

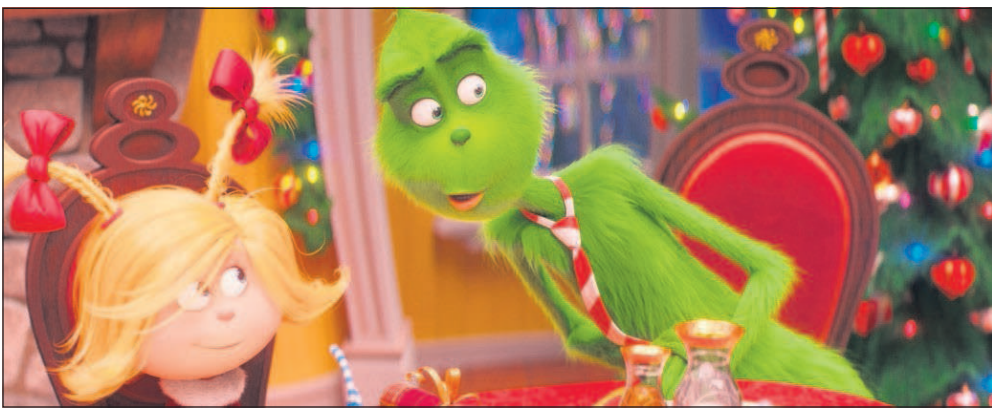
Review: This new ‘Grinch’ will make you flinch

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Every Who down in Whoville gets a new Grinch this season. Why, you may ask? The idea defies reason. Does the classic need help from a hot Cumberbatch? Or is this strange union a bizarre mismatch?

The Grinch is the story you learned as an infant, starting a Christmas-hating heel and his doggie assistant. The fuzzy green villain hopes to make holiday gloom. Just like a wicked witch, but without the broom. He targets presents intended for tots. Oh, how horrific is this nasty crackpot.

Seuss never explained what prompted this act. Perhaps the Grinch wore shoes too compact? (Or maybe, just maybe,



Cindy-Lou Who, voiced by Cameron Seely, left, and Grinch, voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch, in a scene from ‘The Grinch.’

his head had been whacked?) Should he consult a cardiologist chart? The answer is clear: It’s because of his heart.

In “Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch,” liberties are taken. Some are just padding, some quite mistaken. It’s suggested that our old friend the Grinch is an orphan, as though that excuses inflicting misfortune. There’s a new sidekick, a plump reindeer named Fred, and the remaking of Cindy’s mom as unwed.

(Could she be a love for the small-hearted bad boy? Kind of, maybe, but look, this isn’t Tolstoy).

Any-who, our Grinch decides to cancel the holiday, or make it as boring as

say, Groundhog Day. He hops inside chimneys to Hoover up toys, certain to do it with an insouciant poise. Remember, this guy is the anti-merry — the same one played not long ago by Jim Carrey. Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the part, with an American accent — to give him less heart?

Our narrator here is Pharrell Williams, whose brief days at work likely paid him zillions. Kenan Thompson of “Saturday Night Live” fame, delivers a character who is kind of lame. But Angela Lansbury has a nice cameo (that woman’s as priceless as an unearthed Van Gogh).

The Grinch, diabolically, dresses like Santa Claus, in an ultra-evil cloud of guffaws. He beats by a few hours the real Kris Kringle. (No wonder

this loner creature never mingles.) But a run-in with Cindy, as sweet as chocolate liquor, makes something grow huge — that’s right, it’s his ticker.

The Whos down in Whoville don’t mind that they’re gift-less. They gather together, sing and bear witness. Christ-mas, they say, isn’t about treasure: It’s about family, friends and being together. Then they tuck into roast beast. You, on the other hand, may feel fleeced.

Credit goes to the film’s visual effects folk, who make fur alive and give texture to smoke. But retreading this story with a Cumberbatch, should send Hollywood bigwigs to the booby hatch. Before you buy tickets and plan a nice dinner, ask who exactly in Whoville thought this a winner?

