

Christmas Collection

All I Want For Christmas



A child who's never had a dad suddenly gets two

To be truthful, nine-year-old Taffy and her single mother Julia are doing quite well without men. But with Christmas coming and Taffy playing the lead role in the school play, there's nothing Taffy would like better for the holidays than her father. Julia finds the idea less appealing; after all, Taffy's father Robert abandoned Julia when she was pregnant. But Julia, who's never told Taffy the truth, doesn't have the heart to disappoint her. Desperate, she persuades her straitlaced, fastidious colleague Volker to impersonate Taffy's long-lost father, an "Arctic explorer" who's just come back in from the cold. All goes surprisingly well - until Robert, the real father, shows up. He loves Julia, he says, and wants to start over from scratch. Though she's a master liar, Julia can't fib her way out of this predicament much longer, particularly since Volker is falling in love with her, and Taffy likes both "dads"!

Title	All I Want For Christmas...
Genre	Family Entertainment
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Produced by	Produced by Endemol Filmproduktion München for ProSieben in association with Beta

Christmas Magic



If love works wonders, then Christmas must be a time of miracles

It's Christmas in Vienna, but it's none too merry for widowed architect Johannes "Joe" Müller. Thanks to a colleague's dirty tricks, Joe just got fired by the new boss - whom he has yet to meet - of his architectural bureau, Marie-Theresa "Tessa" Thorwald. Johannes, who won't give up without a fight, starts legal proceedings against Ms. Thorwald.

Though troubled by his legal debacle, Joe does find a bit of Christmas cheer in the company of a beautiful young woman he just met, the mother of one of his daughter's schoolmates. As "Joe" and "Tessa," they fall in love, neither realizing who the other actually is. So while Joe bitterly complains to Tessa about his heartless boss, Tessa, in her turn, is filing a cross action against her ex-employee Johannes.

Tessa soon realizes who Joe really is, but by now the trial date has been set. The couple come face to face in court, and all that Johannes feels is the blow to his heart. Though the situation seems hopeless, some of that Christmas spirit that swirls through Vienna like snowflakes happens to fall upon Tessa and Joe - and works its wondrous magic...

Title	Christmas Magic
Genre	Drama
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Produced by	Produced by DOR Film for ZDF / ORF in association with KirchMedia

For Heaven's Sake – It's Christmas



And they thought they were going to Rome just to see the Pope

It's just two days before Christmas and Mayor Wöller is ecstatic over his invitation for an audience with the Pope in the Holy City. Not wanting to go alone, he hustles the impetuous Sister Hanna with the help of a tidy donation into sneaking away from her duties at the convent to accompany him.

They are dazzled by the festive sights of Rome, but are floored to learn that the "audience with the Pope" means to be IN the audience, with over 300 other faithful pilgrims. To make matters worse, Hanna's Reverend Mother has discovered that she's flown the coop and wants her back immediately. That's going to take some heavenly assistance, because Rome is suddenly paralyzed by a massive transportation strike.

Fueled by little more than Hanna's prayers, their crazy trip back sees them overcoming one disaster after another. After taking under their wing the pregnant and distraught Laura, they finally putt-putt into town in a tiny three-wheeler. Hanna, overjoyed to discover the Christmas miracles that await them, realizes that the Lord works in strange ways indeed...

Title	For Heaven's Sake - It's Christmas
Genre	Drama
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Starring	Janina Hartwig, Fritz Wepper, Rosel Zech
Produced by	Produced by ndF for ARD Degeto in association with Beta

It's never too late for Santa



All it takes is a mother's love, a town's good will and a little imagination

Nothing can make little Lena happier than a good old-fashioned Christmas with a Christmas tree, the Nativity play, lots of snow, and her parents - even though they've separated. But just a few days before the Big Day, Lena goes skating and breaks through the ice, nearly drowning in the freezing water.

She's rescued, but falls into a coma. When she awakens, it's nearly Easter, and the town is gearing up for its first Spring Flower Festival. Lena is too weak to be told the truth about the holiday season that didn't wait for her. Desperate not to worsen her daughter's condition, Lena's mother pretends that Christmas is still coming.

But how to get Lena home without her noticing all the Flower Festival decorations... With lots of willpower and persuasiveness, the child's resolute mother gets the town to band together and disguise the Spring Festival as Christmas - and even put on a Nativity play that Lena will never forget.

Title	It's Never Too Late For Santa
Genre	Family Entertainment
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Produced by	Produced by Filmproduktion Janus for Sat.1 in association with Beta

A Little Love for Santa



And who fulfills Santa's wishes?

Everyone loves Santa Claus. But after he has delivered his gifts and everyone is gathered around the Christmas tree, he's the loneliest person in the world. After all, who fulfills his wishes?

Especially this Christmas, when he has a big one: to be loved for himself, and not as Santa. No sooner has he uttered his wish than he lands in Paula's back yard. A mother of two, Paula is young, beautiful and sad: her husband Michael disappeared a year ago. What she can't know is that he lost his memory in an accident... Nick, as Santa calls himself, moves in with Paula and her kids.

He soon falls in love with Paula, in addition to making himself indispensable as a housekeeper and nanny. Then he spots her husband Michael one day: now a homeless person, Michael has become something of a Santa Claus himself, organizing gift collections for poor children. Seeing Michael doing Santa's work ultimately prompts Nick to take a brave but painful decision.

