

'Tis the season to binge watch Christmas programming. Instead of the annual crime show marathons or the perennial classics, try something fresh off the film reel like a reprised version of Home Alone, a Christmas horror comedy or a Real Housewives-inspired holiday mocumentary. Whatever you and the crew are in the mood for, this issue of NYC Lifestyle includes our favorite holiday newcomers.

Romantic Comedies

These three new holiday movies check all of the rom com boxes: karaoke, meeting the parents and serendipitous timing. Love Hard is new to Netflix and will definitely provide the holiday spirit. Christmas in Carolina and Last Christmas are also great picks streaming now on Amazon.

A Very Boy Band Holiday

Calling all millennials! "A Very Boy Band Holiday," starring N'SYNC's Joey Fatone, Chris Kirkpatrick and Lance Bass, Wanya Morris from Boyz II Men, Bobby Brown and more 90's-era celebs, is now streaming on ABC. The guys gather on stage to sing holiday tunes and share their favorite yuletide memories.

A Good Holiday Scare

Nothing screams "Christmas" more than a horror movie! While you're eating the best cookies around town or wrapping presents, tune into Krampus, the story of St. Nick's shadow starring Toni Collette, or British black comedy Silent Night. For even more holiday scares, check out this list from Time Magazine.

Animated Film: for the Kid in All of Us

Netflix animated film, *Klaus*, delivers a new twist on the origin of Santa Claus. The beautifully animated film focuses on a postman and Klaus, a toymaker, set in the 19th century. The film will touch the whole family and fill even parents with the magical spirit of Christmas.



Alternative Love-Stories

Over the past few years, Hulu and Netflix have released some of the best Christmas stories focusing on LGBTQ and alternative characters. Single All the Way starring Jennifer Coolidge and GLAAD Media Award winning Happiest Season are two stories that follow young adults home for the holidays, and the playful drama that ensues.

Tokyo Godfathers | Holiday Anime

Tokyo Godfathers is heralded the most iconic Christmas-themed anime ever made. The film is a loose retelling of "The Three Godfathers" by Peter B. Kyne, and follows three people who discover an abandoned baby on Christmas Eve and embark on a journey through Tokyo to find its parents. Click here to select your preferred streaming service.

Family Friendly Picks

Home Sweet Home Alone, based on everyone's family favorite Home Alone, was released this November on Disney+ for kids and parents to enjoy. Another new release for the whole family is The Princess Switch 3: Romancing the Star, a Netflix production starring Vanessa Hudgens who plays all three of the main characters!

Real Housewives-Inspired Holiday Mocumentary

The Housewives of the North Pole brings the drama of reality TV to North Pole, VT, where Christmas décor is a competitive sport. The movie stars Kyle Richards, of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, whose friendshipending argument sparks a town-wide feud.

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