THE DAILY ASTORIAN														TV SCHEDULE														Evening listings FRIDAY—SUNDAY			
														A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														NOVEMBER 9			
FRIDAY EVENING		6 PM		6:30		7 PM		7:30		8 PM		8:30		9 PM		9:30		10 PM		10:30		11 PM		11:30							
2	KATU	(2)	KATU News at 6 (N)				Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)		Fresh Off-Boat (N)		Speechless (N)		Child Support (N)				20/20				News (N)		(35) H.S. Blitz						
5	KOMO	(4)	KOMO 4 News (N)				Wheel Fortune (N)		Jeopardy! (N)		Fresh Off-Boat (N)		Speechless (N)		Child Support (N)				20/20				KOMO 4 News (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel						
6	KING	(5)	NBC News (N)		KING 5 News (N)		KING 5 News (N)		Evening		Blindspot (N)				Midnight "To Witch Hell and Back" (N)				Dateline NBC				KING 5 News (N)		(35) Tonight Show						
6	KOIN	(5)	KOIN Local 6 (N)		Evening News (N)		Extra		Ent. Tonight (N)		MacGyver (N)				Hawaii Five-0 (N)				Blue Bloods "By Hook or By Crook" (N)				News (N)		(35) Colbert						
6	KIRO	(7)	KIRO 7 News (N)		Evening News (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)		Ent. Tonight (N)		MacGyver (N)				Hawaii Five-0 (N)				Blue Bloods "By Hook or By Crook" (N)				KIRO 7 News (N)		(35) Colbert						
8	KGW	(5)	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)				Tonight Cassidy		Inside Edition		Blindspot (N)				Midnight "To Witch Hell and Back" (N)				Dateline NBC				News (N)		(35) Tonight Show						
9	KRCW	(3)	Modern Family		Modern Family		The Goldbergs		The Goldbergs		Dynasty "Queen of Cups" (N)				ExGirlfriend "I'm So Happy For You" (N)				News (N)		Friends		Two and a Half		Two and a Half						
10	KOPB	(10)	Curious Traveler		Business (N)		PBS NewsHour (N)				800 Words				Hinterland 1/2		(50) Hinterland "Both Barrels" Pt. 2 of 2		(35) Silent Witness				Falling Angels" 1/2		Silent Witness 2/2						
12	KPTV	(12)	News (N)		Timbers in 30		Family Feud		Family Feud		Last Man St. (N)		The Cool Kids (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Hot Potato" (N)				News (N)		Fri Night		News (N)		Page Six TV						
13	KPDx	(5)	Mike & Molly		Mike & Molly		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Prime News (N)				Prime News (N)				Big Bang Theory		Family Guy		American Dad!		The Game						
13	KCPQ	(13)	Modern Family		Modern Family		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Last Man St. (N)		The Cool Kids (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Hot Potato" (N)				Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)				Talkin' Huskies		Most Wanted						
20	TBS	(20)	Family Guy		Family Guy		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		*** Iron Man 3 (2013, Action)		Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr..						(45) ELeague						Movie						
20	KZJO	(22)	Black-ish		Black-ish		Mom		Modern Family		Mom				Modern Family		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half		Two and a Half						
29	ESPN	(29)	(4:00) NCAA Basket.		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz (L)								(50) After Buzzer		Q13 Sports with Scott Van Pelt (N)				SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)								
29	ESPN2	(30)	(4:00) NCAA Football		Lville/Syr. (L)		Football Score. (15) NCAA Football		Fresno State at Boise State (L)						SportsCenter (N)				Around the Horn (15) NCAA Basketball				Yale vs. California								
31	NICK	(31)	The Loud House		The Loud House		The Loud House		The Loud House		Double Dare		Double Dare		To Be Announced								Friends		(35) Friends						
32	DISN	(32)	Bunk'd		Bunk'd		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Coop & Cami (N)		Raven's Home		Raven's Home		Coop & Cami		Andi Mack		Coop & Cami		Raven's Home						
34	FAM	(34)	(5:10) Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Sq...		(15) Storks (2016, Animated) Katie Crown, Kelsey Grammer, Andy Samberg.										(20) *** The Nightmare Before Christmas		(93) Chris Sarandon.						The 700 Club								
35	FMC	(35)	(15) *** Prometheus		(2012, Adventure) Logan Marshall-Green, Michael Fassbender, Noomi Rapace.						(35) *** Pompeii		(2014, Adventure) Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.						About Last Night		(2014, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy.										
36	LIFE	(36)	Christmas in the City (2013, Family)		Beverly Leech, Ashanti, John Prescott.						[A Gift Wrapped Christmas (15) Travis Milne, Beverley Mitchell, Meredith Hagner.								(05) Wish Upon a Christmas		(15) Larisa Oleynik, Alan Thicke, Aaron Ashmore.										