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Genre	Family Entertainment
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Produced by	Produced by in co-production with MEDIAFONDS1 / FILMLINE in association with Beta

Messy Christmas

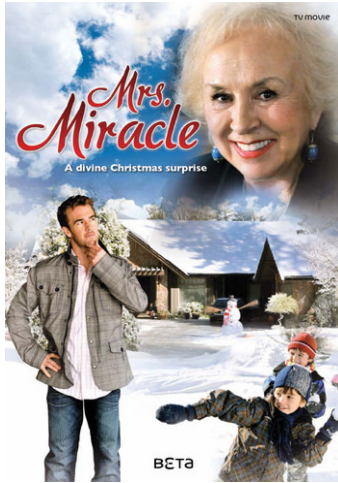


Starring Martina Gedeck (The Lives of Others, Mostly Martha) and Heino Ferch (Downfall)

SARA is a happy woman. She loves JAN, her fourth husband, and her hodgepodge of a family which includes her three children by three men and Jan's son from his first marriage. For their Christmas celebrations, Sara has invited all their Exes, complete with new partners and assorted children. Jan is far from pleased, but before he can avert the looming disaster, everybody is already knocking on their door. The evening runs its course, with small jibes and lots of spite, with male bonding in the sauna and petty jealousies. Secrets are uncovered, misunderstandings multiply. And as the icing on the Christmas pudding, Sara announces in front of the whole company what her present for Jan will be: She is pregnant! Too bad Jan cannot be the father and even worse that Sara doesn't know that...

Title	Messy Christmas
Genre	Romantic Comedy
Category	Feature Film
Format	two hours
Starring	Martina Gedeck, Heino Ferch, Jasmin Tabatabai
Directed by	Vanessa Jopp
Produced by	X Film Creative Pool, in coproduction with WDR, Arte, Arte France Cinéma, Label Télé, in cooperation with Filmlance International

Mrs. Miracle



A divine Christmas surprise

The Christmas lights are up, there's snow in the yard, but forget the "silent night:" at the house of Seth Webster and his two little twins Judd and Jason, there's no peace to be found. Not in Seth's heart, which has yet to heal since his adored wife passed away a few years ago. And not among his two boys, whose mischievous ways have proven 100% nanny-resistant up to now. Enter Mrs. Merkle, a warm-hearted, upbeat godsend of a nanny, who seems to possess a magical gift for taming the wild little devils. She also seems to be blessed with the gift of matchmaking, as she "accidentally" brings Seth together with Reba, a young woman who has never gotten over the anguish her sister caused her four years earlier. Mrs. Merkle - whom the children call "Mrs. Miracle" - discreetly gives advice to Seth and Reba about forgiveness, letting go, and making peace with the past. With the help of a school Christmas pageant and some heaven-sent coincidences, Mrs. Miracle sends Seth and Reba on a journey that's a miracle in itself: the path to true love.

Title	Mrs. Miracle
Genre	Drama
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Starring	James Van Der Beek , Erin Karpluk, Doris Roberts
Directed by	Michael Scott
Produced by	Hallmark Channel presents a Dan Wigutow Production, Inc. & KZ Production in association with Beta

Ms. Scrooge



Ebenita Scrooge is the sole owner of the Marley and Scrooge Loan agency now that Miss Marley has passed away. Since her father tragically died broke and destitute, Ebenita swore that she would never depend on anyone else again. Now rich and selfish, she knows no charity. Business is business she says, and even the poor folk that vainly seek her help feel a bewildered pity for such a hard and ungenerous woman as she. Bob Cratchit is her main bookkeeper, and he is in desperate need to earn more money for his son Tim's cancer operations, but Ebenita tightfistedly offers no raises or bonuses and he must keep the job to provide food for his family.

It's now Christmas Eve, and the spirit of giving and caring is everywhere, except in the sullen heart of Ebenita Scrooge. After instructing her employees that they must work additional hours with no pay for not working on Christmas day, she turns down an offer for Christmas dinner from her nephew, Father Luke, and goes home alone to her mansion.

At home she is confronted by the miserable ghost of her old boss, Miss Marley, whose only chance at salvation is to help Ebenita change her miserly ways. Miss Marley has the aid of three spirits, which will one by one through this night visit Ebenita and hopefully make her realize how dismal and cold is the life she leads.

The first is the Spirit of Christmas Past, and he takes Ebenita back to her childhood to her best Christmas ever, and then on to her father's tragic end. The second is the Spirit of Christmas Present, and he shows her how the poor people who she coldly turns away are still rich with the spirit of giving. The third is the Spirit of Christmas to Come, and Ebenita sees Cratchit's boy Tim succumb to his cancer, and her own death for which nobody mourned. Shaken to the core by the experience and begging for it not to be too late, Ebenita awakes on Christmas Day with a light and joyful heart bursting to give, and proceeds to atone for her selfish and wasted life.

Title	Ms. Scrooge
Genre	Drama
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Starring	Cicely Tyson, Michael Beach, John Bourgeois, Raeven Larrimore Kelly
Directed by	John Korty
Produced by	Power Pictures in association with Wilshire Court Productions and Kirch Media

Santa Claudia



Even Santa can fall in love

Christmas is coming, and single mom Claudia won't be able to afford the language course her oldest boy wishes for unless she takes an extra job. As fate would have it, she ends up as a department-store Santa in the very store she works at part-time.

Everyone there is on edge since the son of the store's American owners, Michael Mansfield, has flown in to check up on things. Michael falls in love with Claudia, but even though she's interested, she's also fiercely independent and suspects that he's patronizing her.

It's not until he sends Claudia's alias - she in her Santa Claus costume - to cheer up his little daughter Alison in the hospital that Claudia realizes how unfair she's been towards him: Michael is still mourning his wife, who died in a car accident that left Alison seriously injured. In the true spirit of Christmas, Claudia arranges a wonderful surprise that brings cheer to Alison's heart - and fulfills Michael's greatest wish.

Title	Santa Claudia
Genre	Romantic Comedy
Category	TV Movie
Format	two hours
Produced by	Produced by Arbor TV Filmproduktion GmbH for ProSieben in association with Beta