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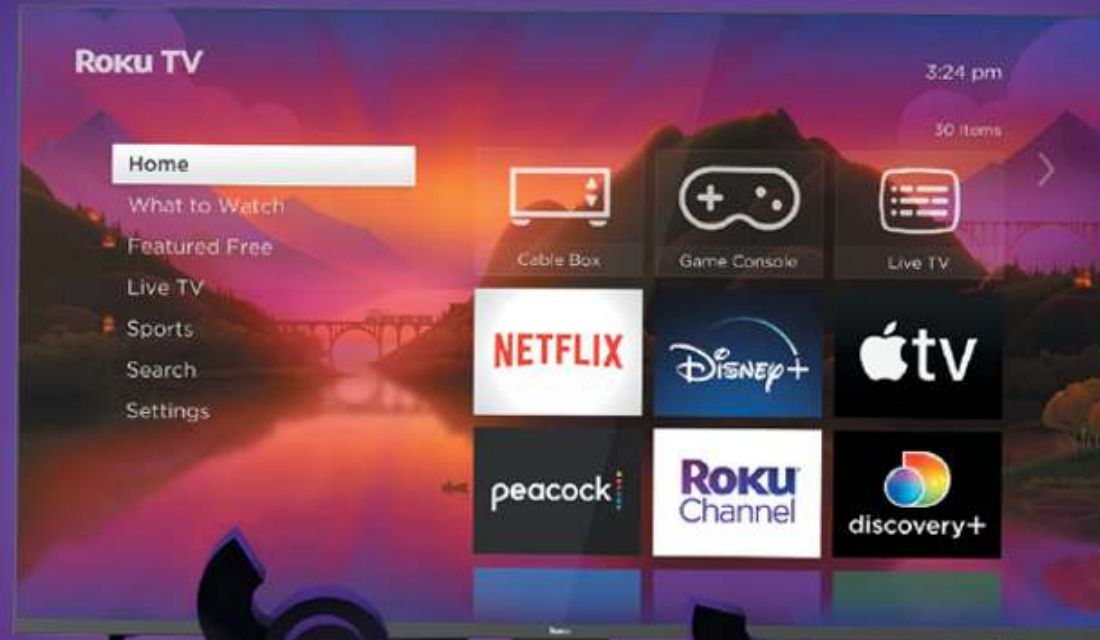
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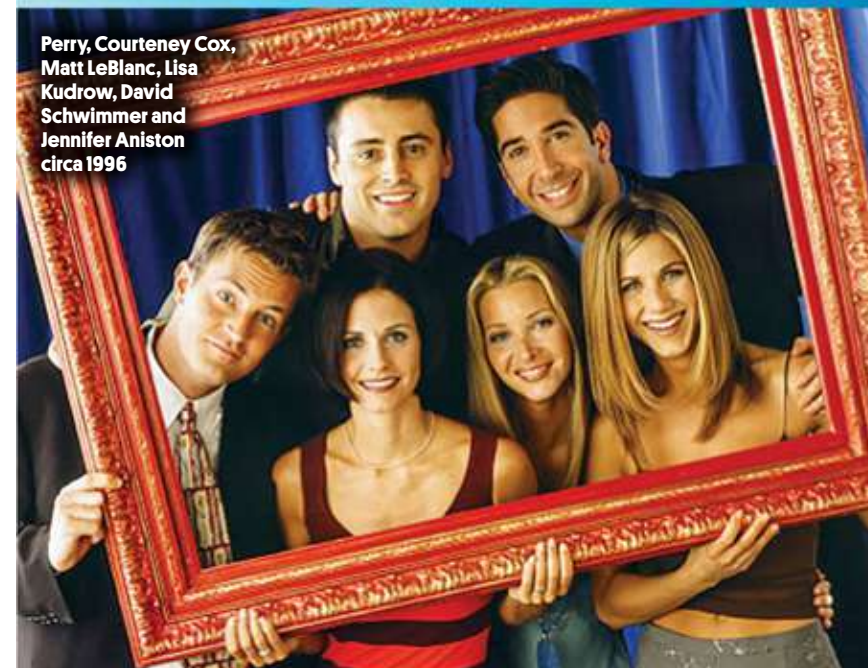
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Jenny McCarthy lets us know what she thinks is worth watching!

It would be hard to overestimate how beloved *Friends* is. Sure, you could cite the ratings success. It was never less than a Top 5-ranked show for nine out of its 10 seasons, from the mid 1990s to the early 2000s. The excitement of tuning in then, for Thursday's "Must See TV," was real, and the laughs were plenty. Plus, we, the audience, got to watch the six lead actors get better and better at inhabiting their characters, delivering their lines so perfectly. Our typical reaction: That was so Ross. That was so Rachel. That was so Joey.

The dramas and sitcoms we truly treasure usually have a family at the center. A literal family, a workplace family, a neighborhood family or, in the case of *Friends* and like so many more recent shows, a chosen family. They found one another, they chose one another, and they stayed together. *Friends* to the end. And one of those endings for us is now Matthew Perry, often cited as the funniest Friend in numerous fan surveys for playing the sarcastic Chandler Bing.

Perry was just 54 when he drowned at his home in October. The only therapy for us has been rewatching *Friends* and other projects Perry shone in after the hit sitcom left the air in 2004. See page 8 for our recommendations.

We've got tons of other recommendations for December too, starting with our cover story on Hallmark Movies Now, which streams hundreds of holiday films.

And in every issue of TV INSIDER, our writers and editors share their insights about shows and movies to give you the best guidance available for the often overwhelming streaming world. We're adding another new feature to help you keep track. On page 71, you'll find a column called "My Queue" that gives you room to write down your choices for what will be your own must-watch list after reading through our issue. Let us know if this is helpful!

Michael Fell

Michael Fell, Editor-in-Chief

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THE TOP

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SHOWS TO WATCH THIS MONTH



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Maestro

Wednesday, Dec. 20
NETFLIX

As star and director, Bradley Cooper conducts himself with brilliance in this captivating Leonard Bernstein biopic. Also featuring Carey Mulligan, Matt Bomer and Sarah Silverman. SEE PAGE 20 >



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If You Were the Last

Available now

PEACOCK

Can a pair of astronauts (Anthony Mackie and Zoë Chao) trapped in space find love in the cosmos? Or are they just too star-crossed? SEE PAGE 45 >



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Candy Cane Lane

Friday, Dec. 1

PRIME VIDEO

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The Great American Baking Show: Celebrity Holiday

Recently available

THE ROKU CHANNEL

Joel McHale, Phoebe Robinson and other stars compete in this always festive food war hosted by *Severance*'s Zach Cherry and the deliciously funny Casey Wilson (with judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith, seated). SEE PAGE 58 >

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The Crown

Recently available
NETFLIX

Give a royal wave to the long-awaited Part 1 of the farewell season, which serves up four episodes centered on the final days of Princess Diana (Elizabeth Debicki). Part 2 arrives December 14. SEE PAGE 25 >



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Leave the World Behind

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Mr. Robot creator Sam Esmail adapts the bestselling apocalyptic novel, which stars Julia Roberts and Ethan Hawke. SEE PAGE 24 >

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Nicole Kidman romances Hugh Jackman in a six-episode "reimagining" of 2008's *Australia*. SEE PAGE 30 >



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We spy a wonderful series. Gary Oldman clocks back in as a disgruntled MI5 boss overseeing the agency's lamest operatives for the comedic espionage thriller's third mission. SEE PAGE 48 >





9 **Elf**
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 It's been 20 years since we first met Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell), and we still love him as much as candy, candy corn, candy canes and syrup! SEE PAGE 33 >



11 **Rebel Moon**
 Friday, Dec. 22
NETFLIX
 Get ready for an exciting ride to a different galaxy (but still far, far away). The spectacular first half of director Zack Snyder's epic two-part space opera—about revolutionaries taking on an evil galactic empire—finally has liftoff, and it's a trip. SEE PAGE 20 >



10 **How to Fall in Love by the Holidays**
 Recently available
THE ROKU CHANNEL
 Desperate no more, Teri Hatcher is a magazine CEO whose season is definitely brightened by an unexpected romance with a flirty photog (Dan Payne of *Descendants*). SEE PAGE 59 >



12 **Carol**
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NETFLIX
 Cate Blanchett falls for Rooney Mara in '50s style in Todd Haynes' 2015 drama. SEE PAGE 21 >



13 **Reacher**
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 Season 2 is bringing out the big guns—and we don't mean just Alan Ritchson's arms! But they definitely help when his ex-Army hero has to take on someone targeting his old unit. SEE PAGE 27 >



14 **Berlin**
 Friday, Dec. 29
NETFLIX
 The *Money Heist* prequel series takes thief Berlin (Pedro Alonso) to Paris to steal hearts and more.

15 **Jesse Stone: Benefit of the Doubt**
 Available now
PRIME VIDEO
 While we all wait for new episodes of *Blue Bloods* to return, Tom Selleck fans can revisit his 2012 TV movie about a Massachusetts police chief chasing a nasty killer. SEE PAGE 29 >



16 **The Greatest Show Never Made**
 Available now
PRIME VIDEO
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Recently available
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 MAX
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Bye Bye Barry
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 After retiring at the height of his NFL career, Barry Sanders revisits his decision. SEE PAGE 29 >



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 PEACOCK
 Melissa McCarthy is magical in this joyful remake of a fantastical British holiday tale. SEE PAGE 45 >



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All-Time High
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 A con man gets drawn into a crypto scheme in this sexy French rom-com caper. SEE PAGE 24 >



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The Artful Dodger
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 HULU
 Dickens' famous tween pickpocket is all grown up...and David Thewlis (above) is Fagin. SEE PAGE 32 >



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La Femme Nikita
Available now
 THE ROKU CHANNEL
 Guilty pleasures are rarely as fun as this '90s adaptation of the Luc Besson flick that stars Peta Wilson as the hottest assassin in the spy game. SEE PAGE 58 >



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Everybody Loves Diamonds
Available now
 PRIME VIDEO
 Italian bandits plot to snag a fortune in gems in this multifaceted dramedy inspired by a real-life heist. SEE PAGE 28 >



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 NETFLIX
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The Funniest Friend

Matthew Perry left us too soon. Here are the must-watch highlights from his comedy career—*Friends*, his other sitcoms and the movies



1 “The One Where Everybody Finds Out” (*Friends*, Season 5, Episode 14, TBS, Max) Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow) discovers that Monica (Courteney Cox) and Chandler (Matthew Perry) are secretly dating. She flirts with Chandler—he hilariously tries to keep things on the down-low by squeaking out, “I’m very happy we’re going to have all the sex”—but he cracks. The truth is out!



2 “The One With the Thanksgiving Flashbacks” (*Friends*, Season 5, Episode 8, TBS, Max) Terrible turkey days include 1987, when Chandler (in a Flock of Seagulls haircut) meets Monica and calls her fat. In 1988, Monica drops a knife and cuts Chandler’s little toe off. In the present, she begs forgiveness; he accidentally reveals he loves her.



3 The Odd Couple (CBS, 2015–17, Pluto TV, Paramount+) The remake of the classic 1970s sitcom about two mismatched divorced men who become roommates was Perry’s pet project. He clearly relishes inhabiting grumpy, messy sports radio personality Oscar Madison, enlivening conflicts with neat-freak photographer Felix (Thomas Lennon) and girlfriend Charlotte (Teri Hatcher).



4 Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip (NBC, 2006–07, Amazon Prime) Perry excels as overworked, stressed-out Matt Albie, the head writer of a sketch comedy series similar to *Saturday Night Live*. The dramedy from Aaron Sorkin gives Perry the chance to show off his acting chops, especially as Matt struggles with lingering feelings for his ex-girlfriend, show star Harriet (Sarah Paulson).

5 Go On (NBC, 2012–13, The Roku Channel) As widowed Ryan King, a sports talk-radio host, Perry is a born competitor trying to deal with loss by solving his quirky grief support group’s problems. The actor entertainingly walks the tightrope of manic comic energy and soulful vulnerability as Ryan comes to terms with his new life.

6 The Whole Nine Yards (2000, Amazon Prime) In this crime comedy movie, Perry plays meek dentist Nicholas “Oz” Oseransky, whose new next-door neighbor turns out to be an ex-hitman (Bruce Willis). As Oz gets sucked into Mafia hijinks, Perry is at the top of his physical comedy game.



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SCENE+HEARD

Where’s an unexplained high-stakes space anomaly when you need one?

Mariner, on *Star Trek: Lower Decks* during a boring mission, which of course soon turns dangerous

My baby is an app!

Marge, when Bart becomes digitized, in *The Simpsons’* annual Halloween episode

I mean, Loki’s going to really have to hoof it, right?

TVA agent Mobius (Owen Wilson) volunteering Loki to fix the Time Loom. Again.

Soup? At luncheon!?

Agnes van Rhijn (Christine Baranski), aghast at the breach of another social no-no on *The Gilded Age*



The Netflix Experience

IF YOU’RE THE type of person who spends more time scrolling through titles on Netflix than actually watching any of them, wait till you see what they have in store for you now.

The streaming giant announced it was planning to open a handful of brick-and-mortar retail locations in the United States, the first of which will be called Netflix House. But instead of selling or renting movies and TV shows, these branded boutiques will allow fans to wander aisles teeming with merchandise from Netflix’s most popular properties. In addition, the facilities—scheduled to drop in 2025—will reportedly offer themed dining options (*Bridgerton* high tea?), live entertainment and immersive experiences, much like the two-story pop-up holiday shop Netflix planted last year inside Los Angeles’ Grove shopping district. Filled with apparel and collectibles from *Squid Game*, *Stranger Things* and other fan faves, Holiday House also featured interactive photo-op sets inspired by *Enola Holmes*, *Wednesday* and *Gabby’s Dollhouse*.

And this December, before any Netflix Houses launch, the streamer is unveiling “Squid Game: The Trials,” a 70-minute in-person competition being staged on Los Angeles’ trendy Fairfax Avenue that allows players to tackle six challenges from the hit thriller. It, too, will boast a retail component: The Trials website notes that contestants who complete the game “can refuel with Korean-inspired food, share a toast with fellow survivors at Gganbu Bar and find yourself something nice at Squid Mart.”

Of course, this isn’t the first time a digital platform has attempted to expand its physical footprint. Amazon opened its own curated bookshops in 2015, but clearly, nobody was buying what Jeff Bezos was selling. All 68 of the stores were shelved following seven underperforming years. Is it possible that Netflix can find a way to score where others have failed? The offerings at least will be based on wildly popular television shows and not, well, books. Stranger things have happened. —Damian Holbrook

▶ For more on these shows, visit [TVInsider.com/shows](https://www.tvinsider.com/shows)

TOP 10 TV SHOWS THAT HAVE GOTTEN 100% ON ROTTEN TOMATOES



HAPPY VALLEY
SEASON 3 AMC+



CUNK ON EARTH
SEASON 1 NETFLIX



THE OTHER TWO
SEASON 3 MAX



FOUNDATION
SEASON 2 APPLE TV+



A SMALL LIGHT
HULU



DROPS OF GOD
SEASON 1 APPLE TV+



DEADLOCH
SEASON 1 PRIME



RESERVATION DOGS
SEASON 3 HULU



PRIMO
SEASON 1 FREEVEE



GREMLINS: SECRETS OF THE MOGWAI
MAX

2023'S HIGHEST-RANKED TV shows on the popular review site RottenTomatoes.com span multiple genres. Not surprisingly, there are two crime shows with this distinction, both fronted by formidable female cops. The final season of the gripping *Happy Valley* centers on British Sgt. Catherine Cawood (a powerful Sarah Lancashire), while dark comedy *Deadloch* shows bickering partners solving murders in a quirky Tasmanian town. Then there's a trio of coming-of-age stories: The irresistible *Reservation Dogs* depicts the blossoming of four Native American teens on an Oklahoma reservation; *Primo* is about ambitious Mexican American teen Rafa (Ignacio Diaz-Silverio) and his unique family; and comedy *The Other Two* shows the struggle of millennial sibs

(Heléne Yorke and Drew Tarver) when their baby brother (Case Walker) attains overnight fame. The only sci-fi winner: *Foundation*, based on Isaac Asimov's iconic trilogy about warring empires. Tasty drama *Drops of God* is about a cutthroat competition to win a \$150 million wine collection, while droll British mockumentary *Cunk on Earth* features clueless investigative reporter Philomena Cunk (a deadpan Diane Morgan). For family fun, BD Wong, Ming-Na Wen and Matthew Rhys voice *Gremlins: Secrets of the Mogwai*, a delightful animated Chinese folklore story. And *A Small Light* movingly retells Anne Frank's story through Miep Gies (Bel Powley), who sheltered Otto Frank (Liev Schreiber) and his family in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. —*Ileane Rudolph*

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TOP ROW, FROM LEFT: MATT SQUIRE/LOOKOUT POINT/AMC; DUSAN MARTINECK/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC/DISNEY; MAX; SHANE BROWN/WFX. MIDDLE ROW, THE LEFT: JONATHAN BROWNING/NETFLIX; APPLE TV+. BOTTOM ROW, FROM LEFT: MAX; AMAZON STUDIOS; MAX.



All I Want for Christmas Is...

Hallmark MOVIES NOW

Clockwise from top: *Haul Out the Holly*, *A Big Fat Family Christmas*, *Lights, Camera, Christmas!*, *Three Wise Men and a Baby*, *Sister Swap: Christmas in the City*, *Inventing the Christmas Prince* and *Time for Her to Come Home for Christmas*

IT'S BEGINNING TO look a lot like Christmas... and it has since before Halloween, when Hallmark viewers got their first delivery of the network's festive movies for 2023. That timing is fine, because more is *definitely* merrier when it comes to Hallmark's entertaining productions. It's also why Hallmark Movies Now is the gift that keeps on giving. Since 2017, the streamer has become a repository for Hallmark Channel's annual "Countdown to Christmas" offerings and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries' "Miracles of Christmas" collection.

"In the same way that viewers flock to our linear channels for our signature Christmas programming, the holiday season is one of our streaming service's most popular times of the year," says Emily Powers, executive vice president of streaming and digital platforms at Hallmark Media. In fact, HMN is the No. 1 streaming destination for holiday viewing, she notes. But it's about more than numbers. "The positive impact we have on viewers during this special time of year is something I'm really proud to be a part of," she says.

This year, HMN will be making the season brighter than ever with a slew of fresh movie premieres. (We'll get to those in a bit.) So if an unbeatable library of Yuletide-themed treats is on your to-watch wish list, we compiled some further intel, straight from the source, to make the seriously stacked service even more tempting.

So, what is the difference between Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies Now? Hallmark Channel and sister net Hallmark Movies &

Mysteries are linear channels available through your cable provider. Hallmark Movies Now is the company's subscription streaming service. For \$5.99 a month (\$59.99/year), users get access to commercial-free films and shows from both of the Hallmark hubs, plus new stuff too. It's like the Netflix of comforting, feel-good content.

How can I watch? Streaming devices like Roku, Fire TV, Apple TV and Chromecast all support HMN, but you can also just go straight over to hmnow.com on your browser to watch your favorites directly—and sign up for your free seven-day trial.

Does Hallmark Movies Now have television shows too? The streamer is stuffed like a stocking with them. Hallmark Channel classics *Good Witch*, *Chesapeake Shores* and *When Calls the Heart* are all available. You can also see recent rodeo hit *Ride* and Andie MacDowell's drama *The Way Home*. There are even throwback broadcast titles such as CBS's *Touched by an Angel* and *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. "We continue to make [our TV shows] available...to support existing fans and to reach new ones," Powers says. To that end, they've also made some worth-a- binge acquisitions: In the 2018–19 Canadian crime comedy *Carter*, Jerry O'Connell plays a TV star who returns home after a fall from grace, and the underrated soap *Legacy*—which ran on the late UPN network from 1998 to 1999—tracks a post–Civil War Kentucky family.

And does the streamer feature every Hallmark movie...ever? Maybe not *all* of them, but with more than 1,000 hours of programming available, you won't run out of options quickly.

How often are there new things to watch? The roster is switched up regularly, based on what hits most with viewers. "Month to month, offerings are new and distinct from our linear channels," explains Powers. "We're always listening to our fans."

Just how many holiday movies can there be, really? "We offer *hundreds* of holiday movies on the service," Powers proudly confirms. Recent Hallmark Channel arrivals include last year's cheerful London-set *Jolly Good Christmas* with Reshma Shetty (*Blindspot*) and *A Big Fat Family Christmas* with Shannon Chan-Kent (*Good Trouble*), as well as 2018's music-filled *Christmas at Graceland* with Kellie Pickler and Wes Brown. (Check out even more worth streaming on the following spread.) There's literally something for every type of streamer. As Powers points out, "a perfect Hallmark viewer is anyone—people of all ages and from all walks of life—looking for an entertainment experience that brings comfort and joy." That sounds like glad tidings to us. —*Damian Holbrook*

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DECK THE HALLS With These December Exclusives



RESCUING CHRISTMAS THURSDAY, DEC. 7

Ho, ho, oh, no! It's a December disaster when two elves (Bailey Stender and Patrick Thomas O'Brien) hoping to boost Yuletide spirits choose photographer Erin (Rachael Leigh Cook) as the winner of their wish-granting contest...only to have the grinchy gal wish away the entire season. "She's too focused on the expectations of Christmas," explains director Emily Moss Wilson of Erin's anti-Claus sentiment. "She misses all the special things about (the season)." To save Santa's big day, the elves must get Erin to reinvent Christmas with the help of good-humored lawyer Sam (Sam Page, above, sharing a cocoa with Cook). The pair's chemistry was the true gift, raves Wilson: "They were willing to be goofy—or vulnerable—when the moment called for it." That's one wish come true! —*DH*



AN ICE PALACE ROMANCE THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Chicago journalist Lori Marshall (Celeste Desjardins, left) gets a big chill when she's assigned a human-interest story on the closing of her hometown's beloved skating rink. The piece is her one shot at a major promotion. But her teenage dreams of Olympic glory melted at that very same rink, following a career-ending fall. Thankfully, the imperiled rink's single-dad owner (Marcus Rosner) is able to help Lori look beyond the past and see that the future of her community—as well as its happiest holiday traditions—depends on saving the site. "It's a reminder that we're all part of something bigger than ourselves," says director Shawna Steele of the heartwarming message. —*DH*

EVEN MORE HOLLY JOLLY MOVIES!



A HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

What a kick! Hot on the high heels of this title's premiere last season on Hallmark Channel, Hallmark Movies Now subscribers are getting an extended cut. The insta-classic features Ann-Margret as Maggie, a woman recalling her past as a 1950s heiress (Ginna Claire Mason as young Maggie, above left) who ditched Philadelphia's high society to chase her dream of becoming a Rockette. "(The 1950s) is an era that I've been obsessed with a long time, so to actually step into it and pre-

pend...was a dream come true for me," admitted Mason.

Stylish and song-packed, the sassy period piece actually features real-life Radio City dancers. Plus, see a dreamy beau for Maggie in Broadway talent Derek Klena, previously unaired footage and, of course, that classic Hallmark feeling. "It's like a warm blanket and a hot drink," writer Julie Sherman Wolfe said. "And you know it's all going to work out." Well, take a bow, ma'am, because you created a showstopper! —DH



Larissa Schmitz, Tiffany Denise Hobbs, Sara Gallo and Mason

THREE WISE MEN AND A BABY (2022)

Catch an extended cut of last year's shenanigans-filled seasonal, available Monday, November 27, with Paul Campbell, Tyler Hynes and Andrew Walker starring as caretaking brothers.

A WORLD RECORD CHRISTMAS (2023)

Ambitious autistic teen Charlie (Aias Dalman) aims to break a Guinness World Record involving Jenga building blocks. His mom and stepdad (Nikki DeLoach and Lucas Bryant, below, with Dalman) cheer him on...and rekindle their love.

TIME FOR HER TO COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS (2023) After her mother's passing, grieving singer Carly (Shenae Grimes-Beech) joins a small town's choir and falls for dreamy army vet Matthew (Chris Carmack).

CHRISTMAS BEDTIME STORIES (2022)

Once upon a time...a dad goes MIA while deployed, and mom Danielle (Erin Cahill) tells their daughter (Alice Comer) stories of his heroics while trying to move forward with her life.

TAKE ME BACK FOR CHRISTMAS (2023)

Gift-shop worker Renée (Vanessa Lengies) wishes for a new life—and wakes up as the CEO of a meal kit delivery system. The catch? In this existence, she's no longer married to loving husband Aaron (Corey Sevier).

#XMAS (2022) Shy Jen (Clare Bowen) enters an online competition to win an elite designer job, but lies about her life, naming photographer BFF Max (Brant Daugherty) as her hubby.



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Hallmark All-Stars

These five are seasoned pros when it comes to festive films

ALL-STAR

OUR FAVORITE THINGS

STREAMING YULETIDE TITLES

BUT FIRST, WATCH THEM IN...



LACEY CHABERT

She can do it all! The *Mean Girls* vet has gone from playing a queen bee to being the undisputed queen of Hallmark Christmas. Even her nonholiday titles are hits. Her 2014 film *The Color of Rain* is the most watched and highest-rated original film in Hallmark history.

In 2015's *A Christmas Melody* see Chabert star alongside Grammy winner Mariah Carey (and Brennan Elliott, below). Or, grab your passport (ahem, remote) and travel the globe with her films *Christmas in Rome* (2019), *Love on Safari* (2018) or *Winter in Vail* (2020).

Chabert's housesitter Emily hilariously battles a holiday-frenzied HOA (led by a fantastic Melissa Peterman) in 2022 comedy *Haul Out the Holly*. It gets a sequel in 2023's *Lit Up*, a cable exclusive premiering Saturday, November 25, at 8/7c on Hallmark Channel.



BRENNAN ELLIOTT

Elliott defines "leading man material"—and Hallmark knows it. The longtime *Cedar Cove* and *Flower Shop Mysteries* star's strong voice—and jawline!—have captured many viewers' hearts throughout his 20-plus original films for the network.

Hum along with Broadway-focused *Christmas Encore* (2017), where Elliott stars opposite Maggie Lawson, and 2016's *Love You Like Christmas* with singer Bonnie Somerville, where the pair pay a visit to the fittingly titled town of Christmas Valley.

This Hallmark-ified take on *The Sound of Music: 2020*'s idyllic *Christmas in Vienna* sees Elliott playing an American diplomat and doting dad opposite Sarah Drew's (*Grey's Anatomy*) struggling concert violinist in the magical and lush romance shot overseas.



HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE

Fans might associate this *21 Jump Street* starlet more with her intense *Morning Show Mysteries* films (she's done six of them for Hallmark Movies & Mysteries), but Peete's cozy Christmas entries are where the acclaimed actress' heart really soars.

All four of the *Christmas in Evergreen* films are available to watch: the 2017 original and later entries subtitled *Letters to Santa* (2018), *Tidings of Joy* (2019) and *Bells Are Ringing* (2020), in which Peete plays the town's admired mayor, Michelle.

Our favorite of Peete's is *A Family Christmas Gift* (2019). She stars as curious niece Amber to Patti LaBelle's loving Aunt Dora. The two plan a fundraising Christmas concert, and the highlight, of course, is LaBelle's angelic "O Holy Night" pageant solo.



ANDREW WALKER

This charming favorite of Hallmark movie junkies has been starring in the network's romances for more than a decade. You could even say he's *The Perfect Catch*. But it's his newest franchise, *Curious Caterer*, in which he stars as Det. Tom Schultz, that has us salivating.

The sweet 2019 flick *Merry & Bright*, which joins Walker with *Fuller House*'s Jodie Sweetin as candy cane company colleagues, *A Dream of Christmas* (2016), *Debbie Macomber's Dashing Through the Snow* (2015) and his first, *A Bride for Christmas* (2012).

In last year's *Three Wise Men and a Baby* (see "Even More Holly Jolly Movies," left), Walker impressed as firefighter Luke, who brings an abandoned baby left at his fire station (with a note attached asking him to care for the infant until Christmas) back home for help.



ERIN KRAKOW

She's one of the hardest-working actresses in Hallmark-biz. Between seasons of playing *When Calls the Heart*'s beloved teacher Elizabeth Thornton, romance royalty Krakow has led an impressive amount of holiday films—and they're some of the network's crown jewels.

Krakow's 2014 *A Cookie Cutter Christmas* is available to stream, as is the delightfully jolly *Father Christmas* film trilogy she stars in with Niall Matter: *Finding Father Christmas* (2016), *Engaging Father Christmas* (2017) and *Marrying Father Christmas* (2018).

An instant Hallmark movie classic, 2019's *Sense, Sensibility & Snowmen* sees Krakow and fellow leading lady Kimberley Sustad as party planning sisters Ella and Marianne, who clash with Luke Macfarlane's grinchy toy company CEO, Edward.



THE DEVIL ON TRIAL NETFLIX

During the 1980 exorcism of 11-year-old David Glatzel (above), his sister's boyfriend, Arne Cheyenne Johnson, allegedly challenged the devil to leave the boy's body and enter his own. Months later, Johnson killed his landlord. His is the only murder trial in the history of the U.S. legal system to use demonic possession as an official defense. Highlights include interviews with Johnson and the Glatzel family, plus previously unrevealed audio and photographs taken at the time by paranormal experts the Warrens (of *The Conjuring* fame).

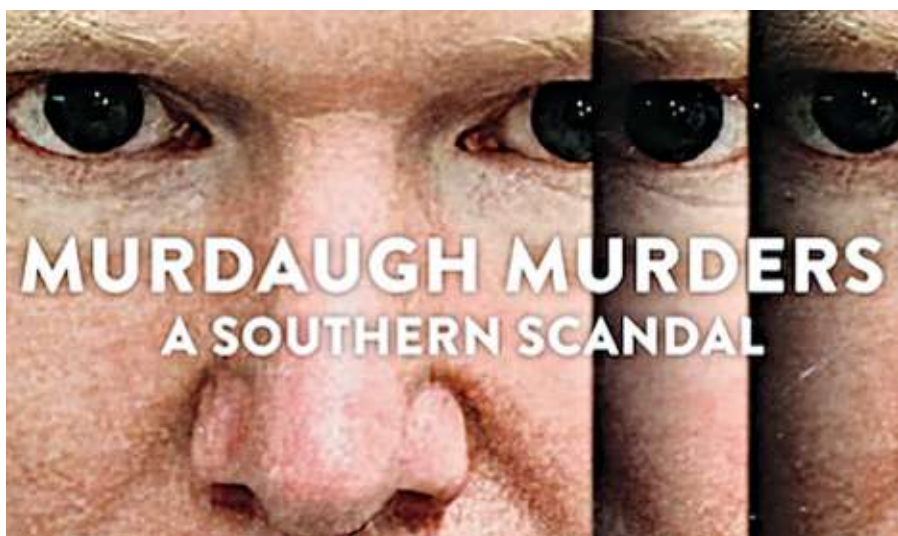


AMERICAN MANHUNT: THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING NETFLIX

On April 15, 2013, two bombs tore through the world's oldest annual marathon, killing three and injuring hundreds. Ten years later, victims, police officers, spectators, first responders and journalists who were there are still grappling with that day's events. *American Manhunt* covers the immediate chaos after the explosions, the massive search for the two radicalized brothers responsible (above) and the deadly shootout that followed.

MOST SHOCKING TRUE CRIME DOCS OF 2023

Serial killers, cult leaders, fraudsters, demons and, yes, telemarketers lead this year's notorious crop of bingeable docs, all available now



NETFLIX

The wealthy and influential Murdaugh family was well-known in Hampton, South Carolina. Their century-old law firm was a modern dynasty, with connections in politics and law enforcement to match. But it all began to crumble when they wound up tied to a series of suspicious deaths: a body found in a road, a boating accident that claimed the life of one of the Murdaugh children's friends and the "trip and fall" death of their longtime housekeeper. Then, in 2021, it was Maggie Murdaugh and son Paul who lost their lives. The prime suspect: husband and father Alex Murdaugh (above).

The first season of *Murdaugh*

Murders: A Southern Scandal chronicled the events leading up to Alex's trial, from the mysterious fatalities through the investigation into the human cost of his alleged crimes. Just weeks after the series premiered, Alex Murdaugh was found guilty of killing both Paul and Maggie. Season 2 follows the trial, features police bodycam footage from the night of the murders and has interviews with key players: jurors, prosecutors, witnesses and former friends of the Murdaughs. One of the big reveals: Friend Curtis Edward Smith ("Cousin Eddie") claims Alex tried to convince him to shoot and kill him so he could avoid being implicated in the murders. —Dylan Ford

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: NETFLIX (3); PRIME VIDEO; MAX; SHOWTIME; HULU



SHINY HAPPY PEOPLE: DUGGAR FAMILY SECRETS PRIME VIDEO

Beneath the "shiny happy" surface of their reality TV stardom, the Duggar family (above, in 2011), made famous on TLC's *19 Kids and Counting*, was plagued by abuse and manipulation. Jill Duggar Dillard tells her own story for the first time, detailing sexual abuse by her brother Josh Duggar and the culture of misogyny promoted by her father, Jim Bob Duggar. At the core of the Duggar family's dysfunction was the controversial, cultlike organization the Institute for Basic Life Principles. The IBLP—a Christian fundamentalist group that promotes patriarchal gender roles—has proven rife with problems and has faced numerous sexual abuse allegations. (Jill and other survivors provide horrifying accounts.) The series also reveals that the Duggar family's scandals are only the tip of the iceberg as the IBLP attempts to entrench itself in U.S. politics.

STOLEN YOUTH: INSIDE THE CULT AT SARAH LAWRENCE HULU



An excerpt from a psychological examination of Larry Ray, conducted years before he became an abusive cult leader, was already chilling. "He is able to manipulate and control almost any situation in which he finds himself," it reads. "He is calculating (and) manipulative." This three-parter, told from the perspectives of many of Ray's victims (including Felicia Rosario, left, who had an affair with him), follows his crimes from the moment he first moved into his daughter Talia's dorm at New York's Sarah Lawrence College in 2010. Ray presented himself as a supportive authority figure, allowing him to earn the trust of Talia's housemates—but he would soon turn that trust into dependence and, eventually, servitude. Ray's victims went on to testify against him and help convict him in 2022 on federal charges that included extortion and sex trafficking.



TELEMARKETERS MAX

At a shady New Jersey call center in the 2000s, two employees capture some of the truly wild antics they get up to when their bosses aren't watching. But when these office buddies begin to question just where the charitable contributions they've been soliciting are going, their home movies become an engrossing exposé on the whole industry. Many telemarketing companies pull one over on unsuspecting Americans and keep too much of the money. And you thought you couldn't like telemarketers any less!



MURDER IN BIG HORN PARAMOUNT+

The three-parter shines a light on an epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women that has plagued Big Horn County, Montana, and other Native American communities. Told solely from the perspectives of Native families, the series examines the disappearance of dozens of women and girls from the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Nations in the last decade. With few arrests, and a shocking lack of media coverage, it falls to friends, family and activists to fight for justice.



MH370: THE PLANE THAT DISAPPEARED

MAX

The 2014 disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 with 239 passengers and crew launched a media firestorm that sent conspiracy theories spiraling across the globe. Despite years of searching, the plane's fate remains one of the great modern unsolved mysteries. This three-parter tracks the family members, scientists and investigative journalists who are still looking for answers, and the clues that may yet reveal what really happened after the flight dropped off the radar over the Andaman Sea off of Indonesia.



JARED FROM SUBWAY: CATCHING A MONSTER

MAX

In the 2000s, Jared Fogle was everywhere. His story of overcoming obesity on a diet of Subway sandwiches sent customers flocking to the chain for nearly a decade. But his clean-cut image hid a much darker private persona. This three-part ID docuseries about Jared's fall from beloved pitchman to convicted sex offender includes interviews with some of Fogle's victims. And secret recordings of his confessions paint a disturbing picture of Jared as a predator hiding in plain sight.



MADOFF: THE MONSTER OF WALL STREET

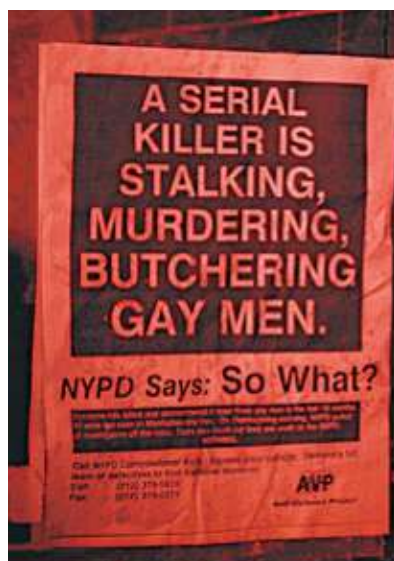
NETFLIX

The name Bernie Madoff has become synonymous with greed. The Wall Street fraudster cheated tens of thousands of clients out of nearly \$65 billion, destroying countless lives in his quest for endless wealth. "He didn't show any remorse. He wasn't emotional. He was like a financial serial killer," says finance journalist Erin Arvedlund.

How did Madoff pull off the biggest Ponzi scheme in history? This four-part series examines his rise to power, his ruthless methods and the eventual collapse of his empire when he was sentenced to 150 years in prison. Interviews with victims, whistleblowers, journalists, investigators and former employees create a comprehensive narrative of Madoff's crimes and the failures of the institutions that should have prevented them.

"How most people think about the story is one evil genius," series director Joe Berlinger said. "The reality...is he got away with it because of a whole cadre of literal coconspirators or people who should have known better." —Dylan Ford

PYRAMID SCHEMER



LAST CALL: WHEN A SERIAL KILLER STALKED QUEER NEW YORK

MAX

In the early 1990s, when the AIDS crisis and a rise in hate crimes already threatened NYC's gay men, a serial killer made the queer nightlife scene his hunting ground. The slow handling of the case and the coverage of the victims showed the biases of the criminal justice system and the media at the time. This four-part series follows the investigation and the campaign of LGBTQ+ activists to force police to protect their community.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF NATALIA GRACE

MAX

Curious is certainly one word to describe this story. Natalia Grace was a 6-year-old Ukrainian orphan adopted by American couple Kristine and Michael Barnett in 2010. At least, that's what they believed at the time. But they'd come to suspect the young girl was actually an adult with a rare bone growth disorder causing dwarfism. The Barnetts rented an apartment, left Natalia there and moved to Canada with their other children. They were charged with child abandonment, but in their eyes, they were escaping the world's strangest con. After streaming this six-part series, you'll be eager to hear Natalia's side of the story in the in-the-works follow-up: *The Curious Case of Natalia Grace: Natalia Speaks*.



PSYCHO: THE LOST TAPES OF ED GEIN

MGM+

The macabre crimes of serial killer and grave robber Ed Gein inspired tales of terror that include *Psycho*, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *The Silence of the Lambs*. But the true story of the "Mad Butcher" is even more disturbing. This four-part series features chilling, never-before-heard jailhouse recordings of Gein. They help tell the story of Gein's twisted relationship with his mother, his early grave-robbing, his escalation to murder and the investigation that finally led to the discovery of his Wisconsin house full of horrors.



WACO: AMERICAN APOCALYPSE

NETFLIX

Thirty years after the armed standoff between the U.S. government and the Branch Davidian religious sect, this three-part limited series delivers new insights into the 1993 siege outside Waco, Texas, that claimed 86 lives. Fresh interviews include one of leader David Koresh's spiritual wives and surviving members of the ATF tactical squad. Plus: news footage previously unreleased to the public and newly unearthed video from inside the FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit.



THE HATCHET WIELDING HITCHHIKER

NETFLIX

This film follows Kai Lawrence, a homeless surfer who hitched a wild ride in 2013 with a stranger. The driver intentionally struck a pedestrian with his car before attacking another person who came over to help. Lawrence then repeatedly hit the driver in the head with a hatchet to protect the victims. His animated retelling of the tale made him a viral sensation, but months later, Lawrence was arrested and eventually convicted for murder in a separate incident.



DEATH IN THE DORMS

HULU

This anthology series details six separate murders. The common thread: Each of the victims was a college student whose life was cut tragically short. An apartment on fire full of sorority sisters (above, Leslie and Alexis Delvesco, mother and sister to UCLA student Andrea, whose murder precipitated that fire), a rideshare that never reached home and a student athlete found lifeless are just some of the cases. The investigations unfold with testimony from the family, friends and law enforcement who sought justice.

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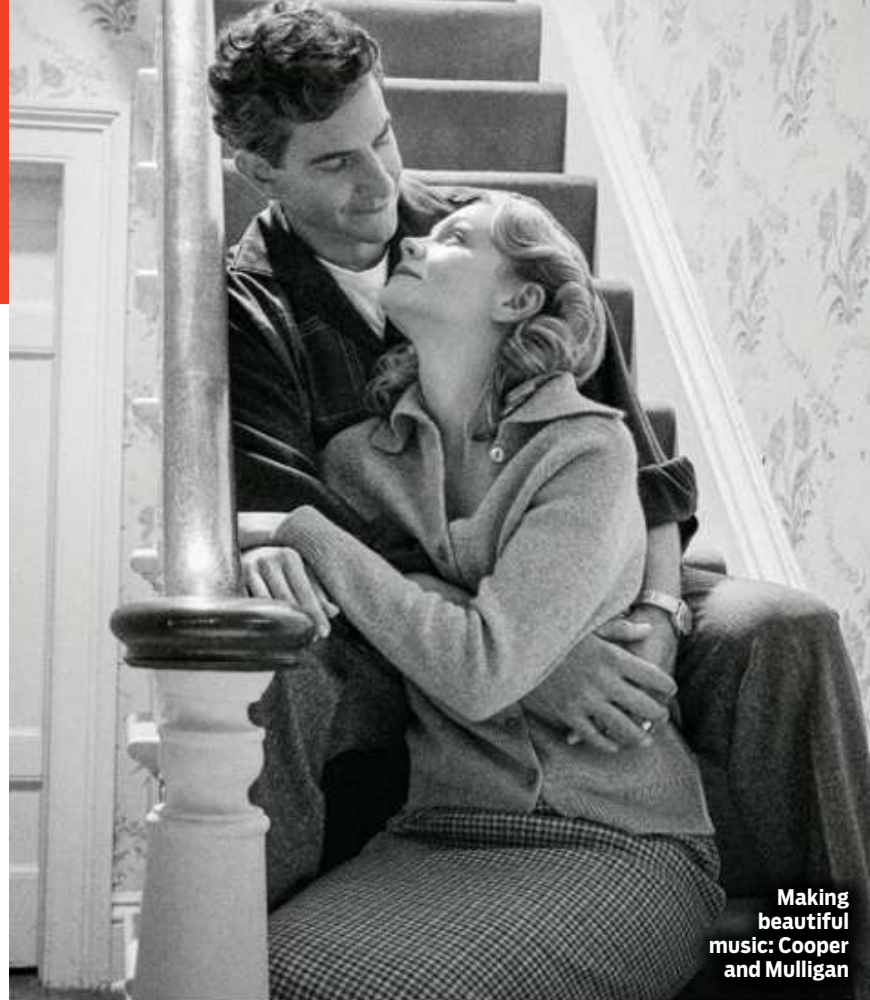
MAESTRO

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

When Steven Spielberg is too busy to direct a film and asks you to do it, the answer is always yes. That said, getting that green light to both helm *and* star in *Maestro*, a drama about the life of composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, wasn't a tough call for Bradley Cooper. What sold Spielberg? Originally tapped only to star as Bernstein, Cooper got both jobs after Spielberg watched an early cut of his directing debut, the popular, music-centered 2018 drama *A Star Is Born*.

Once he got the baton, Cooper centered his tale of Bernstein—whose score for *West Side Story* remains a cultural fixture—on the conductor's complicated but loving marriage to actress Felicia Monteleone Cohn (Carey Mulligan). "It was an unorthodox, genuine love that I found endlessly intriguing," Cooper has said. The composer's bisexuality caused a rift for the pair, but a cancer diagnosis for Felicia brought them back together.

Cooper also consulted Bernstein's children and was allowed to film at the family's Connecticut home. "They went way above and beyond. That's the only reason why the movie was able to be so authentic," he said.



Making beautiful music: Cooper and Mulligan

Authenticity was key, with the composer's works serving as the film's score, and Cooper spending hours in the makeup chair to get the right look. All to capture a man who, as producer Amy Durning put it, was "intoxicating as a human being. People tried to define him over and over again, and he resisted. He wanted it all." —*Jim Halterman*

REBEL MOON

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

The sci-fi event of the year arrives after a decade in the making. Initially pitched as a *Star Wars* film by director Zack Snyder—who gave us *Army of the Dead* and *Justice League*—this epic tale's first half (subtitled *Part One: A Child of Fire*) unfurls the tale of Kora (Sofia Boutella, left), a fierce young woman uniting a band of warriors to protect their village from the evil Imperium government. "I have a love of putting-

the-team-together movies," Snyder says, adding that Kora deals with a "completely unhinged" villain in brutal admiral Atticus Noble (Ed Skrein). And fans will only have to wait until next April 19 for *Part Two: The Scargiver*—an impossible feat had *Moon* been a theatrical. "(Releasing the two films) close together—only a streamer could do it," Snyder says. One might say the force is with them. —*Damian Holbrook*

MAY DECEMBER

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

The latest from director Todd Haynes (*Far From Heaven*), inspired by an infamous scandal, goes to some mighty dark places. Julianne Moore is Gracie Atherton, a suburban woman who ignited a media frenzy when, at 36, she had an affair with seventh-grader Joe Yoo (*Riverdale*'s Charles Melton). She's now married to Yoo and living away from the spotlight in Savannah, but her sordid past comes back to haunt her when actress Elizabeth Berry (Natalie Portman, near right, with Moore) visits the pair to research her role as Gracie for a movie.

"As Elizabeth observes and studies Gracie and her world, and gets to know Joe, her reliability as a narrator begins to falter," notes Haynes of the film, based in part on the real-life 1997 case involving the late suburban



Seattle teacher Mary Kay Letourneau and the sixth-grade student she had an affair with, and eventually married.

"(Elizabeth's) investment in revealing truths becomes clouded by her ambitions," Haynes says. It's also clear Joe has yet to deal with all that transpired years prior, a realization prodded by the new woman in his home, who may be more like his groomer than anyone imagined. As Haynes puts it, the film ultimately "explores our colossal refusal to look (deeply) at ourselves." —*Damian Holbrook*

SPOTLIGHT ON TODD HAYNES AND HIS FILM'S TWO STARS



NON-STOP

AVAILABLE NOW

Julianne Moore is no stranger to action, and in this 2014 thriller, she stars as a business-class passenger who helps air marshal Bill Marks (Liam Neeson) figure out which fellow traveler is planning to hijack their flight from New York to London. Make sure your seat belts are buckled and trays are in the upright positions, because this one throws in a ton of twists before it lands on who the real culprit is.



CAROL

AVAILABLE NOW

Haynes' 2015 drama, set in 1950s New York, finds the director again casting his eye on an illicit romance, this time between an aspiring photographer (Rooney Mara) and an unhappily married older woman (Cate Blanchett, above). In addition to six Oscar nominations, the LGBTQ+ fave was also named "one of the greatest films of the 21st century" by the BBC.



NO STRINGS ATTACHED

AVAILABLE NOW

It's a rom-com for the non-coms... noncommittals, that is! Natalie Portman stars with Ashton Kutcher in this underrated 2011 romp as Emma and Adam, who have been friends since they were kids at summer camp. They strike up a purely physical relationship in order to avoid actual connection... until one of them catches feelings for the other. How soon before they go from "no strings" to "attached?"

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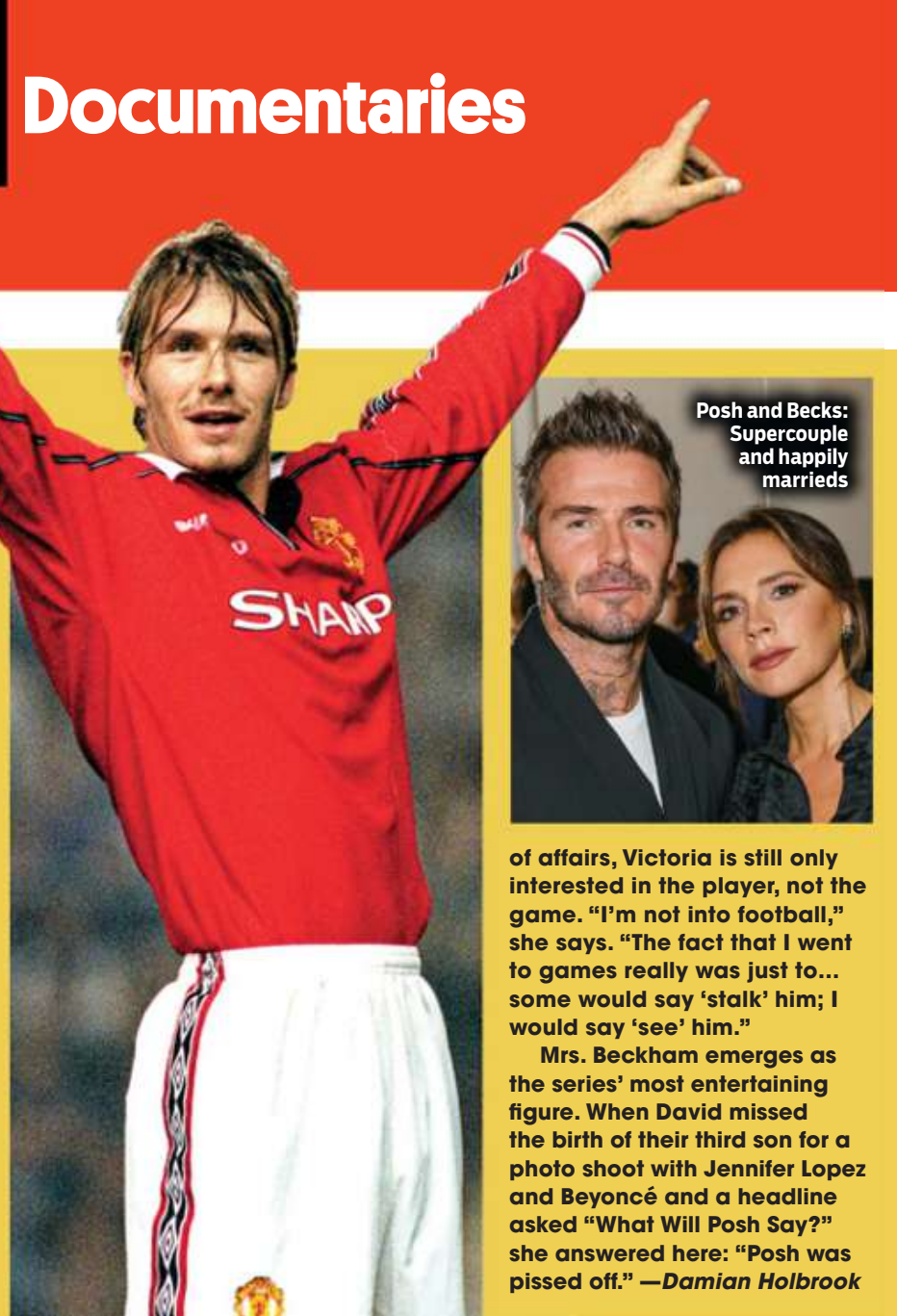
Documentaries

BECKHAM

AVAILABLE NOW

In a fascinating four-parter, the English football legend proves impressively down-to-earth, from his humble beginnings to his multimillion-dollar pop culture icon status following his marriage to Spice Girl Victoria. "They were the new Charles and Diana," says his best man, Gary Neville. Still, Beckham's life hasn't exactly been pitch perfect. After breaking into the Manchester United team at 17, he was viciously blamed for England crashing out of the 1998 World Cup when he was removed from play after barely kicking an Argentine player. The countrywide reaction left him dealing with depression.

Director Fisher Stevens (who played PR exec Hugo on *Succession*) also records how Beckham's father-figure bond with fiery Manchester boss Alex Ferguson turned sour when he began dating Posh Spice. But after 24 years of marriage, four kids and rumors



Posh and Becks: Supercouple and happily marrieds

of affairs, Victoria is still only interested in the player, not the game. "I'm not into football," she says. "The fact that I went to games really was just to... some would say 'stalk' him; I would say 'see' him."

Mrs. Beckham emerges as the series' most entertaining figure. When David missed the birth of their third son for a photo shoot with Jennifer Lopez and Beyoncé and a headline asked "What Will Posh Say?" she answered here: "Posh was pissed off." —Damian Holbrook



GET GOTTI

AVAILABLE NOW

In the 1980s, glory days for New York City mobsters, one man stood tallest—that is, after he engineered the brutal slaying of the boss of bosses, "Big Paulie" Castellano, outside a steak joint in 1985. It was the "Dapper Don" himself, John Gotti, who flaunted his power and wealth.