38	ROOT	(38)	Press Pass		Press Pass		FootballWeek (N)		The Fantasy Football Hour				H.S. Football												Hot Rod						
39	FS1	(39)	(5:30) NASCAR Truck Racing Lucas Oil 150 (L)				NASCAR Drag Racing Auto Club Finals								Speak for Yourself				TMZ Sports (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed		Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.								
43	SPIKE	(43)	Mom		Mom		Friends		Friends		*** Two Fast Two Furious		(2003, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes, Paul Walker.						*** Four Brothers		(05, Act) Tyrese Gibson, Mark Wahlberg.										
44	COM	(44)	(15) South Park		(50) South Park				(25) South Park		Cleveland Show		Cleveland Show		Cleveland Show		Cleveland Show		Kevin Hart: Seriously Funny				ComedyCellar (N)		Seriously Funny						
45	HIST	(45)	Ancient Aliens "The Alien Wars"				Ancient Aliens "Pyramids of Antarctica"																								
46	A&E	(46)	(5:00) Live PD								Live PD (105) Live PD "Rewind"				Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)																
47	TLC	(47)	Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes-Dress		90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Rough Landings"		Ashley and Jay land in America.		90 Day Fiancé (N)		Wedding "Gypsy Sisters Bridal Brawl"						90 Day Fiancé								
48	DISC	(48)	Gold Rush "Smoked Out"				Gold Rush "Gods and Monsters"				Gold Rush: Pay Dirt "Durt Reynolds" (N)				Rush "The Return of Freddy Dodge" (N)				Arms "American Long Rifle" (N)				Master of Arms "Flintlock Axe Pistol"								
49	NGEO	(49)	Lockdown "Inside the Kill Fence"				To Catch a Smuggler "Hidden Heroin"				Catch a Smuggler "Coke in the Coat"				To Catch a Smuggler "Search & Seize"								Catch a Smuggler "Coke in the Coat"								
50	TNT	(50)	NCIS: New Orleans "Pandora's Box"				NCIS: New Orleans "End of the Line"				Central Intelligence (2016, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan, Dwayne Johnson.				*** G.I. Joe: Retaliation		(13) Dwayne Johnson, Adrianne Palicki, Channing Tatum.														
51	AMC	(51)	(4:00) Pirates of the Caribbean: The ...		*** The Day After Tomorrow		(2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.				*** 1, Robot		(2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Alan Tudyk, Will Smith.																		
52	USA	(52)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family						
53	FOOD	(53)	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins						
54	HGTV	(54)	House Hunters		House Hunters		House Hunters		House Hunters		My Dream Home		My Dream Home		My Dream Home		My Dream Home		Hit Properties (N)		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters						
56	FX	(56)	The Boss (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell, Peter Dinklage, Melissa McCarthy.				*** Ghostbusters		(2016, Action) Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Melissa McCarthy.																Ghostbusters (16)						
57	CNN	(57)	Cuomo Prime Time				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon				Anderson Cooper 360				Cuomo Prime Time				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon								
58	FNC	(58)	Hannity				The Ingraham Angle				Fox News @ Night				The Five				Hannity				The Ingraham Angle								
61	CNBC	(61)	Shark Tank				Shark Tank				Shark Tank				Shark Tank "Top 10 Rules For Success"				Shark Tank				Paid Program		Paid Program						
63	BRV	(63)	Get a Room With Carson and Thom				Buying It Blind "Jennifer and Eric"				Buying It Blind "Gigi and Adrian" (N)				Get a Room (N)				Sweet Home (N)				Buying It Blind "Gigi and Adrian"								
64	TCM	(64)	Movie		(45) *** Having a		Wild Weekend (65) Barbara Ferris, Lenny Davidson.				The Wild Affair (1963, Comedy)								(15) *** Wild Boys of the Road		(33) Frankie Darro.		Movie								
65	SYFY	(65)	(4:30) I Am Number Four Alex Pettyfer.				(55) *** Men in Black		(97) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.						Z Nation "Limbo" (N)				Van Helsing "Like Suicide" (N)				Z Nation "Limbo"								
66	RFD	(66)	County Report (N)		FarmHer (N)		Chasing (N)				The Jimmy Dean Show				Rural News (N)				Country's Family Reunion				County Reporter		Chasing-Madison						
SATURDAY EVENING														A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach														NOVEMBER 10			
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2	KATU	(2)	(5:00) NCAA Football (L)										Jeopardy!		Wheel of Fortune		Paid Program		Nightline Prime				News (N)		(35) HonorWrestle						
