Tune in to the Magic on Christmas Morning! The 29th Annual Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade Airs December 25 on the ABC Television Network

Lady Antebellum Headlines Star-Studded Special with Backstreet Boys, Colbie Caillat, Brad Paisley, Yolanda Adams, Classic Holiday Characters & Favorite Disney Friends

Anaheim, Calif. and Lake Buena Vista, Fla.,: Dec. 3, 2012 – Music, magic and merriment come together when Disneyland Resort in California and Walt Disney World Resort in Florida present the 29th annual "Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade" holiday TV special, airing December 25 on the ABC Television Network. Hosts **Nick Cannon** and **Mario Lopez,** along with co-host **Maria Menounos**, lead the two-hour telecast with GRAMMY® Award-winning trio **Lady Antebellum** headlining the seasonal celebration. Joining the trio during the coast-to-coast party are international superstars **Backstreet Boys**, soulful pop songstress **Colbie Caillat**, CMA Award winner **Brad Paisley**, Christian music chart-topper **TobyMac**, "American Idol" Season 11 champion **Phillip Phillips**, Gospel legend **Yolanda Adams** and Disney Channel star **Ross Lynch**.

The award-winning television spectacular also features special appearances by **Sarah Hyland**, **Nolan Gould** and **Aubrey Emmons-Anderson** from ABC's hit comedy "Modern Family," Olympic Gold Medal-winning gymnast **Gabrielle Douglas**, and the popular pint-sized duo from daytime TV, **Sophia Grace** & **Rosie**. Travel expert and television personality **Samantha Brown** checks in throughout the program, filling families in on the fun they can experience at Disney Parks in the upcoming year. Brown also will share other ways to vacation with Disney, including *Aulani – A Disney Resort & Spa* in Hawaii, Adventures by Disney and *Disney Cruise Line*.

Don't Miss a Moment of the Magic!

Tune-in times are as follows, on the ABC Television Network (check local listings):

- Eastern Standard Time: 10 a.m.-noon
- Central, Mountain, Pacific Standard Time: 9-11 a.m.

The show also will air in Canada on CBC Network, and across the globe on the American Forces Network.

Viewers can visit **disney.go.com/christmasparade** for updates on the show and join the social media conversation before and during the telecast with the hashtag, **#DisneyParade**.

Star-Studded Sounds of the Season:

**talent and performances subject to change*

From country crooners to princes of pop, some of today's top musical talents lend their voices to celebrate the holidays in this year's "Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade" TV special:

- Country/pop supergroup **Lady Antebellum** shares a song from their brand-new holiday album, *On This Winter's Night;*
- Celebrating their 20th anniversary, **Backstreet Boys** are back – just in time for the holidays – with a new single "It's Christmas Time Again";
- Acoustic queen **Colbie Caillat** shares a sun-drenched ballad from her newest album, *Christmas in the Sand;*

- Country superstar **Brad Paisley** joins his pals Lightning McQueen and Mater for a revved-up performance in the brand-new Cars Land at Disneyland Resort.
- Musician/actor **Ross Lynch**, from the Disney Channel hit show “Austin and Ally,” keeps the party jumping with his high-energy tune, “Christmas Soul.”
- Christian rock chart-topper **TobyMac** takes the stage in Disneyland Park to perform his hit tune, “Christmas This Year.”
- “American Idol” Season 11 winner **Phillip Phillips** performs the Christmas classic, “I’ll Be Home For Christmas.”
- Gospel legend **Yolanda Adams** belts out a rendition of the inspirational tune, “Joy To The World.”
- Cast members from Disney’s **Newsies: The Musical**, “carry the banner” down Main Street, U.S.A., with a performance from the Tony® Award-winning musical;
- Olympian **Gabrielle Douglas** makes a golden appearance in the procession as the **West Carteret High School Marching Patriots** from Morehead, N.C., sounds an Olympic fanfare;
- “Pup Stars” from the new Disney Blu-ray Combo Pack and Digital HD holiday film “Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups” will help “deck the paws” with a special appearance along the parade route;
- The telecast will feature a special salute to our **Armed Forces** and **Veterans**, including: a star-spangled celebration when the **United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band** marches down Main Street, U.S.A., led by Drum Major Gunnery Sergeant **Jesse Barta**.

A Christmas Fantasy Comes to Life

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From fairy tales to classic Christmas carols, Disney friends and holiday characters spread joy and good tidings through Disneyland Park in California and the Magic Kingdom Park in Florida with fanciful floats and colorful cavalcades. Some of the featured floats and Disney friends in this year’s festivities include:

- **Princess Merida,** from the DisneyŸPixar animated film “Brave,” makes her holiday parade debut. The bow and arrow-wielding heroine celebrates Scottish heritage with a troupe of dancers, bagpipers and drummers;
- Popular gadget-building brothers from the smash-hit Disney XD animated series, **Phineas & Ferb**, dance down the parade route to greet their fans (sharp-eyed viewers also might spot the mysterious **Agent P** lurking about);
- **Mickey Mouse** and **Minnie Mouse** show off their holiday best atop an ornate Christmas Tree float, accompanied by one of Mickey’s good pals, **Duffy the Disney Bear**;
- **Donald Duck, Daisy Duck** and **Goofy** have a “soundsational” good time, following a drum line of merry musicians;
- May the holidays be with you! *Star Wars* villain **Darth Vader** and his legion of loyal **Stormtroopers** land in the Disney Parks galaxy with a “Force”-ful parade march;
- Disney Princesses **Tiana**, **Rapunzel**, **Mulan**, **Pocahontas**, **Cinderella, Snow White, Belle, Aurora, Jasmine** , along with their charming princes, join the procession in regal fashion. Direct from Disney Junior, **Sofia the First** makes her “Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade” debut in a royal, horse-drawn carriage.
- It’s a “pirate-palooza” as Disney Junior stars **Jake and the Never Land Pirates** commandeer the holiday festivities with some help from the most infamous scallywags to sail the high seas, **Capt. Jack Sparrow** and **Capt. Barbossa** from the “Pirates of the Caribbean” film saga and theme park attractions;
- How about a little Hunny and Pixie Dust to start your Christmas Day? **Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore** lead the way on shiny sleds with **Tinker Bell,** her sister **Periwinkle** and a fleet of sparking snowflakes skating close behind;
- Viewers get a sneak-peek into Santa’s factory where “Toy Story” saga stars **Buzz Lightyear, Woody**, **Jessie, Bullseye** and **Lotso** spring to life in celebration of the season;
- Longtime ‘toon favorites **Horace Horsecollar** and **Clarabelle Cow** join everyone’s favorite chipmunks, **Chip and Dale**, and Duckburg’s richest resident, **Scrooge McDuck,** on a float of Winter Wonderland fun;
- Plenty more DisneyŸPixar pals join the party, including **The Incredibles**, **Sully**, **Mike** & **Boo** from “Monsters Inc.,” **Dug, Russell** and **Carl** from “Up,” and **Remy** from “Ratatouille.”
- The famous Disney Parks **Toy Soldiers** and **Gingerbread Men** join enchanted elves, pretty paper packages and stuffed-to-the-brim Christmas stockings to let everyone know that the holidays are here;
- And what would a Christmas parade be without The North Pole’s most famous red-suited resident? Holiday

spirit is felt in every heart when **Santa Claus** and his reindeer make their holly jolly way down Main Street, U.S.A.

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