This riveting three-parter, told from the perspective of lawbreakers and law enforcement, looks at the rise and fall of a

larger-than-life Big Apple character, whose core rottenness made him the longtime target of local cops and the FBI. "The mob is supposed to be a secret organization. He played up to the camera," recalls federal agent George Gabriel of the bad guy who once said, "Listen to what I'm telling you. You may know 50 Andys, 500 Carls, 25 AIs, 30 Pauls. There's one motherf---ing John Gotti."

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ALL-TIME HIGH
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Not much is on the level about con artist Youss (Nassim Lyes). But when this small-time grifter, who survives on little scams, loses big during a poker game, he at least gets one win out of it, by meeting crypto millionaire Stéphanie (Zoé Marchal, above, with Lyes). Could she be his big ticket out of debt? Perhaps, but in this action comedy, Youss may end up as the one being played.



THE AFTER
AVAILABLE NOW

David Oyelowo (above right), star of *Lawmen: Bass Reeves*, gives a highly affecting performance in this short film that one might expect to see among the nominees come Oscar time. He plays Dayo, a London-based ride-share driver who is forced to confront a world of grief after a particular passenger triggers memories of a violent random attack he witnessed that led to the death of four people.



Ali, Myha'la, Roberts and Hawke star in what is not your average disaster film

LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

News of the looming apocalypse arrives with a nighttime rap at the door in this all-star thriller from writer-director Sam Esmail, who proved himself a master of depicting an unraveling society in *Mr. Robot*.

Upwardly mobile Brooklynite Amanda Sandford (Julia Roberts, who starred in Esmail's government-conspiracy drama *Homecoming*) is vacationing at a luxurious Long Island rental house—advertised as a place to “leave the world behind”—with her husband Clay (Ethan Hawke) and their teenagers Archie (Charlie Evans) and Rose (Farrah Mackenzie) when the ominous knock cracks their brief-and-cashmere cocoon.

Outside are two strangers, financier G.H. Scott (Mahershala Ali) and his daughter Ruth (Myha'la). They claim to own the rental and ask for refuge, explaining they can't return to their Manhattan home because of a mysterious massive cyberattack.

Amanda reluctantly lets them in, and the

households uneasily hunker down together as the disaster quickly grows clearer and more terrifying. Phones and TVs fail. Windows crack inexplicably. Huge ships start heading in toward shore (below). But in the house, tensions still swirl around race, class and family.

Esmail has said it was that friction that drew him to Rumaan Alam's best-selling 2020 novel in the first place. “The (characters) seemed authentic, a true product of modern society. There was something about the way they clashed with each other in this near-apocalyptic setting that resonated.”

As the massive scale of the catastrophe grows apparent, tensions rise further. But don't assume the families will find a savior when G.H. reaches out to his contractor, Danny (Kevin Bacon), a local who has been prepping for the worst. Even if Danny can help, there is an impending sense that a standard Hollywood ending may be elusive. As G.H. tells Amanda, “There is no going back to normal.” —*Kate Hahn*



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX; NETFLIX (3)



Bellamy and McVey capture a young Kate and Will; below: Debicki flanked by Fflyn Edwards (left) as Harry and Rufus Kampa as Will



TOP: JASON MCDONALD/NETFLIX; BOTTOM: CLAY ENOS/NETFLIX

THE CROWN

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Ghostly visits from beyond aren't the norm for the acclaimed drama's retelling of the royal family. Then again, the shocking 1997 death of Princess Diana (Elizabeth Debicki) was a historical game changer, and those visions serve the narrative for creator Peter Morgan's finale.

The first half of the final season follows Diana's last eight weeks and her quest for happiness. “I think that's been the story of my whole life,” she laments to her companion, Dodi Fayed (Khalid Abdalla). (And yes, the episodes explore how serious their relationship was.)

However, Diana's time with Dodi becomes fodder for money-hungry paparazzi, who follow their every move, leading to that fatal Paris accident. Once word breaks, Diana's shell-shocked ex-husband, Prince Charles (Dominic West), predicts, “This is going to be the biggest thing that any of us has ever seen.”

The deceased couple return in ghost form, respectfully. Dodi appears to his grieving father, and Diana consoles Charles and then a conflicted Queen Elizabeth II (Imelda Staunton), who's unsure how the monarchy should address her death.

Thankfully, the show's remaining six episodes (premiering Thursday, December 14, and covering through 2005) have sunnier moments, including the budding romance of Prince William (Ed McVey), Diana and Charles' elder son, with Kate Middleton (Meg Bellamy), and the Queen's Golden Jubilee. By that point, there's no question that, whatever the future, Diana's memory is ever present. —*Jim Halterman*



Meet the Carvers: Mixson, Walton, Thomas, Ross and Murphy

CANDY CANE LANE

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

If your holiday movie wish list includes comic great Eddie Murphy, jump scares, car chases and kung fu fighting, then Christmas just came early. In this rambunctious comedy film, Murphy plays holiday fanatic Chris Carver, whose seasonal celebrations with hard-working wife Carol (Tracee Ellis Ross) and festively named children Joy, Holly and Nick (Geneya Walton, Madison Thomas and Thaddeus J. Mixson) are threatened when he's suddenly laid off.

Winning the Candy Cane Lane house-decorating contest, which offers a huge cash prize to the best-lit home on the block, could save the most wonderful time of the

year—and Chris stumbles upon a building stocked with Christmas decorations that should guarantee he wins it all. But the wildly elaborate decorations are cursed by wayward elf Pepper (Jillian Bell), who has nefarious plans for those she deems naughty, like Chris. “Pepper takes the coal-in-stocking punishment to absurd lengths,” says director Reginald Hudlin, who is reuniting with Murphy for the first time since the 1992 comedy hit *Boomerang*. “She’s out to penalize anyone she thinks deserves it, and that includes pretty much everyone.”

Some of Pepper’s victims in the live-

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

action movie have been stolen from their various eras and transformed into living glass Victorian-style figurines—voiced by Nick Offerman,

Robin Thede (*A Black Lady Sketch Show*) and *Saturday Night Live*’s Chris Redd. “They don’t get along that well,” notes Hudlin. “But they are allied in their urgent need to escape from Pepper’s clutches.”

Soon, “Twelve Days of Christmas” comes to life (seven swans a-swimming and all!), and chaos erupts. And the competition? “Now, instead of winning it all, Chris could lose it all,” says Hudlin. —*Jim Halterman*

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Ritchson (above) is only three inches shorter than the fictional Reacher, who was written by Child as a towering 6-foot-5

REACHER

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Television’s biggest action star is back! And we mean *biggest*, literally. Alan Ritchson (left) is a massive force to be reckoned with as Jack Reacher, the muscle-bound hero from Lee Child’s bestselling novels. And in Season 2 of Prime Video’s bare-knuckled adaptation, the Army vet we last saw battling corruption in the South is bringing his brawn to New York to settle a way more personal matter. “Someone messed with the special investigators,” says showrunner Nick Santora, referring to the Criminal Investigation Department unit Reacher previously commanded. “And any Reacher fan will tell you: You don’t mess with the special investigators.”

Based on Child’s 11th novel in the series, *Bad Luck and Trouble*, the story kicks off after Reacher’s former MP cohort Neagley (Maria Sten) contacts him about the brutal murders of fellow team members. Together, they realize that the rest of their old unit may be of help—or at risk—so they set out to get the band back together and avenge their fallen colleagues. And whoever is targeting them should be scared. “No one is as badass as Reacher,” Santora says with a laugh. “But (his old unit is) pretty badass.” —*Damian Holbrook*



MERRY LITTLE BATMAN

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Holy holiday film, Batman! *Home Alone* meets the Caped Crusader in this original animated tale set on Christmas Eve. Stuck at Wayne Manor all by himself, Bruce Wayne’s (Luke Wilson) kid Damian (Yonas Kibreab) decides to suit up as his crime-fighting father to protect their home—and their beloved Gotham City—from the grinchiest supervillains in town. The movie, along with its upcoming *Bat-Family* spinoff series, was snatched up by Prime Video after Max pulled the plug. And that is probably the greatest gift Amazon could give Bat-fans this season. —*DH*



All seven members, including RM (left), released solo albums during the band's temporary hiatus

CONCERT MOVIE

BTS: YET TO COME
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Few boy bands have truly taken the world by storm the way that K-pop sensation BTS has since reaching worldwide stardom in 2015. (The American Music Award winners have sold tens of millions of albums internationally.) And though the music idols announced last summer that they

would be taking a hiatus, with plans to reunite in 2025—they have to complete mandatory 18- to 21-month military service in South Korea—they still had one final show in them before they let go. This film shows the free concert that BTS hosted in Busan in October 2022 to support the country's

bid to host the 2030 World Expo. Nearly 50,000 fanatics flocked to show their support for the guys—RM, Jin, SUGA, j-hope, Jimin, V and Jung Kook—as they bopped to their hits, from “Dynamite” to “Butter.” And now, BTS army, you can dance along as many times as you’d like! —Emily Aslanian



EVERYBODY LOVES DIAMONDS
AVAILABLE NOW

Small-time Italian thieves pull off “the heist of the century” in this lively eight-episode dramedy. It’s inspired by the real-life 2003 Antwerp Diamond Center theft masterminded by jeweler Leonardo Notarbartolo (Kim Rossi Stuart, center). His accomplices (from left): locks genius Sandra (Carlotta Antonelli), alarms expert Ghigo (Gian Marco Tognazzi), hacker Alberto (Leonardo Lidi) and Leonardo’s wife, Anna (Anna Foglietta), who is initially oblivious to his double life. The story, with flashbacks and flash-forwards, moves faster than a fugitive with precious gems.

Documentaries



THE GREATEST SHOW NEVER MADE
AVAILABLE NOW

This riveting three-part doc transports viewers back to 2002, when reality TV was brand-new and a con artist calling himself Nikita Russian duped 30 ordinary people with dreams of stardom into giving up their lives for a televised experiment. They broke leases, quit jobs and left family behind—but the show never even got close to airing. See reenactments and interviews from the original cast, plus the charismatic Russian, now dubbed N Quentin Woolf.



BYE BYE BARRY
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Hall of Famer Barry Sanders (above) was a nightmare for NFL defenses. In 10 seasons, the Detroit Lions running back amassed 15,269 yards on the ground and was on pace to break Walter Payton’s then-career record of 16,726. But on the eve of training camp in 1999, Sanders walked away, announcing his retirement via a fax to his hometown newspaper and boarding a flight to England. This doc catches up with Sanders 24 years later.

Movies

SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS

AVAILABLE NOW

Hell hath no fury like a daughter scorned. The superpowers of DC Comics hero Shazam (Zachary Levi, right) are being threatened in this lightning-rod sequel when the Daughters of Atlas (Helen Mirren, Lucy Liu and Rachel Zegler) come to Earth. Their aims: reclaim what they say is their stolen magic and get revenge on the wizard (Djimon Hounsou) who granted teen Billy Batson (Asher Angel) and his Shazamily—all of whom can transform into adult heroes—their powers. Expect tons of action and dragons in this 2023 blockbuster.



POLITE SOCIETY
AVAILABLE NOW

Stubborn Ria Khan (Priya Kansara, below) is an aspiring stuntwoman, and her art-school-dropout older sister Lena (Ritu Arya) is the only one who believes in her talent. When Lena gets involved with a rich doctor named Salim (Akshay Khanna), who seems to have an evil



family, Ria executes a plan to get Lena out of her impending marriage, putting her martial arts knowledge to the test. With a sharp focus on sisterhood, this 2023 genre mash-up is a fun thrill ride.



JESSE STONE: BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT
AVAILABLE NOW

From 2012: The eighth of Tom Selleck’s (above) mystery films based on Robert B. Parker’s popular books finds the forcibly retired Jesse Stone back as temporary police chief of Paradise, searching for a killer among drug dealers and being stalked by an assassin. Other installments to stream: 2009’s *Thin Ice*, 2010’s *No Remorse*, 2011’s *Innocent’s Lost* and the final film—so far—2015’s *Lost in Paradise*.

FARAWAY DOWNS

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

More Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman? Crikey, yes! The Aussie stars get an encore as passionate lovers in lauded big-screen director Baz Luhrmann's (*Moulin Rouge!*, *Elvis*) expansion of his 2008 epic *Australia*. Set in Queensland during World War II, it's now six riveting chapters (using existing footage) that drop all at once.

"This is not so much a director's cut but a reimagining of the film," Luhrmann tells TV INSIDER. The tale is told by a mixed-race Aboriginal boy, Nullah (Brandon Walters), who lives at the Faraway Downs cattle station. His life changes with the visit of Lady Sarah Ashley (Kidman). An unexpected tragedy compels the proper Brit to stay on and help the rugged Drover (Jackman), known only by his job title, herd the livestock to sell in Darwin.

Luhrmann shares one of the resurrected scenes he was happiest to include: Early on, Sarah considers leaving the station, but Drover goads her into staying. "It defines their Spencer Tracy-Katharine Hepburn-style relationship. I think it was one of the best scenes we shot during the whole production."

Nullah, Sarah and Drover form an unconventional family, sharing simple joys—songs, swimming holes, starry skies. More often they endure hardships like the cattle drive. In that sequence, Luhrmann says, "A near-fatal twist, in the middle of the journey across this uncrossable desert, had to be jettisoned for running time," but that's been restored. In another adverse development, rival cattlemen threaten to have Nullah taken away by the government, the fate of many mixed-race kids in what is known as *Australia's* Lost Generation.

In the final chapter, the Japanese bomb Darwin, causing immeasurable grief. Luhrmann confirms there is a new ending: "For Hugh, there is a huge revelation about who he is that isn't revealed in *Australia*. You'll have to watch until the last frame." —Kate Hahn



Kidman and Jackman "have a natural comic quipping but also are so naturally romantic," Luhrmann says



MOVING

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Good news, subtitle-haters: Hulu is releasing a dubbed version of its most watched Korean original—a 20-episode drama based on the webtoon *Moving*. In the series, three high schoolers under strict parental orders to hide their superpowers go from awkwardly navigating youth to fighting government baddies alongside their moms and dads. Cuddly Bong-seok (Lee Jung-ha), who can fly,

doesn't know his Seoul restaurant-owner mom (Han Hyo-joo, above) is a onetime black-ops agent who spirited him away as a kid. New girl Hui-soo (Go Youn-jung), his crush, can heal instantly, even from gunshots; class president Lee Gang-hoon (Kim Do-hoon) is uncannily strong. When an assassin targets retired super-powered agents, both generations are in for the fight of their lives. —KH



WILD CRIME

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

After two seasons presenting dark doings in our national parks (Yosemite and Rocky Mountain), the absorbing *Wild Crime* series turns to national forests for its latest true story—specifically, the regrettably named Blood Mountain in Georgia's Chattahoochee National Forest. In January 2008, a bright 24-year-old named Meredith Emerson went hiking there with her dog; she wasn't seen again until her decapitated body was found six days later. Would a killer capable of such savagery limit himself to one victim? Unlikely...



CULPRITS

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

After a staggeringly profitable heist, the elite thieves scatter, returning to their separate lives. What could cause the guilty parties to reunite? "Somebody's killing us," Officer (Kirby, *The Good Place*) says breathlessly to Joe (Nathan Stewart-Jarrett, *Candyman*). "Someone's coming." Yes, a mysterious masked assassin is trying to eliminate the crew (which also includes Niamh Algar's *Psycho*, above, and Gemma Arterton's *Dianne*). Bonus: The eight-episode thriller features Eddie Izzard, whose silky presence is always a plus!

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: HULU (2); GETTY IMAGES; HULU; DES WILLIE/DISNEY

L.A. LAW

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Practicing law on TV was relatively buttoned-down (think Raymond Burr's *Perry Mason*) until Steven Bochco's follow-up to *Hill Street Blues* exploded with sleek sexiness and hot-button relevance within the high-profile firm of McKenzie, Brackman, Chaney and Kuzak. *L.A. Law* (1986–94) made instant stars of Corbin Bernsen (right, as skirt-chasing divorce lawyer Arnie Becker), Harry



Hamlin (principled junior partner Michael Kuzak, wooing *The Partridge Family's* Susan Dey, aka Deputy D.A. Grace Van Owen) and Jimmy Smits (idealistic associate Victor Sifuentes). The show also gave producer-writer David E. Kelley his start in TV (and two Emmys). The way he disposed of Diana Muldaur's sly rainmaker Rosalind Shays is a top TV watercooler moment. —Matt Roush



Brodie-Sangster's Jack "knows how to throw down, and when he's pushed to a certain point, he will do so," McNamara says

THE ARTFUL DODGER

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

This raucous drama series bursts in on the entertainingly messy adult life of the Artful Dodger, the cunning child pick-pocket who led a gang of kiddie thieves in Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*.

Turns out the cutpurse escaped prison and joined the navy, where he learned the brand-new surgery profession (nimble fingers help!). Now he's remade himself as Dr. Jack Dawkins (Thomas Brodie-Sangster), working for room and board at a colonial Australian hospital. "He's a generally respectable surgeon but still has an itch to do crime," cocreator and writer James McNamara says. Hence his gambling side hustle! If it's discovered he's a fugitive, he'll face the noose.

Dawkins' life is upended when a prisoner transport from England brings a surprise: his former father figure and criminal mentor Norbert Fagin (David Thewlis), who left him to rot in jail. "Fagin wants redemption but also wants to make a lot of money, and he needs Dodger to do that," McNamara says.

Thankfully, Lady Belle Fox (Maia Mitchell, *The Fosters*) gives the doctor a reason to stay good. He meets the brilliant governor's daughter—who aspires to be a surgeon—while helping a boy who's been hit by a carriage. "Together they form this wonder team," notes McNamara. But the lifesaving pair's own lives are at risk thanks to Fagin's own lives are at risk thanks to Fagin's twisty criminal enterprise. —Kate Hahn

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETES!



BRAWN: THE IMPOSSIBLE FORMULA 1 STORY

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Keanu Reeves revisits the twists and turns in one of the biggest underdog stories in sports. Ferrari's brilliant technical director, Ross Brawn, left to become team principal for Honda F1 in 2007. When Honda abruptly quit the sport a year later, Brawn bought its F1 operation for just 1 British pound! With little hope of contending for a title, the renamed Brawn GP team (which included driver Jenson Button, above right, with Reeves) entered the 2009 campaign. What transpired over 17 races would become the stuff of motor sports legend.



THE LAST RIDER

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Before Lance Armstrong, there was Greg LeMond. And with Armstrong's seven Tour de France wins vacated due to performance-enhancing drugs, LeMond (above) officially remains the only American to have won the Tour, a feat he accomplished in 1986, 1989 and 1990. Few people know the full story of how LeMond nearly died from a 1987 hunting accident and how he recovered—with shotgun pellets still lodged in his body—to return to the pinnacle of the sport two years later. This moving documentary explores LeMond's incredible comeback.



Brooke (Richards, with Hyde) has doubts about ending her marriage

A CHRISTMAS FREQUENCY

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Breakfast With Brooke is in trouble. The host of this Ann Arbor, Michigan, morning radio show, Brooke Walkins (Denise Richards), has been secretly separated from her husband, and listeners can tell *something* is wrong. Ratings are down, which means panic is up for Brooke's producer, Kenzie Parker (*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*'s Ansley Gordon, who also wrote the highly entertaining screenplay).

But this is a rom-com, so of course Kenzie has a plan: Set Brooke up on a

series of live (on-air) blind dates, in the hopes that showing the advice-giving host's "vulnerable side" will boost her audience. The wrinkle is that a meet-cute has already brought the delightful Kenzie together with one of Brooke's would-be suitors, Ben Covington (Jonathan Stoddard)...and maybe Brooke isn't entirely over her ex, Todd (James Hyde), anyway. Big decisions will need to be made in time for the WKPC Christmas party! —Lambeth Hochwald

Holiday Movies



REPORTING FOR CHRISTMAS

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Headline: Happy 40th anniversary to the Mistletoads!

Hard-hitting Chicago journalist Mary Romero (Tamara Feldman, above right, with Maura Kidwell) is *not* happy to be assigned a holiday puff piece about a popular plushie from a small-town toy company...that happens to be her news station's biggest advertiser. She insists on creative control of the story, and after arriving in Brunswick, Iowa, she finds one that doesn't just focus on Johnson Toys' commercial success. Her source: Blake Johnson (Matt Trudeau), the founder's handsome, charming grandson. Will Mary land more than a scoop? —LH

IT'S ELF'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

Son of a nutcracker! Has Will Ferrell's instant-classic holiday flick been around two decades already? To celebrate Buddy (right) and his wonder-filled 2003 New York City adventure, we've gathered a few fun facts.

CASTING ALSO-RANS Early on in the project, *Saturday Night Live*'s Chris Farley and Jim Carrey were very real possibilities for the lead. Also: Garry Shandling, that cotton-headed ninny-muggins, turned down the part of Buddy's dad Walter that went to James Caan. And New Line Cinema really wanted *Dawson's Creek* darling Katie Holmes as Gimbels elf Jovie, who was ultimately played by Zooey Deschanel.



BIG APPLE BRIEF The production spent just 13 days actually shooting in NYC. Then it was off to Vancouver, where a hockey rink refroze into the North Pole and a mental institution doubled for Gimbels and other interiors. "One of the buildings, I think, was still open and had patients in it," director Jon Favreau told *Rolling Stone*. "How weird it must have been for them to look out their window and see Santa Claus and a guy in an elf suit running around with reindeer."

SWEET TOOTH As we all know, elves' four food groups are candy, candy canes, candy corn and syrup. The sugar rush hit Ferrell hard. "I didn't get a lot of sleep," he said. "I constantly stayed up. But...if it takes eating a lot of maple syrup, then I will if that's what the job calls for."

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: HULU (4); NEW LINE CINEMA/EVERETT COLLECTION; HULU

Director Bobin says Scobell's Percy is "eminently likable" and has "great vulnerability"



PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Lightning strikes with *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, Disney+'s new series that, thanks to Rick Riordan's beloved book franchise and the stunning production quality of its fantastical, eight-episode first season, could make global sensations of teen stars Walker Scobell, Leah Sava Jeffries and Aryan Simhadri.

If that sounds like the origin story of three wizards named Harry, Ron and Hermione, you're not wrong: *Percy Jackson* is to Gen Z what *Harry Potter* is to millennials. Riordan's adventurous story follows Scobell's Percy, the 12-year-old demigod son of Poseidon (Toby Stephens) and human Sally Jackson (Virginia Kull).



His real identity has been concealed from him all his life, but everything changes when the mist dividing the human and Olympian worlds unveils, and Percy begins to see the truth. After finding refuge at Camp Half-Blood, where demigods train, Percy is forced to embark on a dangerous quest to prove his innocence when Zeus (the late Lance Reddick, in one of his last roles) accuses him of stealing his master thunderbolt. Grover (Simhadri) and demigod Annabeth (Jeffries) join the tween on his mission.

Despite the character's popularity, Riordan's books have never gotten a

MYTHOLOGICAL ROLL CALL



WALKER SCOBELL as Percy Jackson, who wants to fit in despite being the son of Poseidon.



LEAH SAVA JEFFRIES as Annabeth Chase. The daughter of Athena joins Percy's quest.



ARYAN SIMHADRI as satyr Grover Underwood, Percy's undercover protector turned BFF.



DIOR GOODJOHN as Clarisse La Rue, the competitive daughter of Ares, god of war.



CHARLIE BUSHNELL as Luke Castellan, the coolest kid at camp and an expert swordsman.

faithful screen adaptation. In 2010 and 2013, 20th Century Fox released two films based on the fantasy-adventure saga that were poorly received due to their massive deviation from the source material and a noticeable lack of involvement from Riordan. This time around, the author was part of every stage of the production, acting as a cocreator, executive producer and writer who helped shepherd the story into something that felt like a worthy retelling.

"He knows it so well," says James Bobin, who directed the first two episodes and cites a Steven Spielberg classic as their visual and emotional inspiration for the series. "*E.T.*'s a good working example of how we wanted this to feel." Like the 1982 movie, the intrigue of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* is that it's an "emotionally grounded and very real" story infused with supernatural elements. "I like the idea that this show is very much from Percy's perspective," says Bobin. "The idea is that you go through the journey with him. This



Jeffries, Simhadri and Scobell are ready to seek out a new adventure; inset: Reddick



world from a point of view of a 12-year-old is a really interesting place to be."

Aside from Reddick, the show's stacked list of adult guest stars includes Lin-Manuel Miranda as Hermes, Timothy Omundson as Hephaestus and Megan Mullally as the monster Alecto.

But according to Bobin, it's Kull's Sally, "the engine of the story," who really weaves a "thread of magic" starting in the first episode.

"The books are drama and comedy and action, emotional, all that stuff," says Bobin. "The blend was really important, because that is what sets the tone of the show and draws you in and keeps you there." —Kelli Boyle

NEW TO DISNEY+



AIR BUD COLLECTION
AVAILABLE NOW

For the first time, viewers can experience the complete story of Buddy, the golden retriever who first charmed moviegoers in 1997 with his skills on the basketball court. Four follow-up films chronicle the canine's sports career in football, volleyball, soccer and baseball.



THE SIMPSONS: SEASON 34
AVAILABLE NOW

Anna Faris, Will Forte, Simu Liu, Lizzo, Rob Lowe and Melissa McCarthy are among the many guest voices featured in these 22 episodes. One highlight: the milestone 750th half-hour, titled "Homer's Adventures Through the Windshield Glass" (above).



SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS
AVAILABLE NOW

Experience the film that started it all in a stunning 4K restoration of the original 1937 classic, created in partnership with the Walt Disney Restoration and Preservation team in celebration of the company's 100th anniversary.

Disney+



ONCE UPON A STUDIO

AVAILABLE NOW

Over the years, Disney has spread wonder through everything from princesses to talking animals to flying boys who never grow up. What better way to celebrate the company's centennial than by bringing together almost all of its animated characters from the past 100 years in a short film? Of course, with Goofy in charge of taking the big group photo, things *almost* go awry, but a heartwarming rendition of "When You Wish Upon a Star" helps save the day. It's the kind of stuff dreams are made of—after all, a dream is a wish your heart makes.