5	KOMO	(4)	(5:00) NCAA Football (L)										KOMO 4 News		Seattle Refined		Jeopardy!		Nightline Prime				KOMO 4 News (N)		(35) HonorWrestle						
6	KING	(5)	(4:30) NCAA Football Florida State at Notre Dame (L)								Evening Evergreen		Saturday Night Live (L)						Dateline				KING 5 News (N)		Sat. Night Live						
6	KOIN	(5)	KOIN 6 News (N)		Weekend News (N)		Entertainment Tonight Weekend				NCIS "Two Steps Back"				FBI "Green Birds"				48 Hours				News (N)		(35) Amer.Ninja						
6	KIRO	(7)	Weekend News (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)		Steve Raible		Right This Minute		NCIS "Two Steps Back"				FBI "Green Birds"				48 Hours				KIRO 7 News (N)		(35) Wipeout						
8	KGW	(5)	(4:30) NCAA Football Florida State at Notre Dame (L)								Paid Program		Saturday Night Live (L)						Dateline Saturday Night Mystery				News (N)		Sat. Night Live						
9	KRCW	(3)	Modern Family		Modern Family		Mom		Mom		Two and a Half		Two and a Half		Two and a Half		Two and a Half		News (N)		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Impractical Jokers						
10	KOPB	(10)	Great British Baking "Sweet Dough"				Travel: Art Wolfe		Steves' Europe		Doc Martin "Departure"				Father Brown "The Sins of the Father"				Death in Paradise "Rue Morgue"				Masterpiece Classic "Poldark"								
12	KPTV	(12)	(4:30) NCAA Football (L)								*** Let's Scare Jessica to Death		(71) Barton Henricks, Zohra Lampert.						10 O'Clock News (N)				Hell's Kitchen "Hot Potato"								
13	KPDx	(5)	Mike & Molly		Mike & Molly		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Prime News (N)				Prime News (N)				NCIS: New Orleans "More Now"				West Coast Wrestling Connection								
13	KCPQ	(13)	(4:30) NCAA Football (L)								Seahawks		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		News (N)		Seahawks		Hell's Kitchen "Hot Potato"								
20	TBS	(20)	(5:45) *** Iron Man 3 (2013, Action)		Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr..						*** Iron Man 3		(2013, Action) Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr..						Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal		Full Frontal						
20	KZJO	(22)	Pawn Stars		Pawn Stars		Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family		Modern Family		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Seahawks		Most Wanted				Bones "The Bod in the Pod"		Person of Interest						
29	ESPN	(29)	(4:00) NCAA Football (L)				Football Score. NCAA Football (L)																SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)								
29	ESPN2	(30)	(4:00) NCAA Football (L)				Football Score. NCAA Football (L)																College Football Final (N)		Earn Everything						
31	NICK	(31)	The Loud House		The Loud House		Henry Danger				NickyRickyDicky		NickyRickyDicky		Full House		Full House		Full House		Full House		Friends		(35) Friends						
32	DISN	(32)	Coop & Cami		Coop & Cami		Bunk'd				Cloud 9 (2014, Family) Luke Benward, Dove Cameron.				(40) Coop & Cami				(05) Coop & Cami		Raven's Home		Raven's Home		Raven's Home						
34	FAM	(34)	(5:30) *** Meet the Robinsons		(07) Angela Bassett.				(35) *** The Nightmare Before Christmas		Chris Sarandon.		(15) *** How the Grinch Stole Christmas		(2000, Fantasy) Taylor Momsen, Jeffrey Tambor, Jim Carrey.																
35	FMC	(35)	(3:55) This Is 40		(40) *** This Is 40		(2012, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Megan Fox, Paul Rudd.								(25) *** American Hustle		(2013, Drama) Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence, Christian Bale.														
36	LIFE	(36)	The Sinister Surrogate (2018, Drama) Brian Ames, Jaclyn Hales, Kelly Thiebaud.				*** Sorority Stalker		(2018, Thriller) Haley Pullos, Christel Khalil, Haley Webb. (P)						(05) Psycho Prom Queen		(2018, Thriller)														
38	ROOT	(38)	(3:30) NCAA Football Mont./Ida. (L)				NCAA Basketball Texas Southern at Gonzaga (L)								NCAA Basketball Loyola Marymount at UNLV								NCAA Football								
39	FS1	(39)	(5:00) UFC UFC Fight Night 139 (L)				UFC UFC Fight Night 139 Site: Pepsi Center (L)												UFC Fight Night Post-show				UFC Fight Night Post-show								
43	SPIKE	(43)	*** Rocky IV		(1985, Drama) Talia Shire, Carl Weathers, Sylvester Stallone.						*** Creed		(2015, Sport) Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson, Michael B. Jordan.										Rocky II		(79, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.						
44	COM	(44)	(3:35) Hall Pass (Adult)								*** Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story																				