- 6 p.m.** (HALL) **Movie "Christmas at Graceland"** (2018) A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.
- 8 p.m.** (ABC) **Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest** Celebrating New Year's Eve live from Times Square in New York City.

(CNN) **New Year's Eve Live with Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen**

(FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Talented bakers compete to create the most irresistibly delicious holiday treats.

(FOX) **New Year's Eve With Steve Harvey** Steve Harvey will be joined by celebrity guests to help ring in the New Year.

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

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10:30 p.m. (EWTN) **The Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** An annual Christmas concert presented by the Catholic University of America.

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Midnight (FOOD) **Holiday Baking Championship** Talented bakers compete to create the most irresistibly delicious holiday treats.

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

Tuesday, January 1

11:30 a.m. (NBC) **Tournament of Roses Parade**

1 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

4:30 p.m. (TBN) **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.

11:05 p.m. (LIFE) **It's a Wonderful Lifetime** Viewers are shown how terrible life would be if Lifetime never produced Christmas movies.

Uncle Ron's Christmas Eve Wassail

By Jacqueline Spendlove
TV Media

Wassail is a hot, mulled punch with strong Yuletide associations. The sweet and spicy aroma makes for a warm and welcoming atmosphere for friends and family gathered on Christmas Eve.

Ingredients:

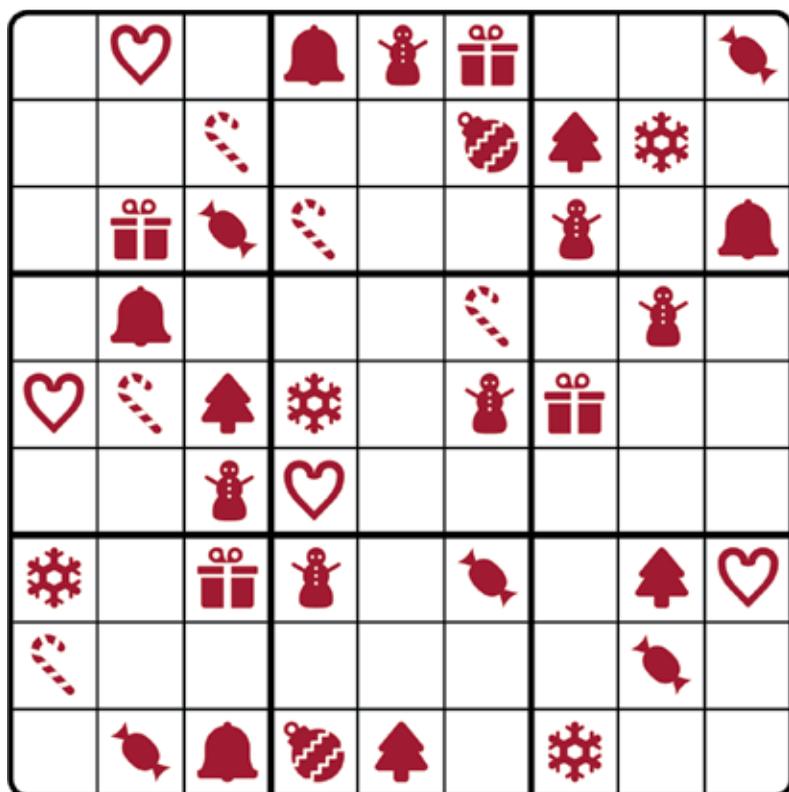
- 4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- 4 cups apple juice
- 1 cup apricot nectar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 6-inch piece cinnamon stick
- 1 tbsp whole cloves (or less)
- ¼ tsp cardamom
- 1 ½ cup rum, or to taste (optional)

Directions:

1. Combine ingredients, except rum, and bring to a boil.
2. Simmer 20 minutes.
3. Strain.
4. Add rum (if using) and heat through.
5. Serve in a heatproof punch bowl.



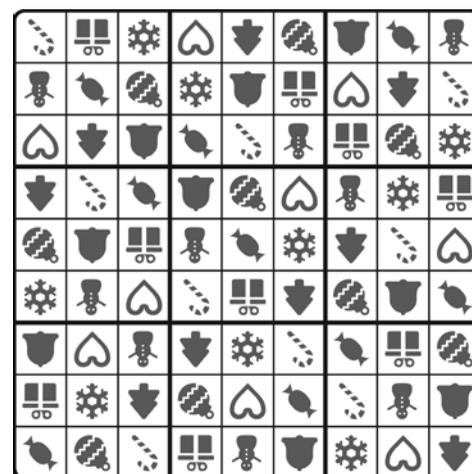
Holiday Pictogram Sudoku



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



Solution



Spend the Holidays with us!

Family

Little Women
Sundays, December 16, 23, & 30 at 8 pm

**Lidia Celebrates America:
A Heartland Holiday Feast**
Tuesday, December 18 at 9 pm

Nigella: At My Table Christmas Special
Wednesday, December 19 at 8 pm

Call The Midwife Holiday Special
Tuesday, December 26 at 9 pm

Music

Holiday Hand Bells: The Raleigh Ringers
Monday, December 17 at 9 pm

Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Monday, December 24 at 9 pm

**Live from Lincoln Center New York Philharmonic
New Year's Eve with Renee Fleming**
Monday, December 31 at 9 pm

Austin City Limits Hall Of Fame New Year's Eve
Monday, December 31 at 10:30 pm

Kids

Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas
Monday, December 10 at 7 am and 5 pm

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas
Monday, December 10 at 8 am and 2 pm

Let's Go Luna!: Luna's Christmas Around the World
Monday, December 10 at 9 am and 3 pm

Arthur's Perfect Christmas
Tuesday, December 11 at 7 am

BGSU HOCKEY LIVE!
BGSU vs. Minnesota State – Saturday, December 15 at 7 pm

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