4EVER

AVAILABLE NOW

Christopher Vélez, Richard Camacho, Zabdiel De Jesús and Erick Brian Colón—aka members of the Latin boy band CNCO—make their acting debuts in this life-imitates-art series about four Miami musicians who meet by chance when three of them come to the aid of Darío (Colón, above left, with Camacho and Vélez) after a proposal to his girlfriend goes sour. The quartet find themselves in an unexpected situation: A valuable guitar has been stolen, and starting their own group is the only way to retrieve it. It's time to harmonize!



"She's like a football coach," says Costantini of McCalla (right). "She brings intensity"

SCIENCE FAIR: THE SERIES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Science fairs are cool again—and if you need proof, look no further than this new docuseries that highlights some of the brightest young minds in STEM. Adapted from the 2019 Emmy-winning documentary of the same name, the three-parter follows high schoolers and their families as they prepare to compete against 30 million students from more than 80 countries at the International Science and Engineering Fair. The grand prize winner walks away with \$75,000, but it wasn't the money that exec producer and codirector Darren Foster wanted to showcase.

"Sometimes we get a little cynical, and we forget that there are things that are still to be aspired to and to be achieved," he says. "And I think the beauty of the



students we feature and all of them that participate, they have that hope. They're still idealistic in the best of ways."

Dr. Serena McCalla is involved in the students' incredible innovations, serving as both a mentor and a surrogate mom to some of the featured kids. "She and her school are consistently at the top," exec producer and codirector Cristina Costantini says. "A lot of our kids have gone on to do incredible things and cite her as one of their sources of inspiration." —Andrea Towers



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (3); DISNEY (2)

MERRY MAGIC!

THE SHEPHERD

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

John Travolta brings his lifelong passion for flying to the small screen in this new short film based on the novella by English author Frederick Forsyth. *Anatomy of a Scandal's* Ben Radcliffe plays Freddie Hooke, a Royal Air Force pilot attempting to make it home across the North Sea in time for Christmas Eve in 1957. When his radio and electricity cut out, he finds himself in peril and needs a way to land safely. Fortunately, Travolta's mysterious good Samaritan comes to the rescue in the form of a World War II-era fighter-bomber plane—but that's only the beginning of the story.

Travolta, who also executive produces, was recruited to come on board after producer Alfonso Cuarón (*Gravity*, *Children of Men*) learned the actor had originally optioned the story 30 years ago. Turns out it's never too late for a holiday miracle. —AT



Radcliffe's Freddie Hooke is helped by an intriguing stranger; inset: Travolta



MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS TALES
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Get ready to add delightful holiday viewing to your lineup! Mickey, Minnie and the gang are joined by Santa, Mrs. Claus and baby reindeer Jingle and Jolly to celebrate Christmas in these new stop-motion shorts. The five episodes pick up where last year's *Mickey Saves Christmas* left off.

DECORATING DISNEY: HOLIDAY MAGIC
AVAILABLE NOW

This 2017 special takes you on a previously unseen journey behind the scenes of both Walt Disney World in Florida and Disneyland in California as each magical land transforms its attractions and characters into a dazzling, merry spectacle.



MICKEY MOUSE FUNHOUSE
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Oops! Santa (voiced by Brock Powell) and his sled have taken an unexpected detour, crash-landing in the Funhouse Forest. But Mickey, Minnie and the rest of the gang are determined to help save the holidays. Together, they make it their mission to deliver presents before the big day.

HOME for the HOLIDAYS

SELENA + CHEF: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY, NOV. 30, 8/7c,
MAX, FOOD NETWORK



Festive and fresh cavatelli with spicy lobster sauce is served with a smile on Gomez's series

Selena Gomez invites some of TV's top chefs to cook up holiday faves in a spirited new series

By Andrea Towers

"THE HOLIDAYS ARE for friends, family and fabulous feasts," actress, singer and producer Selena Gomez says as she kicks off the first episode of her four-part Christmas-themed show. (Episodes run every Thursday through Dec. 21.) Taking that idea to heart, Gomez invites four renowned chefs into her home to both cook and share the spirit of the season.

The episodes are a spinoff of the star's popular *Selena + Chef* series and feature the same feel-good warmth—with a heaping helping of tinsel. They also keep the tradition of giving back, as Gomez donates \$10,000 to each chef's charity of choice. But as busy as her home is—you'll spot her grandparents, best friend Raquelle and 10-year-old sister Gracie—the focus remains on the food that simmers and sizzles its way to something tasty.

"I like when anyone is naturally drawn to the kitchen," says Alex Guarnaschelli, who knew she had to join in after seeing Season 1. In her episode, Guarnaschelli whips up fare that only *seems* easy: mozzarella sticks with tomato sauce and roast beef with gravy and mashed potatoes. "Some of the simplest dishes are the toughest to execute," Guarnaschelli cautions. (Case in point: Frying too many mozzarella sticks at once is not recommended!) Each chef brought unique taste to the proceedings. Claudette Zepeda, known for bold cuisine, prepared Mexican Navidad recipes—such as a spiral ham with a flavor-packed salsa macha glaze—that were both tasty and not intimidating to prepare.

"Food has a beautiful way of tapping into stories we have forgotten from our past," says Zepeda, adding that working alongside Selena "felt like cooking with one of my little cousins."

Eric Adjepong brings cultural touches in ingredients like peri peri peppers; it's also incorporated in dishes like malva pudding cake from South Africa. "My main hope," says Adjepong, who helps Gomez finish out the festivities by prepping a New Year's Day brunch, "is [viewers] are adventurous and try to cook something new."

That applies to the *Only Murders in the Building* star as well. "She learns quickly," says Michael Symon, who tag-teams with Gomez to put together a surf-and-turf menu of reverse-seared steaks, lobster and homemade pasta.

The dishes each chef creates with Gomez run the gamut from basic to more advanced and feature ingredients the experts use in their own

"Seeing Selena be so free in the kitchen was refreshing"

—Guarnaschelli

kitchens. For Adjepong, that's a mulled wine or hot beverage. For Zepeda it's Ponche, "a spiced and diced Jamaican fruit beverage that is always simmering on the back of the stove, served with pieces of sugar cane and a cinnamon stick." For Symon, it's his mom's lasagna. And Guarnaschelli loves potatoes au gratin.

She also warmed to the experience of being on the series. "Witnessing Selena in her natural habitat made me feel so connected to the cooking," she says. "It became an intimate, communal event. Additionally, her grandfather told me my cooking was 'pretty good' at the end, so that was a real plus for me."

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MEET THE GUEST CHEFS



Eric Adjepong ▲

The chef (above, with Gomez and her BFF Raquelle) cooked in several Michelin-star restaurants before showcasing his talents as a Season 16 *Top Chef* finalist and competitor on *Top Chef All-Stars*. He currently cohosts *Alex vs. America* on Food Network and has judged episodes of *Chopped*, *Guy's Grocery Games* and more.



Michael Symon ▲

The former host of ABC's *The Chew* brings his carefree cooking style to all his dishes as an *Iron Chef* on Food Network as well as on his road-trip series *Burgers, Brew & 'Que*. In 1998, he was named a Best New Chef by *Food & Wine* magazine, and his many restaurants have been named to "best of" lists since the early 2000s.

Alex Guarnaschelli ▼

Guarnaschelli (below, with Gomez and her sister Gracie) is a mom, TV host, chef and author. But she's most known from appearances on *Iron Chef America*, *Chopped* and *Supermarket Stakeout*. Guarnaschelli also serves as an executive chef at the midtown Manhattan restaurant Butter and headlines her own Food Network show, *Alex's Day Off*.



Claudette Zepeda ▼

An award-winning San Diego-based chef, Zepeda comes by her signature style through her extensive world travels. Her competition appearances include *Top Chef* Season 15 and *Top Chef Mexico* Season 2, *Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend* (where she tied in the finale) and *Bobby's Triple Threat* (where she beat out other chefs to win the top prize).





Child (Lancashire) is now enjoying the success of her innovative TV show *The French Chef*

JULIA
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

This scrumptious drama traces Julia Child's emergence as a culinary television trailblazer, but in the second season, the ebulliently eccentric chef (Sarah Lancashire), with that inimitable, octave-spanning warble, still struggles with the socially turbulent 1960s. "Julia's a path breaker, but she's also a product of her time," says showrunner Chris Keyser, adding that Julia learns "you can't stand still" as the winds of change blow.

On the heels of her show *The French Chef* becoming a cultural sensation, Julia and husband Paul (David Hyde Pierce) head to France for the summer, where she and Simca Beck (Isabella Rossellini) develop recipes for the follow-

up to their blockbuster cookbook *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. While Julia believes they need to embrace nouvelle cuisine, the tradition-bound Simca is resistant. "They fight and love each other like sisters," Keyser says. "But Julia's now famous, and it becomes difficult to change their dynamic." To ease the tension, they throw a freewheeling dinner party, with guests including Julia's powerhouse Knopf book editor Judith Jones (Fiona Glascott) and acclaimed chef James Beard (Christian Clemenson).

Back in Boston, Julia's best friend Avis DeVoto (Bebe Neuwirth) has a new boyfriend (Danny Burstein), but when things heat up, she flees on a trip to Paris. WGBH TV station president Hunter Fox (Robert Joy) faces pressure from

the bean counters to create more hits, so he charges his staff, including producers Russ Morash (Fran Kranz) and Alice Naman (Brittany Bradford), to come up with fresh ideas. "No one had these expectations for public television before," says creator Daniel Goldfarb. "But *The French Chef* raised the bar, and that shakes everything up."

When Julia returns home, she discovers that WGBH wants to crassly commercialize her program, "and she's not comfortable with it," says Goldfarb. Plus, there's a dynamic new female director, Elaine (*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*'s Rachel Bloom), who wows the staff but fails to connect with the star. Says Goldfarb, "Julia has to figure out how best to use her power." Bon appétit! —*Christopher Wallenberg*

HOT DISHES



FIXER UPPER: THE HOTEL
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

In their hometown of Waco, Texas, *Fixer Upper*'s Chip and Joanna Gaines have renovated dozens of homes, their own restaurant and even a castle. Now the husband-and-wife team are taking on their most ambitious project yet: renovating their very own downtown hotel. With 33 bespoke guest rooms, three restaurants and bars, a 500-person ballroom event space and a rooftop terrace, the project is a huge undertaking. Over six episodes, you'll see a historic building in need of care



transformed into the unique and beautiful space of Hotel 1928.

"For us, this project represents everything we are most passionate about—hospitality, restoration and home," say the couple. "Our dream for this hotel is that it would serve as an extension of home to every guest who comes to stay." —*Dylan Ford*



HOW TO BE A BOOKIE
THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Place your bets on winning with this new comedy from hitmaker Chuck Lorre

(*Young Sheldon*, *The Kominsky Method*) and Nick Bakay. The series follows idealistic veteran L.A. sports bookie Danny (comic Sebastian Maniscalco), who's trying to survive in an industry where online betting is making him obsolete even as he works tirelessly—and without violence—to collect from those owing him money.

One of the bettors Danny tries to shake down in the first episode, with the help of intimidating business partner Ray (Omar J. Dorsey, near left, with Maniscalco), is actor Charlie Sheen. Reuniting with Lorre, who famously fired the then-troubled actor from *Two and a Half Men* in 2011, he is clearly having a blast playing himself. —*Jim Halterman*

Documentaries



LITTLE RICHARD: I AM EVERYTHING
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Richard Penniman, known professionally as Little Richard, contained multitudes, and his story is the story of rock 'n' roll's Black and gay origins. Through archival footage, performances and interviews with family and other musicians, this documentary explores the life, career and contradictions of the icon. "Rock 'n' roll, race and queerness," director Lisa Cortés says. "Little Richard changed America's notions of all three."



ALBERT BROOKS: DEFENDING MY LIFE
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Since the late 1960s, Albert Brooks has been a powerful force in the world of comedy. Though a younger generation may know him best as the voice of Marlin in *Finding Nemo*, those in the know recognize him as a storied stand-up comic, actor, writer and director behind beloved films like *Modern Romance* (1981) and *Lost in America* (1985). Documentary director and longtime pal Rob Reiner helps guide Brooks' reflections on his career and unmistakable influence on comedy.



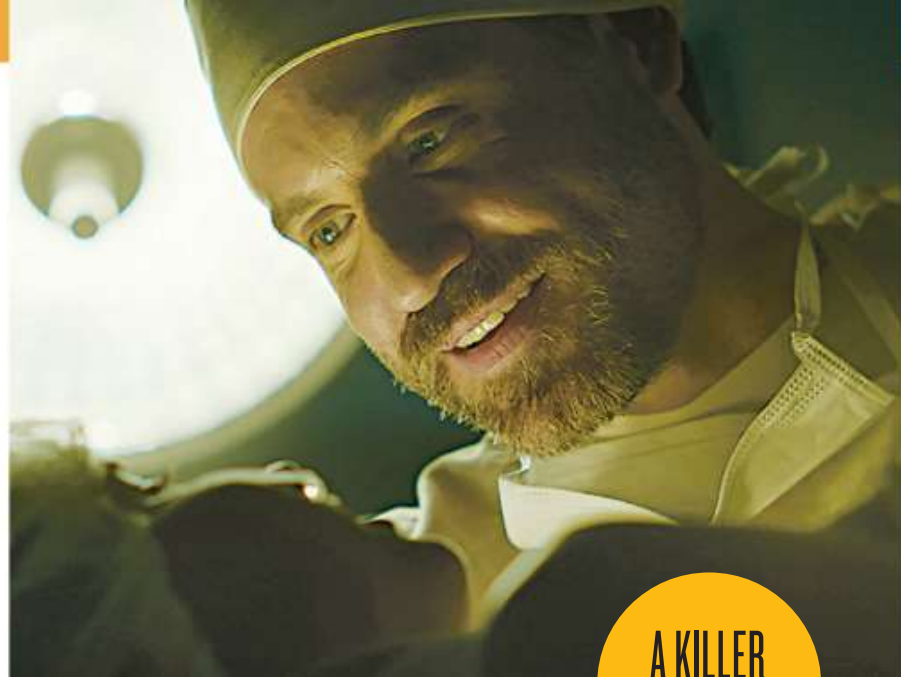
WINTER HOUSE
AVAILABLE NOW

Hello, party people! The Bravo-lebrities return for a third season of shenanigans in the snow. This time, the gang, including (from left) Kyle Cooke, Malia White, Amanda Batula, Danielle Olivera and Katie Flood, head to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to slide down the slopes, drink Loverboy Hard Teas and get frisky without getting frostbite...hopefully.



VENGEANCE
RECENTLY AVAILABLE

In this dark comedic thriller from 2022, *The Office* vet B.J. Novak (above, also directing) stars as journalist and podcaster Ben Manalowitz, who travels to West Texas to investigate the death of a woman he hooked up with after receiving an unusual phone call. Was her death really a murder? It's up to Ben to find out. Also along for the onscreen ride: *Insecure*'s Issa Rae, Ashton Kutcher, Boyd Holbrook (*The Sandman*) and Dove Cameron.



A KILLER SEASON 2!

DR. DEATH

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Think of Dr. Paolo Macchiarini (Edgar Ramírez, above) as Prince Charming with a scalpel. In the second season of this gripping anthology series based on real-life cases of medical malfeasance, the charismatic Italian thoracic surgeon grows famous for his groundbreaking synthetic organ transplants. But then his patients begin to die.

Most of the starstruck international medical community accept his excuses for the deaths. "I was excited to demonstrate how institutional flaws stretch around the globe," says executive producer Ashley Michel Hoban of the eight episodes that move from the U.S. to Sweden, Russia and Spain. "We also have a riveting love story, which adds a new layer of complexity."

NBC News producer Benita Alexander (Mandy Moore) falls for the polyglot physician while doing a story on his work but

keeps their passionate relationship a secret because it's a breach of professional ethics. (Alexander made a 2018 documentary about her experience, *He Lied About Everything*.)

"The character truly evolved with Mandy," reports Hoban. "She brings an incredible warmth onscreen, along with a sharp intellect and strong sense of conviction."

As Benita heartbreakingly realizes that Paolo's romantic promises to her were based on lies, a group of doctors discover his innovations are rooted in flawed research. Someone must stop the celebrated surgeon before he shatters another life.

Viewers can learn even more about Macchiarini's (left) true crimes in *Dr. Death: Cutthroat Conman*, a 90-minute documentary that includes first-hand accounts from former patients. It's also streaming on Thursday, December 21. —Kate Hahn



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THE REAL HOUSEWIVES ULTIMATE GIRLS TRIP: RHONY LEGACY

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Warn the locals: Ex-*Real Housewives of New York City* spiffies (from left) Luann de Lesseps, Dorinda Medley, Ramona Singer, Sonja Morgan, Kelly Killoren Bensimon and Kristen Taekman are jetting off to St. Barts. And the spinoff's fourth season is the first with all wives from the same zip code, so most of them have shared history. Or histrionics: The last time that Kelly traveled with Sonja and Ramona, it was Season 3's jaunt to St. John's, where the candy-fueled former model attacked Bethenny Frankel for being out to get her. Hopefully she packed extra gummy bears for this one.

'23 YEAR IN REVIEW WITH KEVIN HART AND KENAN THOMPSON

DECEMBER

They're the hosts with the most. Comic-movie star Kevin Hart and *Saturday Night Live*'s venerable cast member Kenan Thompson (below) team up for a second round of recapping the craziest, funniest moments of the year that we all remember—and some we probably wish we didn't. Expect all-star guests, foul-mouthed moments and plenty of airtime dissecting the weirdest TikToks, celebrity moments and news items. So there should be *something* on this summer's *Barbie* fever and our country's new leader, Taylor Swift.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE OPRY

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

When Wynonna Judd first walked into Nashville's hallowed Grand Ole Opry to host this NBC holiday special, her mind flooded with cherished memories. "I literally grew up at the Opry," says the flame-haired country legend. "It feels like a homecoming." The two-hour event has performances by country stars like Trace Adkins and Breland and Mickey Guyton. Kelly Clarkson duets with Judd (above), and

Judd also sings "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," a tune she recorded with her late mom, Naomi, and "the first Christmas song I remember singing with my family." Later, she joins icon Brenda Lee for a rousing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." "Christmastime can be a bittersweet season for many of us," says Judd, who lost her mother last year. "Music is what gets me through it." —Christopher Wallenberg

Movies

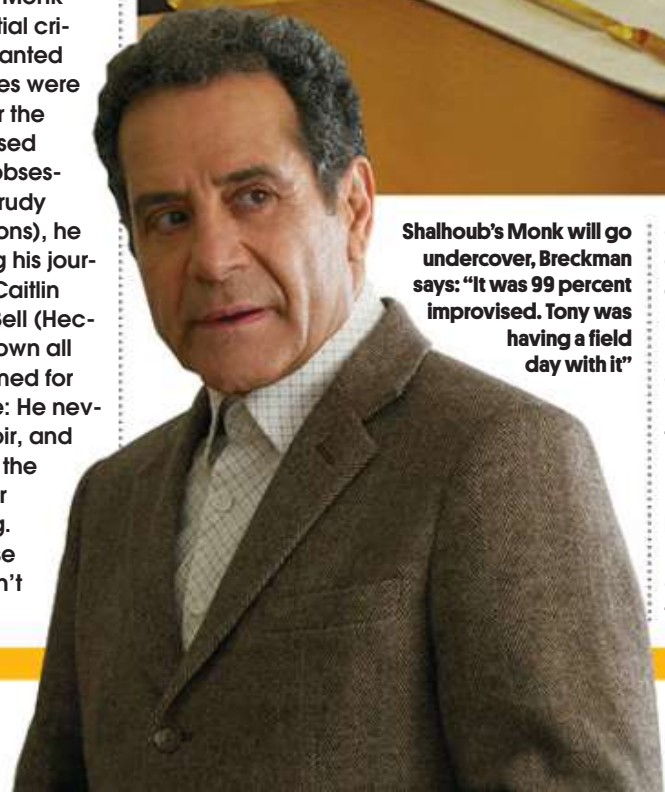
MR. MONK'S LAST CASE: A MONK MOVIE

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

At the height of the pandemic lockdown, fans of USA's 2002-09 hit *Monk* asked series creator Andy Breckman how his lovable and germaphobic private homicide investigator Adrian Monk would cope during COVID. Breckman responded with a four-minute featurette. The clip reunited the show's star, multiple Emmy winner Tony Shalhoub, with Monk's posse: his assistant Natalie (Traylor Howard) and cops Randy Disher (Jason Gray-Stanford) and Leland Stoltmeyer (Ted Levine). Peacock loved it, and 14 years after the final episode, the much-missed character returns in Breckman and executive producer David Hoberman's original film, *Monk's Last Case*.

Why last? "In the movie, Monk has a pretty serious existential crisis," says Breckman. "We wanted to make clear that the stakes were as high as they could be for the character." Greatly depressed during the pandemic and obsessively missing his late wife Trudy (Melora Hardin, seen in visions), he hid in his house, only seeing his journalist stepdaughter Molly (Caitlin McGee) and his shrink Dr. Bell (Hector Elizondo), and turning down all cases, even when life resumed for others. Making things worse: He never finished writing his memoir, and his publisher is taking back the advance that would pay for Molly's impending wedding.

But a heartbreaking case comes his way, and he can't say no when Molly's pod-



Shalhoub's Monk will go undercover, Breckman says: "It was 99 percent improvised. Tony was having a field day with it"

caster fiancé Griffin (Austin Scott) dies during a bungee jump, shortly after interviewing arrogant space mogul Rick Eden (James Purefoy). Molly is convinced that Eden is the cause and, along with Randy and Natalie, visiting for the nuptials, tries to get her stepdad to investigate.

It'll be a soul-stirring task. As Breckman puts it: "Monk is at his best when the cases are personal. It's always fun to see him rise to the challenge and overcome his emotional obstacles." —Ileane Rudolph

STEVE WILKIE/PEACOCK (2)



IF YOU WERE THE LAST

AVAILABLE NOW

Two American astronauts trapped in a disabled spaceship floating between Jupiter and Saturn—it's the perfect setup for an *Alien* or *Gravity* knockoff. However, despite the predicament and little chance of rescue, this 2023 film is more *When Harry Met Sally...* in space. The witty, charming rom-com finds crewmates Jane (Zoë Chao, *The Afterparty*) and Adam (Marvel star Anthony Mackie) after three years together playing chess, arguing over what movies to watch and dancing every night, finally debating whether, as Adam indelicately puts it, they should "bang," since they

could be stuck together "for the rest of (their) miserable lives."

Since they have mad chemistry and their only companions are a goat, several hens and Benson, the skeleton of their late medical officer, and Jane's daily attempts to repair the ship seem doomed to failure, getting intimate sounds reasonable. It's up to the more skeptical Jane to point out that, even with expected hall passes from their Earthside spouses, sex could lead to romance, which could then turn sour and ruin their warmly sardonic life-saving friendship. Now that would be true misery. —IR



LEGO JURASSIC PARK: THE UNOFFICIAL RETELLING

AVAILABLE NOW

As part of Lego's yearlong celebration of the 30th anniversary of the original 1993 *Jurassic Park* film, a Lego-ized version of chaos theory mathematician Dr. Ian Malcolm (voiced by Bradley Duffy) recounts the story of the "family-friendly" theme park with genetically modified dinosaurs from the safety of his couch. Get ready for lots of gags—and dinosaur dung.



GENIE

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Break out the eggnog—this 2023 fantasy film is a Technicolor Christmas wish come true. A lively remake of director Richard Curtis' (*Love Actually*) 1991 British TV movie romp *Bernard and the Genie*, which originally starred Lenny Henry, Rowan Atkinson and Alan Cumming, this colorful new tale, written by Curtis, follows a neglectful workaholic husband named Bernard (*I May Destroy You's* Paapa Essiedu), who must find a way to win his family back before they gather around their Christmas tree without him. Helping him in his quest throughout New York City is a flamboyantly dressed genie (Melissa McCarthy, above). We can only imagine what kind of trouble these two will get up to! —Emily Aslanian

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THE GOLD

AVAILABLE NOW

When six armed men broke into the Brink's-Mat security depot near London's Heathrow Airport, they were surprised to find 26 million pounds' (more than \$30 million) worth of gold bullion. At the time, 1983, it was the largest-ever heist in history, and it's the real-life inspiration for this involving British crime drama. The six-part series follows the gang of thieves during and after the robbery, along with the investigators, led by DCI Brian Boyce (Hugh Bonneville, above, *Downton Abbey*), who are hot on their tail. So, how does one get rid of that much bullion? Gold dealer Kenneth Noye (Jack Lowden, *Slow Horses*) and lawyer Edwyn Cooper (Dominic Cooper, *Preacher*) arrange for the smelting, then selling of the product inside and outside of England, in a scheme that would lead to the birth of large-scale international money laundering.

GOOD BURGER 2

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

"Welcome to Good Burger, home of the Good Burger! Can I take your order?" You sure can! We've been waiting for a sequel to the cult classic to be served up since 1997. Ninesies kids don't need reminding that *Good Burger* was originally a sketch on Nickelodeon kids' show *All That*, starring Kel Mitchell as clueless cashier Ed. In the *Good Burger* movie, Ed was joined by new employee Dexter Reed, played by *All That* castmate Kenan Thompson (and future longest-serving cast member of *Saturday Night Live* at 21 seasons, below right, with Mitchell). Together, they

saved their little hamburger shop from mega-chain Mondo Burger, with a boost from burger-crazed Ed's homemade secret sauce.

In this sequel, struggling inventor Dexter returns to work at Good Burger, where Ed, still working there, welcomes him with open arms. Alongside employees old and new, Dex and Ed will have to save Good Burger once again when Dex's scheme to get back on his feet backfires. "It's super awesome to come back and continue the stories of Dex, Ed and Good Burger for both the people who grew up watching and their kids,"

Mitchell said. —Dylan Ford



INK MASTER

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Prepare to view some fabulous new ink in Season 15 of this reality tattoo competition, now on Paramount+ after moving from Paramount Network in 2022. With 15 new artists entering the shop to show off their craft, it's anyone's guess who will win the \$250,000 and the coveted title of "Ink Master." They'll have to face off in grueling flash challenges and survive epic elimination tattoo

battles. That means impressing the newest judge—three-time *Ink Master* champion DJ Tambe—and returning judges Ryan Ashley (the first female tattoo artist to win) and Nikko Hurtado (one of the world's best color-realism artists).

