

Celebrate 30 Years of Disney Magic on Christmas Morning! 'Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade' Airs December 25 on ABC

Neil Patrick Harris & Nick Cannon Host 30th Annual Celebration with Performances by Mary J. Blige, Ne-Yo, Demi Lovato, Jordin Sparks, Jason Derulo and more

Anaheim, Calif. and Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Dec. 10, 2013– Award-winning actors **Neil Patrick Harris** and **Nick Cannon** will join television anchor **Lara Spencer** in the holly jolly spotlight Dec. 25, 2013, to host the “Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade” television special. Harris, star of stage and screen, will host the telecast from Walt Disney World Resort in Florida while Cannon, who hosted last year’s “Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade”, will head to “The Happiest Place on Earth” at Disneyland Resort. Spencer, a lifestyle journalist and co-anchor of ABC’s “Good Morning America,” will be the show’s special correspondent.

The 30th annual holiday special will air nationwide Christmas morning at 10 a.m. EST and 9 a.m. CST, MST and PST on ABC-TV. The show also will air in Canada on CBC Network and across the globe on the American Forces Network.

The festivities at Disneyland Resort in California feature **Mary J. Blige** singing yuletide carols from her new album, “A Mary Christmas,” a duet by “American Idol” Season 6 winner **Jordin Sparks** and **Jason Derulo**, as well as special performances by **Demi Lovato**, the cast of “**Teen Beach Movie**” and **Dove Cameron**. Season’s greetings will be had by all at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida with a gleeful rendition of “Let Me Love You” by Grammy Award-winning R&B artist **Ne-Yo**, along with star-studded sounds by English-Irish boy band **The Wanted**, Italian vocal trio **Il Volo**, “American Idol” Season 12 champion **Candice Glover** and more.

Guests are encouraged to visit disney.com/christmasparade for details on the telecast, local broadcast times and talent updates. Guests also can join the conversation online with the hashtag **#DisneyParade**.

A Morning of Merriment and Magic

Christmas spirit comes to life as Mickey and the gang help celebrate this pixie-dusted season with holiday friends. Classic Disney and Pixar characters spread joy and cheer from festive floats and merry marches at Disneyland Park in California and the Magic Kingdom Park in Florida.

*characters/floats subject to change

- **Mickey and Minnie** welcome the season aboard the Christmas tree float with their pal **Duffy the Disney Bear**

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- **Elsa** and **Anna**, from Disney's hit animated film "Frozen," make their holiday debut as they join a royal court down Main Street, U.S.A.;
- **Belle** and **Beast** join in the regal procession in a holiday tale as old as time along with Princesses **Cinderella**, **Tiana**, **Aurora**, **Ariel**, **Rapunzel**, **Jasmine**, **Pocahontas**, **Merida**, **Snow White** and **Mulan** accompanied by **Prince Naveen**, **Prince Phillip**, **Prince Charming**, **Prince Eric**, **Flynn Rider** and **Aladdin**;
- It's a winter wonderland with the Disney ducks! Everyone's favorite nephews **Huey**, **Dewey** and **Louie**, arrive on a Ski Shoppe Float followed by Mr. Bah Humbug himself **Scrooge McDuck**;
- **Donald** and **Daisy** celebrate in style aboard a chalet trailed by a sprinkling of holiday magic from dazzling ice skaters;
- A classic Disney holiday parade wouldn't be complete without **Goofy**, **Pluto**, and their furry woodland friends, **Chip** and **Dale**;
- Pixie dust and Christmas magic will join **Tinker Bell**, **Peter Pan** and **Wendy** as they "think of the happiest things" this season;
- "Toy Story" stars **Woody**, **Buzz Lightyear**, **Jessie**, **Bullseye** and **Mr. Potato Head** take the season to infinity and beyond;
- Celebrate time off from school with Monster University students **Sully**, **Mike**, **Terry**, **Squishy**, **Art** and **Roz**, then cruise down the lane with "Cars" stars **Lightning McQueen**, **Mater** and more;
- **Santa Claus** is coming to town! Hearts of young and old will be overjoyed when they see the jolly man in the famous red suit coming down the happiest street in America – Main Street, U.S.A.

Tune In to the Season's Greetings!

The 30th Annual "Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade" airs Christmas Day on ABC-TV. The show also will air in Canada on CBC Network, and across the globe on the American Forces Network. For viewing times, please reference your local listings or visit disney.com/christmasparade.

*Airtime varies per city/time zone—please check local listings

- Eastern Time Zone: 10 a.m.
- Central Time Zone: 9 a.m.
- Mountain Time Zone: 9 a.m.
- Pacific Time Zone: 9 a.m.

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Editor's Notes/Not for Publication:

*The special will air on Dec. 25, 2013 at different times in each time zone—please see the chart within the release for local times.

**High-resolution photographs from the 2013 "Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade" taping can be downloaded for news/editorial purposes at the following URL:
<https://plus.google.com/photos/102654619464558270370/albums/5954347956856694977?authkey=CN2Yy8zqmO3jygE>

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