

Do you hear what I hear? TV trumpets the sound of these new holiday programs

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DEC. 8
3 p.m. on Freeform
Holiday Joy

At just 15, Joy Hockstatter (Bailee Madison, "Good Witch") already has put in a few years helping her dad hold their struggling family together since the death of Joy's mother, so it's not surprising she sometimes wishes she were part of the perfect Wellman family, who live just across the street. When she awakens to find that somehow this wish has come true, however, her happiness over her new life is muted by seeing her "old" family taking a serious turn for the worse in this new 2016 holiday fantasy.

PREMIERE



DEC. 8
Crackle
SuperMansion: War on Christmas

In this decidedly unconventional holiday special, the endlessly bickering superheroes from this stop-motion animated comedy series must set aside their differences to save Christmas, when the holiday is threatened by Mr. Skibumpers (voice of Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory"), an interstellar imp, and a real-life Santa Claus (voice of Gary Anthony Williams), who is going through a serious existential crisis. Voice actors Bryan Cranston, Keegan-Michael Key, Seth Green, Jillian Bell and Tucker Gilmore are among the series regulars reprising their characters for this special.

NEW



DEC. 14
8 p.m. on The CW
Top 12 Greatest Christmas Movies of All Time

Host Dean Cain readily admits his favorite seasonal film is "It's a Wonderful Life," but he's not giving up whether it tops the list in this new special. Chances are good that if a classic yuletide movie is your viewing preference for this time of year, it'll place somewhere among this dozen, from which familiar scenes are excerpted. Other good bets: "White Christmas," "Miracle on 34th Street," "A Christmas Story" and some version of "A Christmas Carol." **NEW**



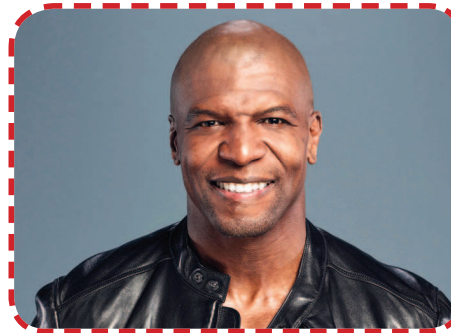
DEC. 14
8 p.m. on NBC
A Pentatonix Christmas Special

Used to being guests on others' holiday shows, the members of the Grammy-winning a cappella singing group instead get the chance to play the hosts in this new special. They certainly can draw from seasonal selections they're familiar with, given this year's release of their third album, "A Pentatonix Christmas." Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson are among the announced guests, and "other surprises" are promised. **NEW**



DEC. 19
8 p.m. on NBC
America's Got Talent

It's not the usual time of year for this show to appear, but since the holiday is made for welcoming familiar faces, why not? Some of the standouts of the contest's past season return for this new special – including the winner, young singer-songwriter Grace VanderWaal – along with such veterans of the show as Jackie Evancho and Terry Fator. Host Nick Cannon and judges Mel B, Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum and Howie Mandel are on hand. Pentatonix also is featured. **NEW**



DEC. 20
8 p.m. on The CW
Terry Crews Saves Christmas

You – and Santa – didn't know Crews was needed to salvage the holiday, right? In this new miniseries airing on four consecutive nights, the "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" co-star steps in to give pointers to someone who thought he or she was ready to stage a Yuletide celebration ... but, ultimately, not so much. Crews brings along a team of experts in food and design, prepped and ready to help each of the featured citizens host a Christmas to remember. **SERIES PREMIERE**

MORE NEW & UNWRAPPED TV GIFTS:

- DEC. 1**
 The Great American Baking Show (ABC, 9 p.m.) **SEASON PREMIERE**
- DEC. 2**
 I Love Lucy Christmas Special (CBS, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 3**
 A Dream of Christmas (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
 A Firehouse Christmas (ION, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 4**
 Holiday Movie Skating Spectacular: Where Did They Film That? The Holiday Music Journey (ABC, 3 p.m.)
 Looks Like Christmas (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
 Hearts of Christmas (HM+M, 9 p.m.)
 A Cinderella Christmas (ION, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 5**
 National Christmas Tree Lighting (Hallmark, 7 p.m.)
- DEC. 8**
 Taraji's White Hot Holidays (Fox, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 10**
 A Nutcracker Christmas (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
 Christmas With the Andersons (ION, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 11**
 Love You Like Christmas (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
 A Husband for Christmas (ION, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 12**
 The Great Christmas Light Fight (ABC, 8 p.m.)
SEASON PREMIERE
 Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2016 (The CW, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 13**
 The Middle (ABC, 8 p.m.)
 American Housewife (ABC, 8:30 p.m.)
 Fresh Off the Boat (ABC, 9 p.m.)
 The Real O'Neals (ABC, 9:30 p.m.)
- DEC. 14**
 The Goldbergs (ABC, 8 p.m.)
 Speechless (ABC, 8:30 p.m.)
 blackish (ABC, 9:31 p.m.)
- DEC. 15**
 iHeartRadio Jingle Ball (The CW, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 16**
 The 85th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade (The CW, 8 p.m.)
 Lidia Celebrates America (PBS, 10 p.m.)
- DEC. 17**
 My Christmas Love (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 18**
 Sleigh Bells (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 19**
 Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Featuring Laura Osnes and Martin Jarvis (PBS, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 23**
 A Home for the Holidays (CBS, 8 p.m.)
- DEC. 24**
 Christmas Eve Mass (NBC, 11:30 p.m.)
- DEC. 25**
 The Disney Parks Magical Christmas Celebration (ABC, 10 a.m.)
 When Calls the Heart (Hallmark, 8 p.m.)
 Doctor Who (BBC America, 9 p.m.)
- DEC. 31**
 Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2017 (ABC, 8 p.m.)
 New Year's Eve Special (NBC, 10 p.m.)
 Pitbull's New Year's Revolution (Fox, 11 p.m.)