Yellowstone fans should tune in: Actor Jefferson White (aka Jimmy Hurdstrom) takes a break from the 6666 Ranch to make a guest appearance. Joel Madden, lead singer of pop-punk band Good Charlotte, hosts the action.



CRUSH

AVAILABLE NOW

It was a 2022 Halloween horror story: More than 100,000 partygoers, packed into the narrow alleys of Seoul, were swept up into a mass panic that ended with revelers trampled and suffocated. *Crush* tells the tale with body camera, surveillance and cellphone video and through firsthand accounts from the event, which claimed 159 lives. Those affected include two off-duty U.S. soldiers who saved as many people as they could and a Korean illustrator partially paralyzed after being buried beneath dozens of bodies.



PAINKILLER: THE TYLENOL MURDERS

AVAILABLE NOW

Tylenol is everywhere. The common painkiller can be found in medicine cabinets across the country. So you can imagine the panic that ensued when it started killing people. In 1982, seven people died suddenly and without explanation. The common thread? Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide. This five-part docuseries follows the chaos the killings wrought across the nation and the decades-long investigation into one of history's most notorious unsolved crimes.



Dyer, Brammall and Zak (or Buster...)

COLIN FROM ACCOUNTS

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Boy sees girl, girl flashes boy, boy... hits a stray dog with his car? That may be unique among meet-cute scenarios, but somehow, love still blossoms in this Aussie comedy import. (Don't fret; the pooch survives.) The unfortunate accident does bring surly micro-brewer Gordon (Patrick Brammall) and salty medical student Ashley (Harriet Dyer) into each other's messy orbit. "We wanted to make a show about

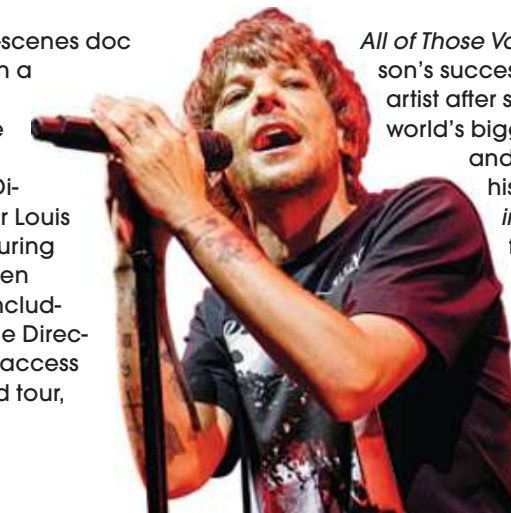
falling in love with a reason that glued people who wouldn't necessarily choose each other," says Dyer, who cocreated the comedy with Brammall, her real-life husband. But the human leads have no illusions on the sitcom's true draw. "Colin, played by two dogs, Zak and Buster, he's the real star of the show," Brammall says. "He's going to break hearts and melt faces." Rough! —Jim Halterman

OFFBEAT COMEDY

LOUIS TOMLINSON: ALL OF THOSE VOICES

AVAILABLE NOW

This behind-the-scenes doc takes viewers on a musical journey through the life and career of former One Direction member Louis Tomlinson. Featuring never-before-seen home videos, including from the One Direction years, and access to his 2022 world tour,



All of Those Voices tracks Tomlinson's successful rise as a solo artist after singing in the world's biggest boy band and the recording of his hit album *Faith in the Future*. "This film means everything," Tomlinson says. "And I'm looking forward to having it out there!"

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SLOW HORSES

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman, left) is angry, and who can blame him? It's bad enough he commands the disgraced British intelligence agents who work at Slough House, doing all of MI5's grunt work. But in the thriller series' six-episode Season 3, Lamb deals with the disappearance of his office manager, Catherine Standish (Saskia Reeves). She may die...and that would be incredibly inconvenient. If she's killed, who will keep Lamb's schedule?

"All he wants is to sit behind his desk dozing, have a whiskey and be left alone," says series showrunner Will Smith with a laugh. "Anything interrupting that is going to be infuriating."

Trouble comes when Standish is kidnapped by a former security head (Sope Dirisu) who's on a vengeful mission after a murder, in a twisty mystery that may involve MI5 director Diana Taverner (Kristin Scott Thomas).

But Lamb just wants his team left alone. "It's his line from Season 1: 'They're f---ing losers, but they're *my* losers,'" says Smith. "That's the line to him that you can't cross." —Robert Edelstein

MORE NAIL-BITING ACTION DRAMAS



HIJACK

AVAILABLE NOW

The friendly skies go dark almost instantly at the launch of this thrill ride. Idris Elba (above) is Sam Nelson, a corporate negotiator flying from Dubai to London who must rely on his particular set of skills to save the day after a crew of hijackers take over. The exciting tale unfolds in real time through the seven-hour flight.

TEHRAN

AVAILABLE NOW

For two seasons, this Israeli drama has been the ultimate international thriller, following Mossad agent Tamar (Niv Sultan, below left) going deep undercover on life-or-death missions. The series was boosted by the star power of Glenn Close (right) in Season 2, with Hugh Laurie on the slate next season.



THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME

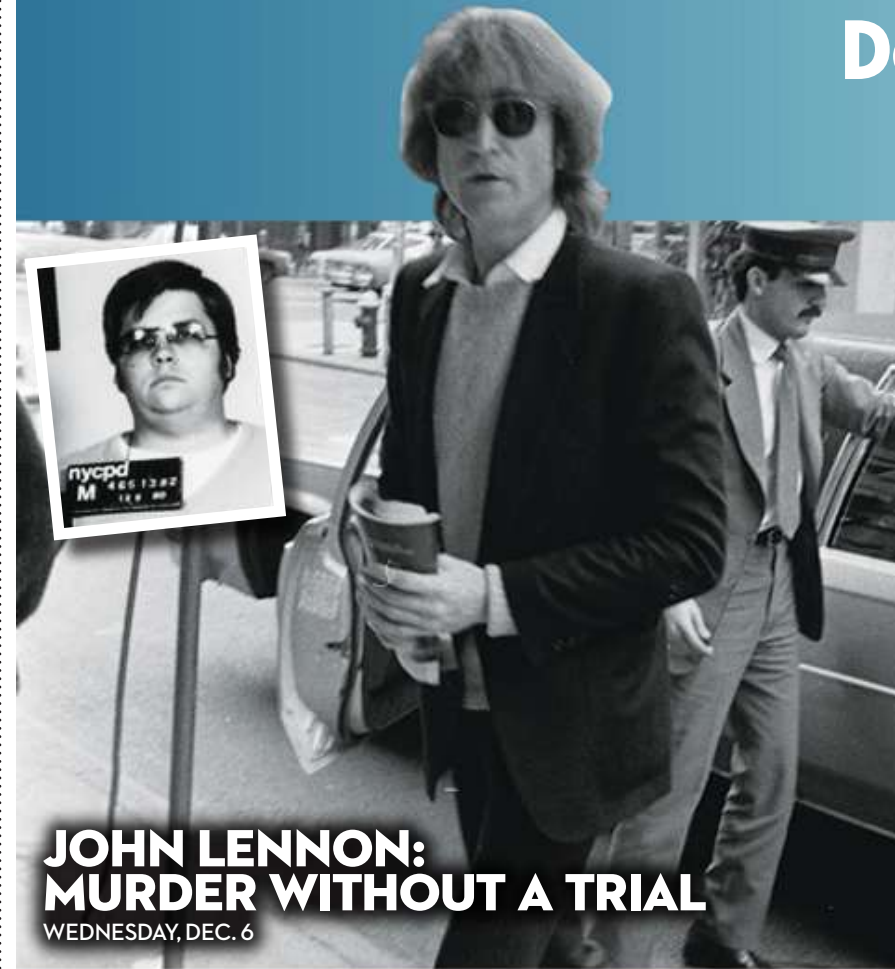
AVAILABLE NOW

In this seven-episode series, happily married Jennifer Garner (right) gets a cryptic note from her husband and, along with his 16-year-old daughter Bailey, must try to find out why he ran off. Does it have to do with the FBI raiding the Enron-like company he worked for?



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Documentaries



JOHN LENNON: MURDER WITHOUT A TRIAL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

More than 40 years after John Lennon's death, this three-parter looks at the ex-Beatle's 1980 murder by Mark David Chapman (inset), and the trial that never occurred after Chapman pled guilty. "It's a tragedy, this creative, cultural icon colliding with this troubled man," says codirector Rob Coldstream.

Interviewed are witnesses—some of whom have never spoken about it—and lawyers on both sides of the case. Unearthed recordings of Chapman with his attorneys offer insight. "It's spooky, to be honest," says exec producer Louis Lee Ray. "Hearing the contemporaneous recordings...and how his account changes of why he did it."

Ultimately, viewers can draw their own conclusions about Chapman (his parole has been denied 12 times) and how history judges him. "The irony is, if anyone would have forgiven Chapman, it would have been John," notes Coldstream. "If he stood for (anything), it was love and forgiveness." —Dylan Ford

Considering he's a global ambassador for European football, Lionel Messi's July signing with Inter Miami CF of Major League Soccer is as smooth as anything he ever did on the pitch. It's hard to imagine the star of Argentina's 2022 World Cup-winning squad not helping soccer, *Messi Meets America* suggests.

The series, which follows the superstar's early success with his new club, showcases a legend who "does absolutely magical things on the field no one else can do," says executive producer Scott Boggins. "And while doing that, he comes across as so relatable."

As Messi helps transform the struggling Inter Miami team into a Cup winner, he also embraces the U.S., and the country hugs him back.

Boggins recalls a chat with a fan in the second episode: "He said, 'Messi is us.' He's more than just a great player. He represents something big in this community." —DF



MESSI MEETS AMERICA

AVAILABLE NOW



ANNE RICE'S MAYFAIR WITCHES

AVAILABLE NOW

AMC's Immortal Universe—which originated with its adaptation of *Anne Rice's Interview With the Vampire*—got a new addition with this seductive take on the late author's novels about New Orleans enchantresses. Alexandra Daddario (*The White Lotus*) shines as Rowan Mayfair, an adopted neurosurgeon led to the Big Easy in search of her birth parents. There, she uncovers not just the root of her burgeoning (and deadly) powers, but also her link to a supernaturally gifted bloodline...and to a shape-shifting entity with sinister dark desires (Jack Huston, left, with Daddario).

"It's not quite as brutal as *Interview*," says Mark Johnson, the exec producer overseeing the network's Rice-centered content. "It's (more) about family—who they are and how do you fit in?" —*Damian Holbrook*

ORIGINAL SERIES



GANGS OF LONDON

AVAILABLE NOW

Fans of *Game of Thrones* and *The Wire* will find themselves transfixed by this gritty crime drama. Joe Cole (above) gives a standout performance as mob boss Sean Wallace, who ends up out of his depth when rival gangs clash following the assassination of London's most powerful gangster. Interested in more? Season 3 is currently in production.

ANNE BOLEYN

AVAILABLE NOW

Jodie Turner-Smith (below) delights as the doomed wife of King Henry VIII in this limited series from 2021. Exploring Anne's life five months before her beheading, the three-parter is both psychological thriller and historical commentary, pulling out lesser-known details of her story and bringing them to the forefront.



THIS IS GOING TO HURT

AVAILABLE NOW

Adam Kay's bestselling memoir is the backdrop for last year's acclaimed series starring Ben Whishaw (above) as an overworked ob-gyn experiencing the highs and lows of hospital life. Adam battles his own demons and medical bureaucracy in a story filled with just what the doctor ordered: comedy, drama and complex characters.



KILLING EVE

AVAILABLE NOW

Sandra Oh and Jodie Comer (above, from left) star as, respectively, an MI5 security officer and a skilled killer who engage in a game of cat-and-mouse as each becomes obsessed with the other. The award-winning series captivated audiences for four seasons, 2018–22, with its riveting storylines.



BEING HUMAN

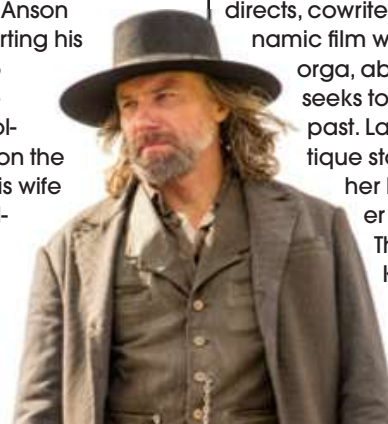
AVAILABLE NOW

Having roommates is hard enough, but what if those roommates are supernatural beings (namely, a werewolf, a vampire and a ghost) trying to figure out their paranormal and personal lives? Things get complicated in the comedic 2011–14 American adaptation (starring Sam Witwer, above) of the British series.

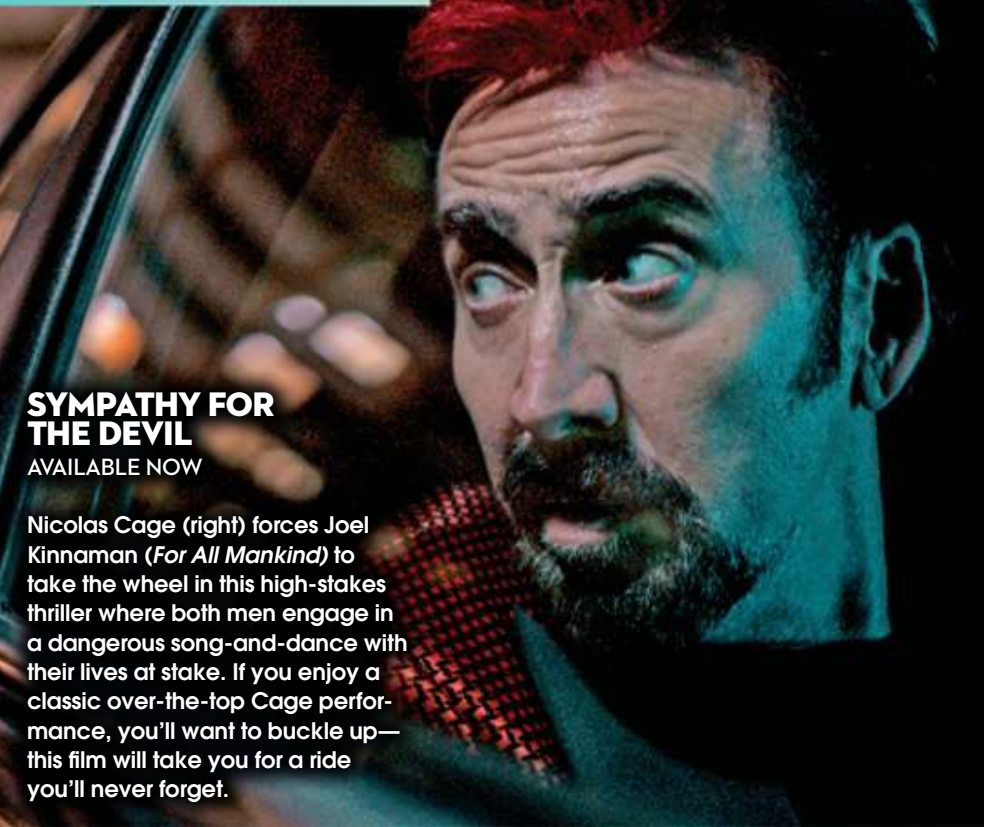
HELL ON WHEELS

AVAILABLE NOW

Before Kevin Costner's John Dutton conquered television, Anson Mount (right) was charting his own path from 2011 to 2016 as Cullen Bohannon, a Confederate soldier seeking revenge on the men who murdered his wife in this epic and sprawling series about the creation of the Union Pacific Railroad.



Movies



SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL

AVAILABLE NOW

Nicolas Cage (right) forces Joel Kinnaman (*For All Mankind*) to take the wheel in this high-stakes thriller where both men engage in a dangerous song-and-dance with their lives at stake. If you enjoy a classic over-the-top Cage performance, you'll want to buckle up—this film will take you for a ride you'll never forget.



RARE OBJECTS

AVAILABLE NOW

Dawson's Creek darling Katie Holmes directs, cowrites and costars in this dynamic film where Benita (Julia Mayorga, above left, with Holmes) seeks to escape a traumatic past. Landing a job at an antique store, she tries to rebuild her life, with the help of owner Peter (Alan Cumming). The movie is based on Kathleen Tessaro's novel of the same name.



THE LOST KING

AVAILABLE NOW

Richard III's story has been told many times throughout history, but this 2022 film isn't about his life. Instead, the dramedy focuses on the true story of what happened when the monarch's remains were discovered in 2012 under a Leicester car park. Sally Hawkins (above, *The Shape of Water*) plays Philippa Langley, an amateur historian who becomes set on finding the royal's lost burial site and goes toe-to-toe with Britain's most famous archivists.

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CELEBRATE
BRITMAS!



It's time to deck the halls with brand-new holiday episodes of these three acclaimed shows, all airing on the streamer throughout the month of December.

SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES

A stranded train during the worst winter on record, a murdered passenger and a stolen precious jewel are the backdrop for this feature-length special where everyone's favorite Vespa-driving detective nun (Lorna Watson, above) must figure out a suspect before it's too late—or before all the passengers freeze to death.

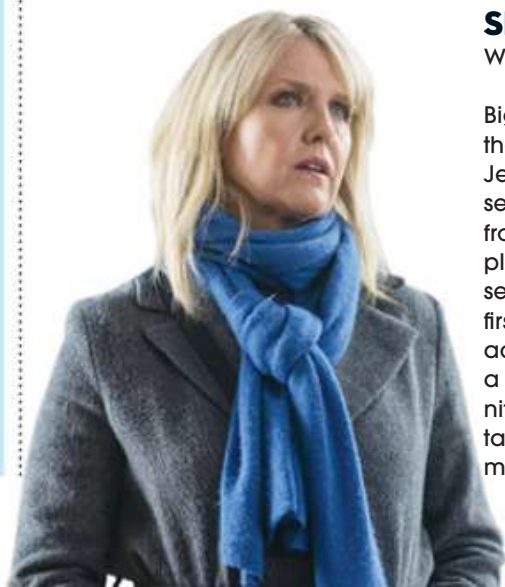
BEYOND PARADISE Detective Inspector Humphrey Goodman (Kris Marshall), his fiancée Martha Lloyd (Sally Bretton) and the rest of the Shipton Abbott crew return. Will wedding bells be ringing along with Christmas bells?

VERA Ann Cleeves' novel *The Rising Tide* is the backbone of a new seasonal story for Brenda Blethyn's brilliant (and unconventional) Detective Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope and her team of trusted colleagues.

ARCHIE
DECEMBER

"You can't create a character like Cary Grant," says Oscar-nominated screenwriter Jeff Pope of the Hollywood legend. The actor's ascension from an impoverished English lad, born Archibald Leach in 1904, to movie stardom in films like *The Philadelphia Story* and *His Girl Friday* is dramatic enough. Add to that his startling discovery when he was a rising star in the 1930s that the mother he thought had died was actually living in a mental institution and you have, according to Pope, "some story that Dickens might have created."

The four-part series jumps between three timelines: the '60s, the '80s and his earlier life. Four actors tackle Grant at various ages, notably Jason Isaacs (right), who plays him from middle to old age and donned prosthetics to give him Grant's dimpled chin. Pope says he wanted viewers to see a balanced portrait, promising, "It's not a piece that tries to airbrush the more difficult parts of his life." —*Diane Snyder*



SHETLAND
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Big changes are in store for Season 8 of the popular crime drama, with Ashley Jensen (*Ugly Betty*) stepping into the series' lead role. Jensen takes the baton from original star Douglas Henshall, who played Detective Jimmy Perez for seven seasons, and in doing so becomes the first female to lead the series. Her character, Detective Inspector Ruth Calder, is a native to the Shetland Island community who returns after 20 years away to take on new cases—and she's ready to make her mark.

ACORN TV



HIDDEN ASSETS

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

The fast-paced thriller about a team at the Criminal Assets Bureau that get caught up in an international conspiracy is back for a much-anticipated, and twisty, second season. A year after the bombings that kicked off the series and served as Season 1's main mystery, businesswoman Bibi Brannigan (Simone Kirby) returns to Antwerp after the death of her father-in-law, Richard (Michael Ironside). When she suddenly finds herself on the receiving end of a calculated attack, she's forced to work with the CAB team again. She's hoping to make a deal: In exchange for protection, she'll

provide intel about the true masterminds behind the bombings. There's a problem, though: Season 1 detective Emer Berry (Angeline Ball) has left the CAB, and Belgian Chief Inspector Christian De Jong (Wouter Hendrickx) and new CAB team lead Claire Wallace (Nora-Jane Noone, above right, with Kirby and Hendrickx) are hesitant to trust her. Too bad for them—but great for viewers—they'll soon have no choice but to get caught up in another potentially lethal scheme involving Bibi. The six gripping episodes follow the trio in a race against cyberterrorism and other threats. —*Andrea Towers*

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HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY DRAMEDY CHRISTMAS!



THE MADAME BLANC MYSTERIES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

MONDAY, DEC. 25

The holidays have hit Sainte Victoire! Local chateau owners Judith (Sue Holderness) and Jeremy (Robin Askwith) have arranged a murder-mystery night at the spooky Hotel Sanguinet for antique dealer turned amateur sleuth Jean White (Sally Lindsay, left) and her friends. But when an actual homicide occurs, it's up to Jean to find out which suspect is responsible for the crime—or is it the ghosts of Christmas past?



MIDSOMER MURDERS

MONDAY, DEC. 4

Since 1997, the cozy detective drama based on Caroline Graham's Chief Inspector Barnaby book series has kept fans engaged with its many creative mysteries. As the series heads into its 24th (!) season, Detective Chief Inspector John Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon) continues to explore unexpected crimes with the help of Detective Sergeant Jamie Winter (Nick Hendrix) and pathologist Fleur Perkins (Annette Badland, above, with Dudgeon and Hendrix). New episodes premiere every Monday.



STEELTOWN MURDERS

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

This fascinating crime drama (an Acorn TV exclusive) will hook you in just four episodes thanks to its unique narrative and compelling mysteries. Set in both 1973, when its sexually motivated murder cases occur, and 2002, when the tragic events are reopened by DCI Paul Bethell (*Calendar Girls*' Philip Glenister, above), the story explores how these incidents (based on tragic real events) shape the small but tight-knit community of Port Talbot, Wales.



Clothes make the man: Crockett and Tubbs' Miami style

MIAMI VICE

AVAILABLE NOW

Picture this: A convertible cruises down a palm tree-lined highway. Two men in pastel-colored suits breathe the warm night air. One turns up the radio, the sounds of pulsing synthesizers masking the faint buzz of the neon-drenched streets. Now ask yourself: What decade is it?

That's right—it's the 1980s. And that iconic look you imagined? That's all *Miami Vice*. A police drama for the MTV age, NBC's smash-hit cop show represented a massive shift in style and a darker tone for modern television. *Vice* was the first show to blend the well-worn police

procedural with fashion, culture and music (most famously, Phil Collins' "In the Air Tonight" in the series' first episode), and its stars became the epitome of cool.

Undercover vice detective James "Sonny" Crockett (Don Johnson) was a laid-back Vietnam vet out to live life to the fullest. Ricardo "Rico" Tubbs (Philip Michael Thomas) was his more cynical, straitlaced foil—an NYPD detective searching for his brother's killer. For 114 episodes from 1984 to 1990, they brought the worst of Miami's drug-selling and violent underworld to justice, all while being pretty natty. —Dylan Ford

CLASSIC SITCOMS



THE JEFFERSONS

AVAILABLE NOW

When his dry-cleaning business takes off, newly wealthy New Yorker George Jefferson (Sherman Hemsley) moves his family from Queens to Manhattan in this *All in the Family* spinoff. For 11 seasons on CBS (1975-85), opinionated George, his level-headed wife, Louise (Isabel Sanford, above, with Hemsley), and their son Lionel found themselves embroiled in hilarious family hijinks and some culture clashes with interracial neighbors the Willises.



IT'S A LIVING

AVAILABLE NOW

This ABC '80s sitcom followed the lives of the waitresses at Above the Top, a fancy restaurant located atop the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. Between juggling fussy customers and their strict boss, they manage to carve out time for their own dreams and personal lives. *It's a Living* was notable for its third season revival three years after it was canceled and as one of the few ensemble sitcoms at the time with a mostly female cast.



THAT GIRL

AVAILABLE NOW

In the late '60s and early '70s, "that girl" was Ann Marie (Marlo Thomas, above), an aspiring actress who leaves her small hometown to make it big in New York City. With her signature goofy charm, Ann bounces between bit parts, auditions and temp jobs. The ABC series broke barriers, showing a single woman with a full life outside of a relationship—an independence Ann maintained even after falling for magazine writer Donald Hollinger (Ted Bessell).

BEWITCHED

AVAILABLE NOW

With a twitch of her nose, witch Samantha Stephens (Elizabeth Montgomery) can cause all sorts of magical chaos on this 1964-72 ABC series, much to the chagrin of her husband, Darrin (Dick York, below, with Montgomery, later replaced by Dick Sargent). Though Samantha does her best to act like a suburban housewife, she usually can't suppress her sorceress side, inevitably casting a kooky spell on Darrin or some other unsuspecting mortal.



LONG SHOT

AVAILABLE NOW

Struggling journalist Fred Flarsky (Seth Rogen) has a chance meeting in this 2019 comedy with Charlotte Field (Charlize Theron), his childhood babysitter and biggest crush. Now that they're all grown up, could he finally have a shot? Keep in mind, she's now the U.S. secretary of state and a candidate for president. When Fred is hired as a speech writer for Charlotte's campaign, the two strike up an unlikely romance, but with politics and journalistic ethics driving a wedge between them, their relationship is not a sure bet.



WILDLIFE

AVAILABLE NOW

The 2018 directorial debut of actor Paul Dano (*The Batman*, *The Fabelmans*) stars Carey Mulligan (above) and Jake Gyllenhaal as Jeanette and Jerry Brinson, a married couple in small-town 1960s Montana. In crisis after losing his job, Jerry decides to help fight a wildfire near the Canadian border. Against her wishes, he leaves Jeanette and their 14-year-old son, Joe (Ed Oxenbould), behind. Joe is forced to grapple with his father's absence, and his mother's complicated response, as she tries to keep their family afloat.

TUBI ORIGINALS

Here are some thriller and comedy movies, and a celebrity doc, that you won't find anywhere else.

Hot Girl Winter It's hard to get steamy up in the North Pole! Feeling neglected by Saint Nick, Mrs. Claus takes a Christmas vacation down to Miami, where she'll put the spirits back in "Christmas spirit."

The Engagement Dress Each of Claudia's (Angel Prater) friends has gotten engaged in the same lucky dress. But when it's Claudia's turn, the magic seems to vanish. Reunited with her childhood crush, she'll have to follow her heart.

Still Here The pain of loss always lingers. Quite literally for William, who's haunted by the spirit of the wife he accidentally killed in a heated argument. But is she just a survivor bent on revenge?

The Last Exit Two desperate brothers on the run take a family hostage in the Scottish Highlands. But Mama (Joely Richardson) is no simple farmer. The criminals soon realize they've kicked a hornets' nest full of secrets and grisly vengeance.

TMZ Ariana Grande Harvey Levin leads the TMZ crew in unfiltered deep dives into the lives of the world's biggest celebs. This time, it's pop superstar Ariana Grande.



The Engagement Dress

FREAKS AND GEEKS

AVAILABLE NOW

The theme song was Joan Jett's rocking "Bad Reputation," but it's hard to think of another gone-too-soon cult series with a better reputation and more enduring legacy than *Freaks and Geeks*, a brutally funny and searingly sad dramedy about teenage life at a suburban Michigan high school in the early 1980s. First shown on NBC in 1999–2000, it holds up more than two decades later because of its authenticity, honesty and empathy with two groups of outsiders: the nerdy "geeks" and the burnout rebel "freaks." Only 18 episodes were produced, but each is a gem, and the series is famous as a launching pad for the careers of future stars including James Franco, Seth Rogen, Jason Segel, Linda Cardellini, John Francis Daley, Martin Starr and Busy Philipps. —*Matt Roush*



Cardellini and Daley as siblings Lindsay and Sam Weir



Double diva: Evans and Collins, circa 1982

DYNASTY

AVAILABLE NOW

The fashions! The fisticuffs! The fornicating! The delights of Aaron Spelling's 1981–89 primetime soap are available on demand (all nine seasons) as well as running 24/7 on a dedicated channel. Without any nips or tucks, Denver's Carrington clan has aged gracefully, even if their shoulder pads haven't.

Dynasty may be best remembered for the feuding—and the catfights—between Krystle Carrington (Linda Evans) and Alexis Colby (Joan Collins), the current and former wife of wealthy oil baron Blake Carrington (John Forsythe), but their knock-down-drag-outs are only part of the story. The struggle of Alexis and Blake's gay son Steven (Al Corley and later Jack Coleman) to come out and be accepted, groundbreaking at the time, is still heartbreaking to watch. And although the series is usually pegged for its campiness, the actors rarely play their roles too broadly, even when their antics are over the top. (How does Alexis get that caviar when she's in prison?)

Add in some big names—Diahann Carroll, Billy Dee Williams, Rock Hudson in his final role—and you have comfort TV at its most wanton. —*Diane Snyder*

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Movies



TRAIN TO BUSAN
AVAILABLE NOW

Even though spooky season is behind us, there's still time to catch one of the greatest zombie movies ever! This 2016 South Korean flick follows a divorced dad named Seok-Woo and his daughter, Su-an (Gong Yoo and Kim Su-an, above, with Ma Dong-seok), who become trapped on a high-speed passenger car besieged by a mass of feral, fast-moving undead ghouls. Almost from the get-go, this modern-day classic is a breathless mix of jump scares, adrenaline-pumping action and emotional moments that hit you like, well, a runaway train. Especially after a key scene of chaos and carnage at a swanky railway station changes the course of Seok's life forever. *Busan* is a hot ticket in Hollywood too: The U.S. adaptation *The Last Train to New York* is coming from the folks behind the *Conjuring* universe. —*Damian Holbrook*



THE 39 STEPS

AVAILABLE NOW

This Alfred Hitchcock thriller is as enjoyable today as the day it was released in 1935. Robert Donat is Richard Hannay, abruptly embroiled in spyjinks and on the lam through the Scottish Highlands for a murder he didn't commit. There's a feisty love interest, Pamela (Madeleine Carroll, above, with Donat)—they end up handcuffed together!—plus standout supporting characters in a sympathetic crofter's wife (Peggy Ashcroft) and poignant music-hall performer Mr. Memory (Wylie Watson).



TENDER MERCIES

AVAILABLE NOW

"See, I don't trust happiness. I never did; I never will." Robert Duvall will move you to tears as has-been country star Mac Sledge in this low-key 1983 drama. The hard-living alcoholic finds love and redemption with small-town Texas widow Rosa Lee and her boy, Sonny (Tess Harper and Allan Hubbard, above, with Duvall). Naturally, something interrupts his hard-won progress, in the form of his ex-wife (Betty Buckley) and estranged daughter (Ellen Barkin). Oscars went to Duvall and screenwriter Horton Foote.

TRY THESE CHANNELS!

Clicking on Pluto's "Live TV" option brings up a guide to 350-plus free channels that stream their programming on a schedule. Here are six we like.

70s Cinema Just what it says: Clint Eastwood's *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot*, blaxploitation flick *Sheba, Baby*, action assault *Walking Tall* and other titles from film's renegeade era. Not your decade of choice? Pluto also offers 80s Rewind, 90s Throwback and 00s Replay.

Crackling Fireplace/Festive Fireplace Whether you prefer the snap, crackle and pop of blazing logs or a soundtrack of holiday tunes, these electronic hearths are burning for you! Find 'em in the new Season's Greetings section.

PGA Tour You may not be able to stop at 18 holes on this all-golf channel, which features recaps of memorable rounds and tournaments, player profiles (below: Tiger Woods) and original programming like the celebrating-a-legend special *Tiger Tracks*.

Real Disaster Channel It's a matter of life or death! Always! Docuseries such as *Lifeguard!*, *Mayday: Air Disaster* and *Rogue Earth* kick your heart rate into overdrive.

Sitcom Legends Ted Danson. Kelsey Grammer. Paramount's comedy library feeds this blitz of *Cheers*, *Frasier*, *Becker* and more.





Nikita's code name: Josephine

LA FEMME NIKITA

AVAILABLE NOW

Intense chemistry between beautiful people is forever a draw. So even though the “high tech” in this Canadian spy thriller, which aired on USA from 1997 to 2001, is woefully out of date, the heat between assassin Nikita (Peta Wilson) and her enigmatic handler, Michael (Roy Dupuis), stands the test of time.

The series tweaks the blueprint from Luc Besson's stylish 1990 film of the same title: Instead of going to jail for a crime she didn't commit, Nikita is spirited away to a mysterious organization called Section One, where she's trained as a covert operative. Her humanity is at odds with the ruthless missions, and she doesn't get any sympathy from her bosses, like cold interrogation pro Madeline (Alberta Watson). But her feelings for Michael keep her there, and when he allows himself to give in to his own, the two are electric.



Jon Dore and Sarah Levy (*Schitt's Creek*)

THE HOLIDAY SHIFT

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

Love Actually meets retail therapy in this adorable five-episode comedy “for people who love Christmas movies,” says creator Tommy Johnagin. Set in a mall between Black Friday and Christmas Eve, *Shift*'s tales “intersect in fun and surprising ways,” he says, adding that he's surrounded the lovelorn mall workers (played by *Baby Daddy*'s Jean-Luc Bilodeau, *Ginny & Georgia*'s Devyn Nekoda and more) with nods to holiday classics. So don't shoot your eye out, but do keep 'em peeled! —Damian Holbrook

ORIGINAL SPECIALS



THE GREAT AMERICAN BAKING SHOW: CELEBRITY HOLIDAY

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

“I get to use the proving drawer!” squeals comedian Phoebe Robinson while making doughnut-like Hanukkah treat *sufganiyot*. No spoilers, but you *will* learn what a proving drawer is. She's joined by Joel McHale, *Saturday Night Live*'s Ego Nwodim and three other celebs vying to be Star Baker. (Look out for their layer cakes!) Zach Cherry and Casey Wilson (above, back row) host; Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith (front) judge.

A VERY DEMI HOLIDAY SPECIAL

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Spend a night “Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree” with multi-talented performer Demi Lovato (below) and a sleighful of surprise celebrity guests. (Who will partner her in a special duet?) Also on the set list: “Jingle Bell Rock” and tracks from her recently released album *Revamped*.



Movies



Hatcher's Nora takes part in a snowman-building competition. Of course!

HOW TO FALL IN LOVE BY THE HOLIDAYS

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

This festive romance—a Roku original—gets extra sparkle thanks to Teri Hatcher's charming performance as Nora Winters (the name is a clue she's happily frozen in her ways). A popular writer who's risen to CEO of a women's magazine/lifestyle brand, she tries to keep her job by agreeing to the board of directors' stunt to lure younger readers: pen a column on falling in love by Christmas, using 10 steps on a new dating app.

“What I need to do is...find someone to fake fall in love with,” Nora tells her sis, Adley (Rachel Wilson), a

suburban wife and mom who runs the family bakery. But Nora's intention to create a fictional romance doesn't sit right with Jack Paxon (Dan Payne), the handsome, idealistic photographer assigned to document her quest. As Nora follows the app's instructions (“Step 2: Meet Someone Outside of Your Comfort Zone” sends the chic Manhattanite roller-skating around a Christmas tree), the pair share stories of failed loves and future hopes. We know they're meant to be. The fun is watching them figure it out. —Kate Hahn

TRY THESE CHANNELS!

More than 400 free channels stream their programming 24/7—just click on Roku's “Live TV” option. We recommend these four.

Alfred Hitchcock Presents

Between 1955 and 1962, the master of suspense brought rapt audiences these half-hour nuggets of thrills, mysteries and twist endings—and directed 17 himself.

Gardening With Monty Don

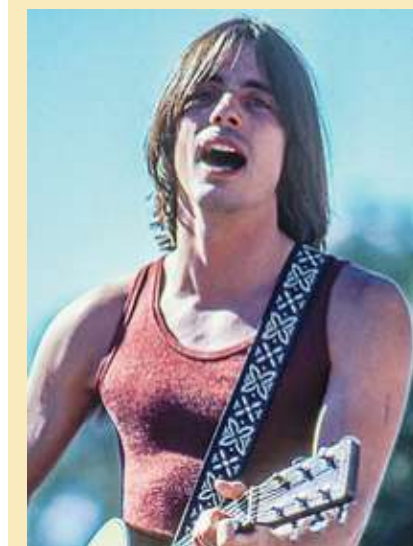
(Green) thumbs up! The personable British horticulturist and author has curated a blooming lineup that includes the BBC's venerable *Gardeners' World*, his own compilation series and docs on the best you-know-whats around the globe (*Adriatic Gardens*).

iHeart Yacht Rock Radio

You don't have to actually be sailing to enjoy Christopher Cross' “Sailing” and the other breezy, soft tunes from the '70s and early '80s that qualify as yacht rock. These aren't music videos, so no need to watch. Just listen for Toto's “Hold the Line,” “Somebody's Baby” by Jackson Browne (below) and more.

The Walking Dead Universe

Hour after hour of AMC's original monster hit and various spinoffs, including the latest, *Daryl Dixon*.



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MacNeill, Wendy Crewson's unit commander Gloria Ballard and Moore

FINAL SEASON

PRETTY HARD CASES

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

You didn't really think Toronto detectives (and BFFs) Samantha Wazowski (Meredith MacNeill) and Kelly Duff (Adrienne C. Moore) would stay apart for long, did you? When the comedic procedural returns with its final 10 episodes of Season 3, eight months have passed since their partnership was dissolved, and they're missing each other big-time. "Sam and Kelly had come to rely heavily on each other both at work and as best friends," says executive producer Sherry White, noting that much has changed since they split up.

A disgruntled Sam has been demoted to beat cop, "which has been a big blow to her self-esteem," says executive producer Tassie Cameron. She's also living with and dating her ex-husband Steve (Trevor Hayes).

"They're trying to figure out how to navigate their relationship as former spouses and current partners," Cameron adds.

Meanwhile, Kelly has been busy working an undercover case, befriending a bride-to-be with a shady fiancé. A chance meeting between Kelly and Sam prompts Sam to assist in the job. "Together, they work to secure a murder confession from a dangerous criminal before he flees the country," White explains.

Soon, with their alliance reinstated, the pair will also work to get a new synthetic drug off the streets. "Some of the cases that initially seemed unrelated will turn out to be linked," teases Cameron. "And as the season continues, the danger gets closer to home." —*Jim Halterman*

MORE LAUGHS

YOUNG ROCK

RECENTLY AVAILABLE

The newly added third and final season of NBC's full-of-heart sitcom, which wrapped up in February, continues mining the colorful past of global movie star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Future Johnson (playing himself) contemplates his next move



Latukefu plays a wrestling Rock

when his bid for president of the United States fails in 2032. The 13 episodes also follow 1986 Dwayne (Bradley Constant), visiting pal and *The Princess Bride* star Andre the Giant (Matthew Willig). And in the late 1990s, an ambitious Johnson (Uli Latukefu) commands the pro wrestling world just as Hollywood comes calling. We predict greatness! —*JH*

FESTIVE FILMS!



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

When unemployed Jenny (Anna Kendrick) gets dumped, she moves to Chicago and crashes with her film director brother Jeff (played by director Joe Swanberg, above, with Kendrick) and his family, novelist wife Kelly (*Yellowjackets*' Melanie Lynskey) and their rambunctious 2-year-old son. But Jenny is not the best roommate (think: binge drinking and setting the smoke alarm off in the middle of the night) in this 2014 indie, and she's got a lot of growing up to do before they can have a *Happy* holiday.



THE STAR

MONDAY, DEC. 4

What a blessing! Plenty of stars lend their voices to this animated romp from 2017: *The Walking Dead* vet Steven Yeun (as adventurous donkey Bo, above, who hopes to break free from his humdrum life), Kelly Clarkson (Leah the horse), Mariah Carey (Rebecca the hen), Tyler Perry (Cyrus the camel), Patricia Heaton (Edith the cow) and Oprah Winfrey (Deborah the camel). Bo and some of his barn animal buddies wind up gathering 'round the manger for the birth of baby Jesus.



"I was a little more patient," Lewis (right) admits of Season 2; below: Lewis and Mira Sorvino in Season 1

HOLLYWOOD HOUSELIFT WITH JEFF LEWIS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

Interior designer Jeff Lewis has improved more than just the beautiful homes of the movie star clients he visits in Season 2 of his reality renovation series—he's also upped his own skill set. "I've really grown as a designer (since starting *Houselift*) because I've worked very hard to please these people," the *Flipping Out* vet says. "(These celebrities) have access to all the best designers, and I thought, 'God, I really have to step it up.'"

In his 10-episode sophomore round, Lewis takes on projects at the homes of Christina Ricci, Kate Bosworth, Gina Rodriguez, Anthony Anderson, Josh Duhamel and others, giving their spaces one-of-a-kind makeovers. And the long-lasting actors' strike actually helped Lewis go deeper than ever before.

"Gina was home, so she was able to do more shopping with me," he recalls. "Josh, he was able to go to the stone yard with me. I actually picked (Josh and his wife) up and drove them."

But which actor was most shocked by their home's changes? "A good seven out of the 10 were pretty dramatic reveals," teases Lewis. —*Andrea Towers*



TRY THESE CHANNELS!

Cumberbatch was nominated for an Oscar for his work in *The Imitation Game*



PLEX FLEXES ITS MUSCLES WITH MOVIES AND TV SHOWS GALORE—ALL FOR FREE

What is it? Plex follows the classic TV model: You don't have to pay for it, but you do have to watch some ads. Luckily, that's a decent trade-off when you consider the treasure trove of content you'll find on this streamer. Can't pick out what you want to watch? Try one of the hundreds of live channels (see sidebar)—just jump aboard these already-in-progress "stations" and start watching. **How much does it cost?** It's free, and you don't even have to provide a credit card. A subscription option is available for those who want it—for \$4.99 per month, it lets you download content to watch offline and provides settings and controls that may make streaming more enjoyable. But note that subscribing doesn't get rid of the ads.

What's in the library? There are about 50,000 items to choose from, which should keep you busy for a while. That includes movies like 2014's *The Imitation Game* with Benedict Cumberbatch's masterful turn as tortured genius code breaker Alan Turing; the 2018 romantic drama *Mary Shelley* with Elle Fanning as the *Frankenstein* author; plus tons of (mostly classic) TV shows. **What else should I know?** Plex has several free features that are beneficial for users. For example, it bills itself as a "TV concierge" because it lets you use its search engine to look for any movie or TV show and find where it's streaming—even if it's not on Plex. That's useful for everybody these days. —John Hogan



Fanning in *Mary Shelley*

NEW AND NOTABLE

HOLIDAY THERAPY
The festive collection includes *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946), *The Bishop's Wife* (1947) and a bevy of Scrooges to bah, humbug over: Alastair Sim in 1951's *A Christmas Carol*, Albert Finney in 1970's *Scrooge* and George C. Scott in 1984's *A Christmas Carol*.

WILDLIFE
A fire rages (figuratively and literally) in this excellent 2018 drama set in 1960s Montana. Jake Gyllenhaal and Carey Mulligan are captivating as a husband and wife separated by the blaze.

DONNIE DARKO
Over 20 years ago, this trippy 2001 film about a teen (Jake Gyllenhaal) having disturbing visions of a man in a bunny suit blew our minds. It still does today.

THE READER
This evocative 2008 period piece, about a young boy's (David Kross) defining relationship with an older woman (Kate Winslet) in postwar Germany, is based on the bestseller.



Winslet's role as Hanna earned her an Academy Award

TV PICKS



THE FALL
Gillian Anderson (above) is enthralling as Stella Gibson, a homicide detective recruited to help catch a Belfast serial killer (Jamie Dornan) living a double life. Originally on Netflix, the 2013–16 drama is one of Anderson's best television roles since *The X-Files*.



THE LIBRARIANS
Supernatural meets adventure in this 2014–18 series, originally aired on TNT, about an ancient organization headed by Flynn Carsen (*ER*'s Noah Wyle, above), whose job is to protect the world by recovering powerful artifacts and fighting magic threats.



MERLIN
Revisit the story of King Arthur and his wizard Merlin (from left, Bradley James and Colin Morgan) that begins with Merlin arriving in Camelot. Come for the monsters and magic, stay for the modern twists that made this 2008–12 NBC/Syfy series beloved by fans.



STREET GANG: HOW WE GOT TO SESAME STREET
Take a stroll down one of pop culture's most famous streets in this emotional 2021 documentary about how the famous children's series came to life—and the creative minds who helped make it.



HIGH LIFE
Robert Pattinson (above) stars as the last survivor of a dangerous mission to the outer rims of the solar system in this 2018 sci-fi film. Alone with his baby daughter, he must figure out how to survive...while speeding toward a black hole.



ST. VINCENT
Bill Murray is a crusty Vietnam vet with a good conscience who forms an unlikely bond with his neighbor's 12-year-old son in this 2014 dramedy. Naomi Watts and Melissa McCarthy (above, with Murray) also star.

In addition to live channels for news and weather, check out these blasts from the past.

The Price Is Right Come on down! Vintage episodes of the classic game show air around the clock. You'll be thrilled watching contestants of the past vying for prizes...and jealous of how much things used to cost.

The Carol Burnett Show There's no shortage of amusement in any episode of the iconic comedian's variety series, whose stellar cast included Vicki Lawrence and Harvey Korman.

Laff More! If you find yourself needing a little more comedy in your life, this is your ticket to laughter. Classic sitcoms like *Home Improvement* stream on this light-hearted channel, so you'll always have a smile on your face.

The Ed Sullivan Show Relive 23 years of the musical guests and celebrities who made the show famous.

The Dick Van Dyke Show The lovable star's self-titled 1961–66 comedy (created by Carl Reiner) is as funny today as it was back in the day. And of course, it made a star out of Mary Tyler Moore, who played his devoted wife. We could watch it all day long—and now so can you.



Van Dyke

Your at-a-glance guide to what's streaming now

Spotlight: Movies

NETFLIX

Available Now

The Big Lebowski (1998)

★★★★☆
The Dude (Jeff Bridges) most certainly abides in the Coen Brothers' infinitely rewatchable tale of a frequently bowling slacker caught in the middle of a kidnap plot. With a brilliant John Goodman.

Desperado (1995)

★★★☆☆
In Part 2 of Robert Rodriguez's *Mexico Trilogy*, a guitar-playing wanderer (Antonio Banderas) seeks revenge on a drug lord. With Salma Hayek in her breakout role.

Hurricane Season (2023)

NETFLIX ORIGINAL
In this thriller, teens find the corpse of a powerful woman called "The Witch" floating in a canal. The truth of her murder helps unlock the town's hidden secrets.

I Don't Expect Anyone to Believe Me (2023)

NETFLIX ORIGINAL
A young Mexican writer falls prey to a dangerous group of criminals. The ordeal may just inspire his first great novel.

In Love and Deep Water (2023)

NETFLIX ORIGINAL
Aboard a luxury cruise ship, a loyal butler meets a mysterious woman. When a dead body is found floating in the rooftop pool, they're drawn to the mystery—and each other.

Pitch Perfect (2012)

★★★★☆
A college student (Anna Kendrick) shakes up her cappella group in their quest to win at Nationals. Rebel Wilson leads the musical comedy's great supporting cast.

Sixteen Candles (1984)

★★★★☆
A coming-of-age classic from John Hughes, with a sad Sam (Molly Ringwald) pining for an older boy at school while her family forgets her birthday.

The Social Network (2010)

★★★★☆
A searing biodrama about Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) and the founding of Facebook. Justin Timberlake costars in the acclaimed film.

Wedding Games (2023)

NETFLIX ORIGINAL
Alex and Eva plan to get hitched at the place they met, but hilarious mishaps put their wedding vows on hold in this Brazilian rom-com.

Whiplash (2014)

★★★★☆
Meanest. Teacher. Ever. J.K. Simmons scored Oscar gold for playing an abusive bandleader at an exclusive music conservatory who nearly ruins the life of one student (Miles Teller).

PRIME VIDEO

Available Now

The Accused (1988)

★★★★☆
Jodie Foster won an Oscar for this drama about a woman seeking justice against the bar patrons who watched while she was raped.

All the President's Men (1976)

★★★★☆
Nearly five decades later, this film about

two *Washington Post* reporters (Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman) exposing Watergate remains powerfully relevant.

An American in Paris (1951)

★★★★☆
Gene Kelly dances his way through the City of Light in this musical delight as an American ex-GI who, while working to become a painter, finds himself in a love triangle.

Batman Returns (1992)

★★★☆☆
Michael Keaton is back as the Caped Crusader, clashing with femme fatale Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer) and protecting Gotham City from the Penguin (Danny DeVito).

Braveheart (1995)

★★★★☆
"They may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!" That's 13th century Scotsman William Wallace's (Mel Gibson) battle cry against British forces in this big Oscar winner.

BTS: Yet to Come (2023)

★★★★☆
International K-pop sensation BTS recorded this concert film in 2022. The group wows with hits like "Dynamite" and "Run," amid electrifying stage designs and fireworks.



NETFLIX

Chicago (2002)

★★★★☆
Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones give us the old razzle-dazzle in a sexy adaptation of the Broadway musical, a satire about two killers awaiting trial who capitalize on their fame. Winner of the Best Picture Oscar.

Fatal Attraction (1987)

★★★★☆
No boiling bunny jokes, promise. A married lawyer (Michael Douglas) has a dalliance with an editor (Glenn Close) who wants more than a fling and owns a very sharp kitchen knife.

Foxy Brown (1974)

★★★★☆
In the blaxploitation favorite, Pam Grier is a vigilante who's after the drug dealers responsible for her boyfriend's murder.

How to Train Your Dragon (2010)

★★★★☆
A young Viking (the voice of Jay Baruchel) who dreams of becoming a dragon slayer changes his mind when he befriends one of the beasts. A family-friendly animated adventure.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003)

★★★★☆
This epic historical drama stars Russell Crowe as the captain of a British naval ship during the Napoleonic Wars.

Meet the Parents (2000)

★★★★☆
When Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) and his girlfriend visit her

folks, he discovers her strict dad (Robert De Niro), a retired CIA operative, has it out for him in this comedy.

No Way Out (1987)

★★★★☆
A woman (Sean Young) sleeping with both a naval officer (Kevin Costner) and his superior (Gene Hackman) turns up dead, leading to a twisty investigation.

Notting Hill (1999)

★★★★☆
What happens when a famous actress (Julia Roberts) walks into a London bookstore and meets its handsome owner (Hugh Grant)? It's rom-com magic!

The Prince of Egypt (1998)

★★★★☆
An animated musical about young Hebrew Moses (voice of Val Kilmer), who is adopted by the Egyptian pharaoh, until he learns his true origins and works to lead his people out of slavery.

Radio Days (1987)

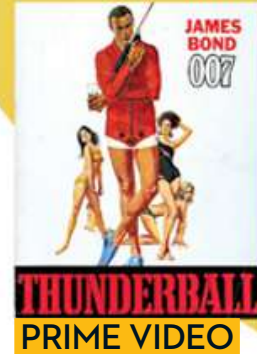
★★★★☆
Woody Allen's diverting, vignette-filled look at a kid's early life in the 1930s and '40s through a blend of family sagas and favorite golden-age radio programs.

Raging Bull (1980)

★★★★☆
Robert De Niro portrays boxing champ turned stand-up comic Jake LaMotta in this biopic—considered one of the best movies of the 20th century—directed by Martin Scorsese. Joe Pesci costars.

Scrooged (1988)

★★★★☆
Ho-ho-ho and ha-ha-ha: Celebrate the holiday season with this comedic take on *A Christmas Carol*, featuring Bill Murray as a miserly TV exec.



PRIME VIDEO

10 Things I Hate About You (1999)

★★★★☆
In the iconic teen comedy, popular Bianca (Larisa Oleyunik) can't date until rebellious older sister Kat (Julia Stiles) gets a boyfriend. Enter charming bad boy Patrick (Heath Ledger).

Thunderball (1965)

★★★☆☆
Sean Connery's fourth outing as James Bond sees 007 trying to spoil SPECTRE's plot to ransom the world with stolen nuclear bombs. Want more? This is one of 23 Bond films streaming here now.

Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (1974)

★★★☆☆
As fun, smart and old-school as a crime comedy can be, with the title characters (Clint Eastwood and Jeff Bridges) looking for a big bank heist.

Uncle Buck (1989)

★★★☆☆
John Candy is at his very best as the hapless bachelor babysitting his brother's kids (including a rebellious teen girl) in John Hughes' rewatchable comedy.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape (1993)

★★★☆☆
A life-affirming tearjerker starring Johnny Depp as a listless young lowan looking after his struggling family, including his autistic younger brother (an 18-year-old Leonardo DiCaprio).

Witness for the Prosecution (1957)

★★★★☆
Based on the play by Agatha Christie, this legal thriller twists with the best of them, as a famed lawyer (Charles Laughton) defends a man (Tyron Power) accused of



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The Last Duel (2021)

★★★★☆
In medieval France, a squire (Adam Driver) assaults a knight's wife (Jodie Comer), setting in motion a battle with her husband (Matt Damon).

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

★★★☆☆
A department store Santa (Edmund Gwenn) claims that he's the real Kris Kringle. When his sanity is questioned, he heads to court to prove that Christmas magic, and Santa, might just be the real deal.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)

★★★☆☆
A straitlaced businesswoman (Sarah Jessica Parker) clashes with her boyfriend's (Dermot Mulroney) free-spirited family over Christmas.

Friends With Money (2006)

★★★☆☆
Broke Olivia (Jennifer Aniston) envies her rich friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand), but their troubled lives prove wealth isn't everything.

Frozen River (2008)

★★★★☆
Two mothers (Melissa Leo and Misty Upham) forge a profit-making scheme to smuggle migrants over the U.S.-Canada border.

Get Low (2010)

★★★★☆
An opportunistic funeral director (Bill Murray) sees dollar signs when a feared local hermit (Robert Duvall) comes to town with a wad of cash and a plan to throw his own funeral.

Girl, Interrupted (1999)

★★★☆☆
Susanna (Winona Ryder), institutionalized after overdosing, works to find her place in life. Angelina Jolie won a supporting actress Oscar.



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The Polar Express (2004)

★★★★☆
Tom Hanks reunited with director Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*) for this animated Christmas tale, which sees a young boy hop aboard a train bound for the North Pole.

The Sandlot (1993)

★★★★☆
"You're killing me, Smalls!" The joys of playing baseball with your childhood buddies are nicely captured in this '60s-set dramedy.

Tigerland (2000)

★★★★☆
Infantry trainees grapple with their upcoming deployment to Vietnam, including one recruit (Colin Farrell) who opposes the war and tries to get discharged.

The Wedding Singer (1998)

★★★☆☆
If you like a good rom-com (and a perfect 1980s soundtrack), you'll love this quirky tale of a waitress (Drew Barrymore) falling for Adam Sandler's charming singer.

The Omen (1976)

★★★☆☆
Young Damien (Harvey Spencer Stephens) is one devilish kid...devilish as in he is the Antichrist. This one makes the list as one of the scariest movies ever.

The Other Woman (2014)

★★★☆☆
When a man's wife (Leslie Mann) and two mistresses (Cameron Diaz and Kate Upton) discover each other's existence, they team up to get revenge on the cheating scoundrel (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau).

The Personal History of David Copperfield (2020)

★★★★☆
A mighty satisfying dramedy following Dickens' semi-autobiographical character (Dev Patel), who grows from poor child to successful novelist, with plenty of adventures along the way.



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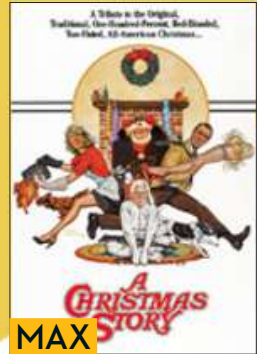
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The Bad and the Beautiful (1952)

★★★★☆
In an old Hollywood story about old Hollywood itself, a conniving movie producer



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(Kirk Douglas) uses and discards silver screen hopefuls on his ruthless path to the top of Tinseltown.

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After the Thin Man (1936)

★★★★☆
The second film in the wondrous series finds private eye Nick Charles (William Powell) and his wealthy socialite wife, Nora (Myrna Loy), drawn into another murder mystery. James Stewart costars.

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Hannah and Her Sisters (1986)

★★★★
Woody Allen's warm and winning dramedy examines the complexities of family through the intertwined love lives of sisters Hannah (Mia Farrow), Lee (Barbara Hershey) and Holly (Dianne Wiest).

Happy Feet (2006)

★★★★
A penguin lacks the singing voice his species needs to woo a mate—but he's a tap dancing wonder in this Oscar-winning animated film.

Her (2013)

★★★★
"Siri, play the movie about the guy who falls in love with his virtual AI assistant." Joaquin Phoenix stars in this offbeat rom-com, featuring the voice of Scarlett Johansson.

Major League (1989)

★★★☆☆
A classic sports comedy about the ragtag, perpetually losing Cleveland Indians, who decide to start winning just to spite their owner (Margaret Whitton).

The Man Who Came to Dinner (1942)

★★★★☆
After slipping on the ice in front of an Ohio family's home, arrogant radio personality Sheridan Whiteside (Monty Woolley) becomes a hilariously unwelcome houseguest.

The Manchurian Candidate (2004)

★★★★☆
A remake of the 1962 political thriller, with Meryl Streep as a vicious U.S. senator whose VP-candidate son (Liev Schreiber) is controlled by a corporation. The guy's ex-army buddy (Denzel Washington) looks to unravel it all.

Misery (1990)

★★★★☆
Annie Wilkes (Kathy Bates) is the hostess with the mostest... terror. In this adaptation of Stephen King's bestseller, she keeps her favorite author (James Caan) captive after saving him from a wreck.

Paddington 2 (2017)

★★★★☆
The beloved bear (voiced by Ben Whishaw) comes across a lovely pop-up book to buy for his aunt. But when it's stolen, he becomes the prime suspect in this exceedingly charming sequel.

Rocky (1976)

★★★★☆
"All I wanna do is go the distance." Boxer Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) dispenses punches and inspiration to start a film franchise that surely went the distance. Talia Shire costars.

The Shop Around the Corner (1940)

★★★★☆
Alfred (James Stewart) and Klara (Margaret Sullavan) butt heads as coworkers at a Budapest leather goods store. They each pine for their anonymous pen pal, but, surprise: They've been writing letters to each other!

Winter's Bone (2010)

★★★★☆
Jennifer Lawrence earned her first Oscar nomination playing an impoverished girl in Missouri's Ozarks who is trying to locate her dad so her family can fight their eviction.

PARAMOUNT+ Available Now

The Bad News Bears (1976)

★★★★☆
A beer-guzzling former minor league baseball pitcher (Walter Matthau) becomes the coach of a peewee team full of outcasts and misfits. Can he whip the Bears into shape?

Bad Santa (2003)

★★★★☆
He steals, he swears, he detests children. In this raunchy comedy, Billy Bob Thornton plays a thief who gets a job as a store's Saint Nick so he can pull an inside job and rob the joint.

The Big Short (2015)

★★★★☆
It turns out the 2008 financial crisis is a good topic for a crime

dramedy—especially when Christian Bale, Steve Carell and Ryan Gosling lead the cast.

Black Hawk Down (2001)

★★★★☆
In Ridley Scott's war film, U.S. soldiers take heavy fire while trying to capture a warlord's associates in Mogadishu. With Josh Hartnett and Ewan McGregor.

Blue Velvet (1986)

★★★☆☆
David Lynch's noir mystery features a severed ear, a mysterious nightclub singer, Dennis Hopper as a narcotic-inhaling psycho gangster... and romance!

Bridget Jones's Baby (2016)

★★★☆☆
Befuddled mom-to-be Bridget Jones must figure out which of the two men in her life is the father of her child. Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey star.

Cold Mountain (2003)

★★★★☆
In the Civil War—era South, a wounded Confederate soldier (Jude Law) makes the long journey back home to his one true love (Nicole Kidman), who's struggling to survive with the help of a friend (Renée Zellweger).

The Color Purple (1985)

★★★★☆
Whoopi Goldberg is great as Celie, a Black woman in Georgia who overcomes abuse. Based on Alice Walker's bestseller and costarring Oprah Winfrey.

The Crying Game (1992)

★★★★☆
Revisit the most shocking movie reveal of the 1990s when an IRA member (Stephen Rea) keeps his promise to visit the girlfriend (Jaye Davidson) of a prisoner (Forest Whitaker) he'd befriended.



Detective Story (1951)

★★★★☆
One difficult day in the life of a New York precinct changes the lives of a detective (Kirk Douglas) and the criminals, cops and witnesses in the crowded room.

Dreamgirls (2006)

★★★★☆
A magnificent Jennifer Hudson upstages the likes of Beyoncé, Jamie Foxx and Eddie Murphy in director Bill Condon's incredible adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.

The English Patient (1996)

★★★★☆
In the last days of World War II, a Canadian nurse (Juliette Binoche) cares for a badly burned soldier (Ralph Fiennes) while listening to his extraordinary tale of how he got that way.

The Godfather, Part II (1974)

★★★★☆
Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) rules his father's criminal empire, while flashbacks recall young Vito's (Robert De Niro) climb to power in one of the greatest epics ever filmed. Francis Ford Coppola's masterwork costars Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton and John Cazale.

Grumpy Old Men (1993)

★★★★☆
A lifelong feud between grumpy neighbors (Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau) escalates when they both find themselves drawn to a free-spirited English professor (Ann-Margret).

The Lincoln Lawyer (2011)

★★★★☆
A criminal defense attorney (Matthew McConaughey) begins to suspect that his wealthy client (Ryan Phillippe) is indeed guilty of murder. Based on the 2005 bestseller from Michael Connelly.

My Fair Lady (1964)

★★★★☆
Should you drop what you're doing and watch this classic musical starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison? Does the rain in Spain stay mainly in the plain?

Reservoir Dogs (1992)

★★★★☆
In Quentin Tarantino's ferocious directing debut, a diamond heist goes very wrong, leaving the colorful surviving thieves wondering if it was all a setup. Harvey Keitel and Tim Roth star.

Saving Private Ryan (1998)

★★★★☆
Steven Spielberg's epic World War II drama starring Tom Hanks tells the story of soldiers who go behind enemy lines to rescue a paratrooper (Matt Damon). How did this lose the Best Picture Oscar to Shakespeare in Love?!

The Truman Show (1998)

★★★★☆
Everybody on earth knows Truman's (Jim Carrey) entire life has been captured by hidden cameras for television—except him...at least for now.

Up in the Air (2009)

★★★★☆
A frequently flying HR consultant (George Clooney) who makes his living downsizing companies sees an enticing fellow traveler (Vera Farmiga) as his ticket to a less brutal way of life. Also starring Anna Kendrick.

Wall Street (1987)

★★★★☆
Greed is good, and so is Oliver Stone's tale of 1980s excess starring Michael Douglas as a ruthless corporate raider and Charlie Sheen as his all-too-eager acolyte.

The War of the Worlds (1953)

★★★★☆
Some 70 years later, the power remains in this telling of H.G. Wells' sci-fi classic about aliens wreaking havoc on Earth. Great special effects.

When Harry Met Sally... (1989)

★★★★☆
"I'll have what she's having," said director Rob Reiner's mom in this rom-com's most famous moment. But the true appeal is seeing best friends Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan fall in love.

PEACOCK Available Now

Casino (1995)

★★★★☆
In the 1970s, a rising bookie, his streetwise beauty and a hair-triggered hitman win big but face bad outcomes in the top tier of wealthy Las Vegas. Robert De Niro and Sharon Stone costar.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (2009)

★★★★☆
Times are hard in Swallow Falls, until a young would-be inventor creates a device that works a little too well at making good eats rain down in the animated hit.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

★★★★☆
Charlie Kaufman's romantic drama features Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet as a former couple who meet again after undergoing procedures to have their memories of each other permanently erased.

The Hunger Games (2012)

★★★★☆
The story is the real star, as Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) is chief among youths chosen for the televised fight to the death.

King Kong (2005)

★★★★☆
Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody and Jack Black star, but it's really director Peter Jackson's show. Modern effects give the



Unforgiven

PRIME VIDEO (1992) ★★★★★ In his swan song in the genre, Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this brilliant revisionist Western as an aging outlaw who comes out of retirement for one final job. With Gene Hackman and Morgan Freeman (above, with Eastwood). Available now



Aliens

MAX (1986) ★★★★★ It's rare for a sequel to top the original, but James Cameron's follow-up to 1979's Alien does just that. Sigourney Weaver is the ultimate maternal badass, protecting a young girl (Carrie Henn, above, with Weaver) from the angry and vengeful queen of all the nasty giant-jaw creatures on an embattled space colony. Available now



Roman Holiday

PARAMOUNT+ (1953) ★★★★★ The camera adored Audrey Hepburn, but never more than in this sweet romance, playing a sheltered European princess who briefly escapes her responsibilities for a day in Rome, accompanied by an American reporter (Gregory Peck, above, with Hepburn) who is soon smitten. Who could blame him? Available now

classic beauty-and-the-beast tale some added spectacle.

Straight Outta Compton (2015)

★★★★☆
The story of rap group N.W.A, who came onto the scene in 1988 and changed hip-hop forever. O'Shea Jackson Jr. shines as his dad, rapper and actor Ice Cube.

FREEVEE Available Now

Belfast (2021)

★★★★☆
In a drama inspired by the childhood of writer-director Kenneth Branagh, the music and social tumult of the late 1960s define growing up for 9-year-old Buddy (Jude Hill) in the Northern Irish capital.

Booksmart (2019)

★★★★☆
On the eve of their high school graduation, two nerdy students (Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever) decide to finally cut loose. Bring on the booze, boys and parties!

The Bourne Identity (2002)

★★★★☆
The Matt Damon-starring Jason Bourne films began with this outing, as the amnesiac spy flees his CIA bosses while trying to discover his identity.

City of God (2003)

★★★★☆
Shot on location in some of Rio de Janeiro's poorest places, this riveting drama captures the humanity among the drug-fueled violence of Rio's suburbs in the 1970s.

Crazy Rich Asians (2018)

★★★★☆
In a beautifully played rom-com that also vaulted Asian onscreen representation, a woman discovers her beau's family is crazy—and crazy rich.

A Fistful of Dynamite (1971)

★★★★☆
This Sergio Leone-directed Western sees a Mexican bandit (Rod Steiger) and an Irish nationalist explosives

expert (James Coburn) become unlikely heroes of the Mexican Revolution.

The Great Escape (1963)

★★★★☆
Utterly rousing war adventure at a World War II German POW camp, featuring an all-star cast playing captives digging a tunnel to freedom. Steve McQueen and James Garner lead the way.

The Last Waltz (1978)

★★★★☆
Martin Scorsese documents the 1976 farewell show of folk rockers the Band, with guest performances from legends Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Joni Mitchell and Muddy Waters.

The Long Riders (1980)

★★★★☆
This Western follows the rise and fall of the James-Younger gang, with four sets of acting brothers (Keach, Carradine and Quaid among them) playing the siblings who made up the legendary outlaws.

The Madness of King George (1994)

★★★★☆
As King George III (Nigel Hawthorne) descends into madness, Queen Charlotte (Helen Mirren) and Prime Minister William Pitt (Julian Wadham) fight off those with designs on the English throne.

Rango (2011)

★★★★☆
After his terrarium is lost in the desert, a sheltered pet chameleon (voiced by Johnny Depp) blends his way into the role of sheriff in a frontier town.

Return to Me (2000)

★★★★☆
A chance encounter unites a grieving widower (David Duchovny) with the waitress (Minnie Driver) who received his wife's heart in a life-saving transplant.

Rob Roy (1995)

★★★★☆
An 18th century Scottish folk hero (Liam Neeson) battles a sadistic nobleman (Tim Roth) to defend his clan, his wife (Jessica Lange) and his honor.

The List

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Berlin

A

À La Carte (2022–present) Sns. 2 **AB**
The Afterparty (2022–23) Sns. 2 **A+**
All the Light We Cannot See (2023) Limited **N**
All the Queen's Men (2021–present) Sns. 3 **BET+**
Am I Being Unreasonable? (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
American Born Chinese (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
American Horror Stories (2021–present) Sns. 3 **H**
American Horror Story (2011–present) Sns. 12 **H**
And Just Like That... (2021–present) Sns. 2 **MAX**
Angel Flight (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Animals Up Close With Bertie Gregory (2023) Limited **D+**
Anne Rice's Mayfair Witches (2023–present) Sns. 1 **AMC+**
Archie (2023) Limited

Premieres in December **BB**
The Artful Dodger (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Premieres November 29** **H**
The Ashley Madison Project (2023) Limited **H**
At the Moment (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Average Joe (2023–present) Sns. 1 **BET+**

B

Back to 15 (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Bad Surgeon: Love Under the Knife (2023) Limited **Premieres November 29** **N**
Barbecue Showdown (2020–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Bargain (2023) Limited **PM+**
Barracuda Queens (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Barry (2018–23) Sns. 4 **MAX**
Based on a True Story (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
The Bay (2019–present) Sns. 4 **BB**

The Bear (2022–present) Sns. 2 **H**
Beckham (2023) Limited **N**
Beef (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Behind the Attraction (2021–present) Sns. 2 **D+**
Behind Your Touch (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Bel-Air (2022–present) Sns. 2 **P**
Berlin (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Premieres December 29** **N**
Betrayal: The Perfect Husband (2023) Limited **H**
Beyond Paradise (2023–present) Sns. 1 **BB**
The Big Door Prize (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
The Big Nailed It Baking Challenge (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Big Vape: The Rise and Fall of Juul (2023) Limited **N**
The Billionaire, the Butler and the Boyfriend (2023) Limited **N**
Billions (2016–23) Sns. 7 **PM+** **SH**
Black Cake (2023–present) Sns. 1 **New episodes Wednesdays; finale December 6** **H**
Black Knight (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
A Black Lady Sketch Show (2019–23) Sns. 4 **MAX**
Black Mirror (2011–present) Sns. 6 **N**
Blindspotting (2021–23) Sns. 2 **STZ**
Bloodhounds (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Bloodlands (2021–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
Bodies (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Bookie (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Premieres November 30** **MAX**
The Boulet Brothers' Dragula (2016–present) Sns. 5 **New episodes Tuesdays** **SDR**
Break Point (2023–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Breeders (2020–23) Sns. 4 **H**
Broken Ties (2023–present) Sns. 1 **SN**
The Brokenwood Mysteries (2014–present) Sns. 9 **ACN**
Bros (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

The Buccaneers (2023–present) Sns. 1 **New episodes Wednesdays; finale December 13** **A+**
Bupkis (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
Burn the House Down (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Burning Body (2023) Limited **N**

C

Cannes Confidential (2023–present) Sns. 1 **ACN**
Carl Weber's The Black Hamptons (2022–present) Sns. 2 **New episodes Thursdays** **BET+**
Catching Killers (2021–present) Sns. 3 **N**
Caught Up (2023–present) Sns. 1 **BET+**
C.B. Strike (2017–present) Sns. 3 **MAX**
The Changeling (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Cheat (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Chelsea Detective (2022–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
The Chi (2018–present) Sns. 6 **PM+** **SH**
Chimp Empire (2023) Limited **N**
Chooona (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Chosen One (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Cigarette Girl (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Circle (2020–present) Sns. 5 **N**
Citadel (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Class of '07 (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Class of '09 (2023) Limited **H**
Clean Sweep (2023) Limited **SN**
The Cleaner (2021–present) Sns. 2 **BB**
The Clearing (2023) Limited **H**
The Club (2021–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Coach Prime (2022–present) Sns. 2 **Season 2 premieres December 7; new episodes Thursdays** **PV**
Cold Case Files: DNA Speaks

(2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Colin From Accounts (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Finale November 30** **PM+**
College Hill: Celebrity Edition (2022–present) Sns. 2 **BET+**
Comedy Island Japan (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
The Confessions of Frannie Langton (2023) Limited **BB**
The Continental: From the World of John Wick (2023) Limited **P**
Creature (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Creepshow (2019–present) Sns. 4 **AMC+** **SDR**
Criminal Code (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Crossover (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
The Crowded Room (2023) Limited **A+**
The Crown (2016–23) Sns. 6 **Midseason premiere December 14** **N**
Culprits (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Premieres December 8** **H**
The Curse (2022–present) Sns. 2 **BB**
The Curse (2023–present) Sns. 1 **New episodes Fridays** **PM+** **SH**
Cursed Films (2020–present) Sns. 2 **SDR**

D

Daily Dose of Sunshine (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Daisy Jones & the Six (2023) Limited **PV**
Dalgliesh (2021–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
The D'Amelio Show (2021–present) Sns. 3 **H**
Dark Winds (2022–present) Sns. 2 **AMC+**
The Days (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Dead Ringers (2023) Limited **PV**
Deadloch (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Deadlocked: How America Shaped the Supreme Court (2023) Limited **PM+** **SH**

Dear Child (2023) Limited **N**
Delete (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Demons and Saviors (2023) Limited **H**
Depp v Heard (2023) Limited **N**
Desperately Seeking Soulmate: Escaping Twin Flames Universe (2023) Limited **PV**
Destined With You (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Devil's Plan (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Diplomat (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Doctor Cha (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Doogie Kamealoha, M.D. (2021–23) Sns. 2 **D+**
Doom Patrol (2019–23) Sns. 4 **MAX**
Double Cross (2020–present) Sns. 4 **AB**
007: Road to a Million (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Downey's Dream Cars (2023–present) Sns. 1 **MAX**
Down for Love (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Dr. Death (2021–present) Sns. 2 **Season 2 premieres December 21** **P**
Drag Me to Dinner (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Dreaming Whilst Black (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+** **SH**
Drive With Swizz Beatz (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Drops of God (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**

E

Elite (2018–present) Sns. 7 **N**
The Enfield Poltergeist (2023) Limited **A+**
Escaping Twin Flames (2023) Limited **N**
Everybody Loves Diamonds (2023) Limited **PV**
Everything Now (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Extraordinary (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Extrapolations (2023) Limited **A+**

F

Fake Profile (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Fake Sheikh (2023) Limited **PV**
The Fall of the House of Usher (2023) Limited **N**

The Family Business (2018–present) Sns. 4 **BET+**
Family Legacy (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
The Family Stallone (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Faraway Downs (2023) Limited **Premieres November 26** **H**
Fargo (2014–present) Sns. 5 **New episodes Wednesdays** **H**
Fatal Attraction (2023) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Fatal Seduction (2023–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Father Brown (2013–present) Sns. 10 **BB**
FBI True (2023–present) Sns. 4 **PM+**
Fear the Walking Dead (2015–23) Sns. 8 **AMC+**
Fellow Travelers (2023) Limited **New episodes Fridays; finale December 15** **PM+** **SH**
Ferry: The Series (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Firefly Lane (2021–23) Sns. 2 **N**
Florida Man (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Football Must Go On (2023) Limited **PM+**
For All Mankind (2019–present) Sns. 4 **New episodes Fridays** **A+**
Foundation (2021–present) Sns. 2 **A+**
Frasier (2023–present) Sns. 1 **Finale December 7** **PM+**
FreeKs (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
FUBAR (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Full Circle (2023) Limited **MAX**
Full Swing (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Futurama (1999–present) Sns. 11 **H**

G

Gangs of London (2020–present) Sns. 2 **AMC+**
Gen V (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Get Gotti (2023) Limited **N**
Ghosts of Beirut (2023) Limited **PM+** **SH**
The Gilded Age (2022–present) Sns. 2 **New episodes Sundays; finale December 17** **MAX**
Ginny & Georgia (2021–present) Sns. 2 **N**

Glamorous (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Gold (2023) Limited **PM+**
The Good Mothers (2023) Limited **H**
Good Omens (2019–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
Goosebumps (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+** **H**
Granite Harbour (2022–present) Sns. 1 **BB**
The Great (2020–23) Sns. 3 **H**
Guns & Gulaabs (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

H

Happy Valley (2014–23) Sns. 3 **ACN** **AMC+**
Hard Broken (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Harlan Coben's Shelter (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Harlem (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
Harley Quinn (2019–present) Sns. 4 **MAX**
Harry Wild (2022–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
The Head of Joaquín Murieta (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Heartstopper (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Heels (2021–23) Sns. 2 **STZ**
The Heiress and the Heist (2023) Limited **AMC+** **SN**
Hello Tomorrow! (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Hidden Assets (2022–present) Sns. 2 **New episodes Mondays; finale December 11** **ACN**
High School Musical: The Musical: The Series (2019–23) Sns. 4 **D+**
Hijack (2023) Limited **A+**
History of the World, Part II (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Hope Street (2022–present) Sns. 3 **BB**
The Horror of Dolores Roach (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
A House Divided (2019–23) Sns. 5 **AB**
How I Met Your Father (2022–23) Sns. 2 **H**
How to Become a Mob Boss (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
How to With John Wilson (2020–23) Sns. 3 **MAX**
Hullraisers (2023–present) Sns. 1 **SN**
Human Resources (2022–23) Sns. 2 **N**
The Hunt for Raoul Moat

(2023) Limited **BB**
I Am Georgina (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
I Think You Should Leave With Tim Robinson (2019–present) Sns. 3 **N**
The Idol (2023) Sns. 1 **MAX**
I'm a Virgo (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Indian Matchmaking (2020–present) Sns. 3 **N**
Inside No. 9 (2014–present) Sns. 8 **BB**
Inside the World's Toughest Prisons (2016–present) Sns. 7 **N**
Invasion (2021–present) Sns. 2 **A+**
Invincible (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
Irving Welsh's Crime (2021–present) Sns. 2 **BB**
Is It Cake? (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Is She the Wolf? (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia (2005–present) Sns. 16 **H**
J
Jewish Matchmaking (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Joe Pickett (2021–23)



Frasier

Sns. 2 **PM+**
John Carpenter's Suburban Screams (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
John Lennon: Murder Without a Trial (2023) Limited **Premieres December 6** **A+**
Journey to the Center of the Earth (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
Judge Me Not (2023–present) Sns. 1 **AB**
Julia (2022–present) Sns. 2 **New episodes Thursdays; finale December 21** **MAX**
Justified: City Primeval (2023) Limited **H**
K
The Kardashians (2022–present) Sns. 4 **Finale November 30** **H**
Killing It (2022–present) Sns. 2 **P**
King of Collectibles: The Goldin Touch (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Kingdom Business (2022–present) Sns. 2 **BET+**
Kohrra (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

L

La Chica Invisible (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Lace (2021–present) Sns. 2 **AB**
The Lake (2022–present) Sns. 2 **PV**

N = NETFLIX **PV** = PRIME VIDEO **D+** = DISNEY+ **H** = HULU **A+** = APPLE TV+ **P** = PEACOCK **MAX** = MAX **PM+** = PARAMOUNT+ **SH** = SHOWTIME

BB = BRITBOX **ACN** = ACORN TV **AMC+** = AMC+ **STZ** = STARZ **BET+** = BET+ **SN** = SUNDANCE NOW **SDR** = SHUDDER **AB** = ALLBLK

Fill in your must-watch shows and movies this month

Slow Horses
Apple+

The Ultimatum:
Marry or Move On
Netflix

The Last Drive-In With Joe Bob Briggs (2018–present) Sns. 5 **SDR**
The Last Thing He Told Me (2023) Limited **A+**
Lawmen: Bass Reeves (2023–present) Sns. 1 New episodes Sundays; finale December 17 **PM+**
Legacy (2023–present) Sns. 1 **BET+**
Lessons in Chemistry (2023) Limited **A+**
Let's Get Divorced (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Letterkenny (2016–present) Sns. 11 **H**
Liaison (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Life on Our Planet (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Lincoln Lawyer (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Living for the Dead (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Loki (2021–present) Sns. 2 **D+**
London Kills (2019–present) Sns. 4 **ACN**
The Long Shadow (2023) Limited New episodes Thursdays; finale December 28 **SN**
The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart (2023) Limited **PV**
Love & Death (2023) Limited **MAX**
Love in Fairhope (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Love Is Blind (2020–present)

Sns. 5 **N**
Love Island Games (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
Love Like a K-Drama (2023–present) Sns. 1 Premieres November 28 **N**
Love Village (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Lucky Hank (2023–present) Sns. 1 **AMC+**
Lupin (2021–present) Sns. 3 **N**
M
The Madame Blanc Mysteries (2021–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
The Mandalorian (2019–present) Sns. 3 **D+**
Manifest (2018–23) Sns. 4 **N**
The Marked Heart (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
McGregor Forever (2023) Limited **N**
Medellín (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Men in Kilts: A Roadtrip With Sam and Graham (2021–present) Sns. 2 **STZ**
Menendez + Menudo: Boys Betrayed (2023) Limited **P**
Mike Judge's Beavis and Butt-Head (2022–present) Sns. 2 **PM+**
Millennials (2021–present) Sns. 2 **AB**
Minx (2022–present) Sns. 2 **STZ**
Miseducation (2023–

present) Sns. 1 **N**
Missing: Dead or Alive? (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Monarch: Legacy of Monsters (2023–present) Sns. 1 New episodes Fridays **A+**
The Morning Show (2019–present) Sns. 3 **A+**
Moving (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Mrs. Davis (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
Mrs. Sidhu Investigates (2023–present) Sns. 1 **ACN**
The Ms. Pat Show (2021–present) Sns. 3 **BET+**
Mulligan (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Mumbai Diaries (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
The Muppets Mayhem (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
Murdaugh Murders: A Southern Scandal (2023–present) Sns. 2 **N**
A Murder at the End of the World (2023) Limited New episodes Tuesdays; finale December 19 **H**
Murdoch Mysteries (2008–present) Sns. 16 **ACN**
Muted (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Mysteries of the Faith (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

N

A Nearly Normal Family (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Neon (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Never Have I Ever (2020–23) Sns. 4 **N**
Never Let Him Go (2023) Limited **H**
Never Seen Again (2022–present) Sns. 4 **PM+**
The Night Agent (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Nurse (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

O

Obliterated (2023–present) Sns. 1 Premieres November 30 **N**
Obsession (2023) Limited **N**
100 Foot Wave (2021–present) Sns. 2 **MAX**
One Lane Bridge (2020–present) Sns. 3 **SN**
One Piece (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Only Murders in the Building (2021–present) Sns. 3 **H**
The Other Black Girl (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**

The Other One (2020–present) Sns. 2 **ACN**
The Other Two (2019–23) Sns. 3 **MAX**
Our Flag Means Death (2022–present) Sns. 2 **MAX**
Our Planet II (2023) Limited **N**
Outlander (2014–present) Sns. 7 **STZ**
Outlast (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

P

The Pact (2021–present) Sns. 2 **AMC+** **SN**
Pact of Silence (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Painkiller (2023) Limited **N**
Painkiller: The Tylenol Murders (2023) Limited **PM+**
Painting With John (2021–23) Sns. 3 **MAX**
Paris in Love (2021–present) Sns. 2 Season 2 premieres November 30 **P**
Partners in Rhyme (2021–present) Sns. 2 **AB**
Party Down (2009–present) Sns. 3 **STZ**
Payback (2023–present) Sns. 1 **BB**
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (2023–present) Sns. 1 Premieres December 20; new episodes Wednesdays **D+**
A Perfect Story (2023) Limited **N**
Perry Mason (2020–23) Sns. 2 **MAX**
Physical (2021–23) Sns. 3 **A+**
Planet Earth III (2023) Limited New episodes Saturdays; finale December 23 **AMC+**
Platonic (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Poker Face (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
The Power (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Power Book II: Ghost (2020–present) Sns. 3 **STZ**
Power Book III: Raising Kanan (2021–present) Sns. 3 Season 3 premieres December 1; new episodes Fridays **STZ**
Power Book IV: Force (2022–present) Sns. 2 **STZ**
Predators (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

S

Saint X (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Sanctuary (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Santa Clauses (2022–present) Sns. 2 New episodes Wednesdays; finale December 6 **D+**
Savior Complex (2023) Limited **MAX**
Schmigadoon! (2021–present) Sns. 2 **A+**
School Spirits (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Scoop (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Scott Pilgrim Takes Off (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Searching for Soul Food (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**

Q

Quarterback (2023) Limited **N**

Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story (2023) Limited **N**
Queen Cleopatra (2023) Limited **N**
Queens on the Run (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Queer Eye (2018–present) Sns. 7 **N**

R

Rachael Ray's Rebuild (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Ragnarok (2020–23) Sns. 3 **N**
Rain Dogs (2023–present) Sns. 1 **MAX**
Rainn Wilson and the Geography of Bliss (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
Reacher (2022–present) Sns. 2 Season 2 premieres December 15 **PV**
The Real Housewives Ultimate Girls Trip (2021–present) Sns. 4 Season 4 premieres December 14 **P**
Real Madrid: Until the End (2023) Limited **A+**
The Reluctant Traveler (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Renervations (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
Reservation Dogs (2021–23) Sns. 3 **H**
The Ride (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
The Righteous Gemstones (2019–present) Sns. 3 **MAX**
Romancero (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Rough Diamonds (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Run the World (2021–23) Sns. 2 **STZ**
RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars (2012–present) Sns. 8 **PM+**

S

Saint X (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Sanctuary (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
The Santa Clauses (2022–present) Sns. 2 New episodes Wednesdays; finale December 6 **D+**
Savior Complex (2023) Limited **MAX**
Schmigadoon! (2021–present) Sns. 2 **A+**
School Spirits (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Scoop (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Scott Pilgrim Takes Off (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Searching for Soul Food (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**

PEACOCK

Secret Chef (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Secret Invasion (2023) Limited **D+**
Secrets & Sisterhood: The Sozandahs (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
See You in My 19th Life (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Selena + Chef: Home for the Holidays (2023) Limited Premieres November 30; new episodes Thursdays; finale December 21 **MAX**
Selling Sunset (2019–present) Sns. 7 **N**
Selling the OC (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Sex Education (2019–23) Sns. 4 **N**
Shadow and Bone (2021–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Shetland (2013–present) Sns. 7 **BB**
Shining Vale (2022–present) Sns. 2 Finale December 1 **STZ**
Shiny Happy People: Duggar Family Secrets (2023) Limited **PV**
Shoresy (2022–present) Sns. 2 **H**
Shrinking (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Signora Volpe (2022–present) Sns. 1 **ACN**
Silent Witness (1996–present) Sns. 26 **BB**
Silo (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Sister Boniface Mysteries (2022–present) Sns. 2 **BB**
SisterS (2023) Limited **SN**
The Sixth Commandment (2023) Sns. 1 **BB**
Slasher (2016–present) Sns. 1–3 **N** Sns. 4–5 **AMC+** **SDR**
Slow Horses (2022–present) Sns. 3 Season 3 premieres November 29; new episodes Wednesdays; finale December 27 **A+**
A Small Light (2023) Limited **D+** **H**
SmartLess: On the Road (2023) Limited **MAX**
Smother-in-Law (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Somebody Somewhere (2022–present) Sns. 2 **MAX**
Somewhere Boy (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Song of the Bandits (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Special Ops: Lioness (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Spellbound (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**

Spy/Master (2023) Limited **MAX**
Spy Ops (2023) Limited **N**
Squid Game: The Challenge (2023–present) Sns. 1 New episodes Wednesdays; finale December 6 **N**
Starstruck (2021–present) Sns. 3 **MAX**
Star Trek: Discovery (2017–present) Sns. 4 **PM+**
Star Trek: Strange New Worlds (2022–present) Sns. 2 **PM+**
Star Wars: Ahsoka (2023–present) Sns. 1 **D+**
Star Wars: The Bad Batch (2021–present) Sns. 2 **D+**
Steeltown Murders (2023) Limited Premieres November 27 **ACN**
Still Up (2023–present) Sns. 1 **A+**
Succession (2018–23) Sns. 4 **MAX**
The Summer I Turned Pretty (2022–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
The Super Models (2023) Limited **A+**
Survival of the Thickest (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Surviving Paradise (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Surviving Summer (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Swagger (2021–present) Sns. 2 **A+**
Swarm (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Sweet Magnolias (2020–present) Sns. 3 **N**
Sweet Tooth (2021–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Swiping America (2023–present) Sns. 1 **MAX**

T

The Tailor (2023–present) Sns. 3 **N**
Ted Lasso (2020–present) Sns. 3 **A+**
Telemarketers (2023) Limited **MAX**
Terror Lake Drive (2020–present) Sns. 3 New episodes Thursdays **AB**
Thicker Than Water (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
30 Coins (2021–present) Sns. 2 New episodes Mondays; finale December 11 **MAX**
This Fool (2022–present) Sns. 2 **H**
Thursday's Widows (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
A Time Called You (2023–

present) Sns. 1 **N**
Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan (2018–23) Sns. 4 **PV**
Too Hot to Handle (2020–present) Sns. 5 **N**
Top Boy (2019–23) Sns. 3 **N**
Tore (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Totally, Completely Fine (2023) Limited **AMC+** **SN**
Tour de France: Unchained (2023) Limited **N**
Truth Be Told (2019–23) Sns. 3 **A+**
Turn of the Tide (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Twisted Metal (2023–present) Sns. 1 **P**
Tyler Perry's Bruh (2023) Limited **N**
Tyler Perry's Ruthless (2020–present) Sns. 4 **BET+**
Tyler Perry's Zatima (2022–present) Sns. 2 **BET+**

U

The Ultimatum: Marry or Move On (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
UnPrisoned (2023–present) Sns. 1 **H**
Unseen (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Unstable (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Upload (2020–present) Sns. 3 **PV**
The Upshaws (2021–present) Sns. 4 **N**

V

The Vanishing Triangle (2023) Limited **SN**
Vera (2011–present) Sns. 12 **BB**
Vikings: Valhalla (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Virgin River (2019–present) Sns. 5 Midseason premiere November 30 **N**

W

Waco: American Apocalypse (2023) Limited **N**
Waco: The Aftermath (2023) Limited **PM+** **SH**
The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon (2023–present) Sns. 1 **AMC+**
The Walking Dead: Dead City (2023–present) Sns. 1 **AMC+**
Wanted: The Escape of Carlos Ghosn (2023) Limited **A+**
Warrior (2019–present) Sns. 3 **MAX**

Welcome to Eden (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Welcome to Wrexham (2022–present) Sns. 2 **H**
Wellmania (2023) Sns. 1 **N**
What Am I Eating? With Zoëe Deschanel (2023–present) Sns. 1 **MAX**
What We Do in the Shadows (2019–present) Sns. 5 **H**
The Wheel of Time (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
White House Plumbers (2023) Limited **MAX**
Who Is Erin Carter? (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Wicked City (2022–present) Sns. 2 New episodes Thursdays; finale December 7 **AB**
Wild Crime (2021–present) Sns. 3 Season 3 premieres November 30 **H**
Wilderness (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PV**
Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty (2022–23) Sns. 2 **MAX**
The Witcher (2019–present) Sns. 3 **N**
With Love (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PV**
Wolf Like Me (2022–present) Sns. 2 **P**
Wolf Pack (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
Wrestlers (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**
Wrongly Accused (2023–present) Sns. 1 **SN**

X

XO, Kitty (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**

Y

Yellowjackets (2021–present) Sns. 2 **PM+** **SH**
Yellowstone (2018–present) Sns. 5 **P**
Yonder (2023–present) Sns. 1 **PM+**
You (2018–present) Sns. 4 **N**
Young, Famous & African (2022–present) Sns. 2 **N**
Your Honor (2020–23) Sns. 2 **PM+** **SH**
Yu Yu Hakusho (2023–present) Sns. 1 Premieres December 14 **N**

Z

Zombiverse (2023–present) Sns. 1 **N**



Family

Your guide to the very best kids' shows

Preschool



Shape Island: The Winter Blues

FRIDAY, DEC. 1, APPLE TV+

In this special, based on Mac Barnett's books, Circle and Triangle (voiced by Gideon Adlon and Scott Adsit) try to cheer up a sad Square (Harvey Guillén) by inventing a holiday, Yeti Night. Sounds like a cozy good time!



Frog and Toad: Christmas Eve

FRIDAY, DEC. 1, APPLE TV+

It's time to celebrate, but best pals Frog and Toad (voiced by Nat Faxon and Kevin Michael Richardson) are separated while Frog runs an errand. Can he make it home in time?

Elementary



A Charlie Brown Christmas

SATURDAY, DEC. 16, APPLE TV+

After 58 years, this special remains comforting—like a warm puppy. “The things Charles Schulz wrote about are as enduring now as they were when we started,” Lee Mendelson, who executive produced the classic with the *Peanuts* maestro, told us during *Christmas*' 50th celebration. Plus, he adds, “I think people just like the character.” Whether Chuck is picking out a sad tree, despairing over the commercialism of it all or struggling to keep the cast of his holiday pageant from bursting into dance, “they identify with Charlie Brown.” He's the blockhead of our hearts! Available for free streaming December 16–17. —*Damian Holbrook*

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever

FRIDAY, DEC. 8, DISNEY+

The holiday season is off to a rocky start for Greg Heffley (voiced by Jayden Ham). With Christmas right around the corner, the middle schooler doesn't know whether he's on the naughty or nice list after an accident involving a snowplow with best pal Rowley Jefferson (Spencer Howell). Will Greg (below right, with Rowley) finally catch a break and get the new video game console he wants so badly? —*Zoe Woolrich*



A HOLIDAY CLASSIC



For Everyone

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget

FRIDAY, DEC. 15, NETFLIX

Here's some egg-cellent news: After 23 years, a *Chicken Run* sequel has been cracked. And this time, the stop-motion action-adventure is a hen heist! The chickens have been kicking up their drumsticks on a remote island paradise after their 1950s escape from the farm of the evil Mrs. Tweedy (voiced by Miranda Richardson). It's now the early '60s. Mastermind flock leader Ginger (Thandiwe Newton) and beau Rocky (Zachary Levi) have a daughter, Molly (*The Last of Us* star Bella Ramsey), who is seeking some freedom of her own. But Molly's wandering quickly gets her trapped in a compound on the mainland. “At the heart of the compound is what seems to be a chicken utopia, filled with fairground rides and a never-ending supply of corn,” says director Sam Fell. “However, this garish landscape of fake hills and lawns harbors a sinister secret.”

The monstrous spot is, of course, a processing plant. Who's in charge? A reinvented super-villainess Tweedy, who has engineered the first-ever chicken nugget.

Fell calls *Dawn* a “big, Bond-esque break-in movie.” It sounds like a clucking good time to us. —*Emily Aslanian*



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: APPLE TV (2); EVERETT COLLECTION; AARDMAN/NETFLIX; NETFLIX (2); AARDMAN/NETFLIX; DISNEY+



Tweens

The Bad Guys: A Very Bad Holiday

THURSDAY, NOV. 30, NETFLIX

While folks unwrap presents, the Bad Guys usually pull off a heist. But this year, leader Mr. Wolf (above right, voiced by Michael Godere), master of disguise Mr. Shark (Ezekiel Ajeigbe), picklock Mr. Snake (Chris Diamantopoulos), techie Ms. Tarantula (Mallory Low) and wild Mr. Piranha (Raul Ceballos) try to save Christmas when it's canceled. —*Jenna Rapsis*

Teens



My Life With the Walter Boys

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, NETFLIX

Imagine your whole life changing in an instant. That's what happens to driven 15-year-old Jackie Howard (*On My Block*'s Nikki Rodriguez) after her parents and older sister are killed. In this heartfelt 10-episode drama based on Ali Novak's popular tale, the grieving Jackie goes from Manhattan's fashion scene to a new home on a Colorado ranch, where she'll live alongside the 10 sometimes-sweet Walter boys (like Ashby Gentry's Alex, above, with Rodriguez).

PUZZLER



Word Search

'Tis the season for Christmas specials and classic holiday characters.

C L A R K G R I S W O L D H V
 S O O J M R P O T T E R R E M
 N H O L I D A Y A F F A I R X
 O C H A R L I E B R O W N M F
 W I N T E R W A R L O C K E P
 M C O U S I N E D D I E T Y E
 I T T S A N T A C L A U S I U
 S H O M E A L O N E T M H C F
 E T H E G R I N C H M P P K R
 R L S C R O O G E A L Z R Q U
 A B F N J V Z I M A F A Z I D
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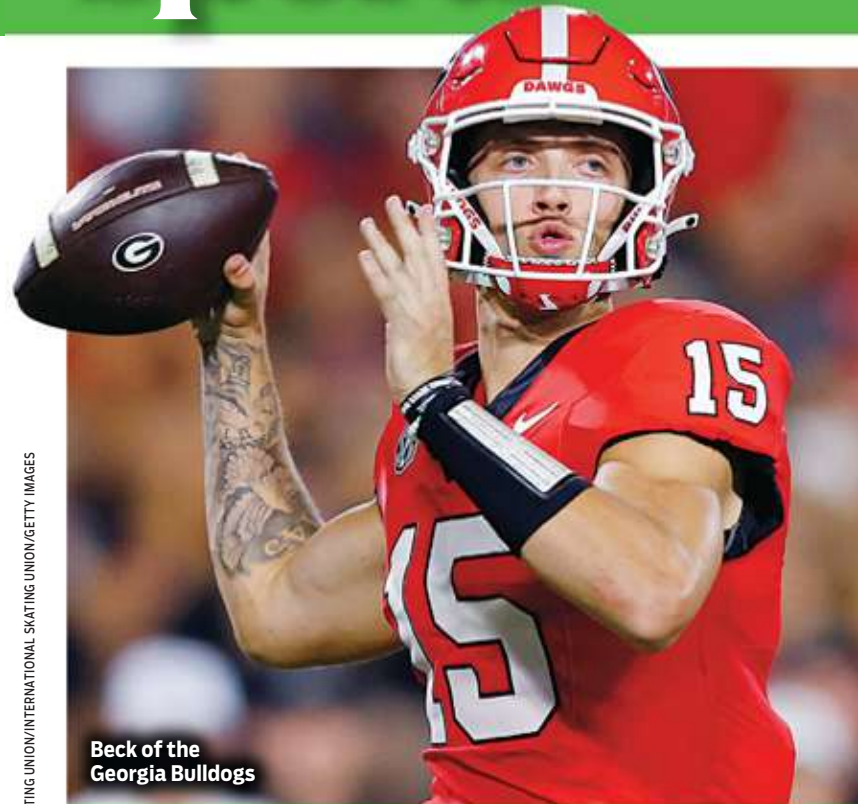
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Sports

Your guide to the best competitions worth watching



Beck of the Georgia Bulldogs

College Football Playoffs

TEAM SELECTION, SUNDAY, DEC. 3, ESPN, ESPN APP

It's the swan song for the four-team College Football Playoff. The CFP expands to 12 teams next year, though the exact format is unclear after the upheaval this summer among the Power 5 conferences.

After 10 of the Pac-12 member schools finalized plans to switch leagues in 2024, the Pac-12's future looks bleak. They will hold what is likely to be its final football championship game December 1 (ABC, ESPN app).

Other conference championship games take place December 1-2, and the final CFP rankings are released the following day. The two-time defending champion Georgia Bulldogs (led by quarterback Carson Beck) should be back in the top four, with Michigan,

Ohio State, Florida State, Washington, Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon and Alabama rounding out the list of CFP hopefuls.

The Heisman Trophy, presented to the season's best player, will be awarded in a December 9 ceremony (ESPN, ESPN app). Washington QB Michael Penix Jr. is the odds-on favorite; other potential invitees (all QBs) include Oklahoma's Dillon Gabriel, Michigan's J.J. McCarthy, Oregon's Bo Nix, Florida State's Jordan Travis and LSU's Jayden Daniels.

Bowl games kick off Saturday, December 16. The Rose Bowl and the Allstate Sugar Bowl host the CFP Semifinals on New Year's Day (ESPN, ESPN app). The national championship is Monday, January 8, in Houston (ESPN, ESPN app). —Ryan A. Berenz



Christian McCaffrey of the San Fran 49ers

NFL Xmas Day

HOLIDAY WEEK, DECEMBER 21-25

Here's a great stocking stuffer: more football! An extended holiday Week 16 gives fans the New Orleans Saints at the Los Angeles Rams (Thursday, December 21, on Prime Video), plus the Cincinnati Bengals at the Pittsburgh Steelers (NBC, Peacock) and the Buffalo Bills at the Los Angeles Chargers (Peacock) on Saturday, December 23. Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, has the New England Patriots at the Denver Broncos (NFL Network). A rare Monday tripleheader on Christmas Day, December 25, has the Las Vegas Raiders at the Kansas City Chiefs (CBS, Paramount+), the New York Giants at the Philadelphia Eagles (Fox, Fox Sports app) and the Baltimore Ravens visiting the San Francisco 49ers (ABC, ESPN app).

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

College hoops and ice skating

College Basketball

Prime action includes the Jimmy V Classic at NYC's Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, December 5, as Florida Atlantic faces Illinois and North Carolina battles UConn, both on ESPN and the ESPN app. Elite programs meet in Atlanta for the CBS Sports Classic Saturday, December 16, on CBS and Paramount+, with Ohio State vs. UCLA and North Carolina vs. Kentucky.

Figure Skating

The ISU Grand Prix Final is in Beijing December 7-10 (Peacock). Expect four-time Skate America ice-dancing champs Madison Chock and Evan Bates (below) to lead the U.S. group.



What's in My Queue



The OA

NETFLIX "It was wrongfully canceled after two seasons, but that doesn't stop me from rewatching it three times a year. I even joined protesters fighting to get it back on air. The show incorporates my favorite topic: parallel universes."



Beckham

NETFLIX "A perfect mix of sports and romance makes watching with your partner [*Blue Bloods'* Donnie Wahlberg] that much better. I heard there might be some cheating allegations coming up, but I'm hoping they're not true! We need love stories in this world."



Encounters

NETFLIX "Something people don't know about me is that I'm a sci-fi junkie. Ghosts, aliens and anything supernatural are always my go-to. The only disappointing thing is that it's only four episodes. I need more!"



From her first gig cohosting MTV's *Singled Out* to the past 10 seasons of trying to guess costumed celebrity contestants on Fox's *The Masked Singer* (Season 10's finale airs this month), Jenny McCarthy has been entertaining us with her boundless enthusiasm and energy.

And like so many of us, she loves her TV time and happily devours everything from sci-fi and comedy murder mysteries to documentaries on famous soccer players. Here's what she thinks is worth watching.



Only Murders in the Building

HULU "My son is obsessed with the show. People keep telling me how amazing it is. Steve Martin [above, with Meryl Streep, a Season 3 guest star] is one of my idols, so I need to catch up and be ready for the next season."



Painkiller

NETFLIX "It's not easy going up against giants, so when a truth-seeker can get their story mainstreamed, we should all spread the word. Matthew Broderick did an amazing job as Richard Sackler. I loved to hate him."



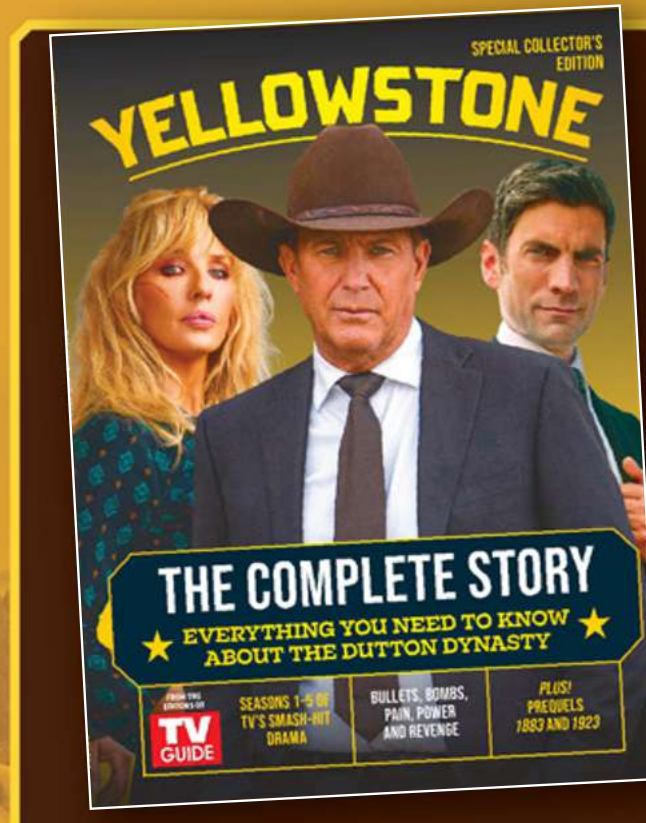
Keeping Up With the Kardashians

PEACOCK "I'm rewatching all [20 seasons] from the very first one. My friends called me crazy until they started. You think *Real Housewives* gives good shade? The Kardashians are the GOATS of throwing sister shade."

▶ For more *What's in My Queue*, visit TVInsider.com

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