



COURTESY PHOTO "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" still ranks as one of the great holiday television specials.

Holiday TV Season Features Old And The New

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What's your favorite Christmas special ever? When I was a kid, the biggies were "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "The Year Without a Santa Claus" (coming from a family with five brothers who would routinely beat the jabbers out of each other, the rivalry between Heat Miser and Snow Miser had its appeal).

Of those five, the biggie was always "Rudolph" — Yukon Cornelius, the Abominable, misfit toys ... Clarice. Back when I was young and the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas stretched out like an eternity, the choppy, stop-action magic of Rudolph, Hermie and the gang made it feel like the holiday was really on its way.

These days, I can better appreciate the social commentary and wry humor of the Peanuts gang and the charm of a Grinchy heart growing three sizes in one day (although, staring down the business end of 50, that idea scares me a little, too).

Here are my picks — in no particular order — of my favorite Christmas specials and movies along with when and where they're slated to air. Keep in mind that schedules are listed in Eastern time and are subject to change.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" 7 p.m. Nov. 28; 7 p.m. Dec. 20, ABC — Poor Charlie Brown. Though he's directing a Christmas pageant, he's lost the holiday spirit in the midst of commercialization: His kid sister Sally asks Santa for "tens and twenties," Snoopy decks out his doghouse to win a neighborhood contest; and the other kids try to jazz up his nativity play with flashy theatricality. The blockhead regains his spirit — and spreads it to his friends — with the help of Linus and the scrawniest tree imaginable.

Fun fact: CBS wanted the special to have a laugh track and produced such a version despite creator Charles M. Schultz's objections. It was never released.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" 7 p.m. Dec. 18; 7 p.m. Dec. 25, ABC — Boris Karloff narrates the charming Dr. Seuss tale, yet another slap in the face to commercialism. The Grinch, an angry, green creature, lives in a cave outside of Whoville. Disguised as Santa, he sneaks into the town on Christmas Eve stealing all of the presents and decorations. When he hears the happy Whos singing carols on Christmas morning instead of bemoaning their losses, the Grinch returns the presents and gets to carve the roast beast at the holiday feast.

Fun fact: According to *The Journal of Popular Culture*, Theodore Geisel (Seuss) worked with Grinch animator Chuck Jones and "It's A Wonderful Life" director Frank Capra on a series of animated instructional films for the U.S. Army during World War II.

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" 7 p.m. Dec. 4, CBS — Ridiculed for his red nose, Rudolph hits the road with a grizzled prospector and an elf who

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BROADCAST STATIONS		Arthur (DVS) WordGirl (DVS)		Wild Kratts	The Electric Company	Martha Speaks	Nightly Business Report	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Celtic Thunder Christmas Holiday standards and originals. (In Stereo)	Over South Dakota					A Fiddler's Holiday With Jay Ungar & Molly Mason		Use Your Brain to Change Your Age With Dr. Daniel Amen (In Stereo)		Clodagh Irish		Antiques Roadshow Jacket worn by Johnny Unitas			
KTVI	4 (4)	Jeff Probst Sh.	Ellen DeGeneres	News 4	News	News 4	Ent	The Voice (N)	Go On	Normal	ParentHood (N)	News 4	Jay Leno	News 4	Jay Leno	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Last Call With Carson Daly	According to Jim	(Off Air)	News 4	Extra		
NBC	4 (4)	The Doctors (In Stereo)	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	KDLT News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N)	The Big Bang Theory	The Voice (Live Top 8 Performances) The top 8 artists perform. (N) (In Stereo Live)	Go On	The New Normal (N)	ParentHood (N)	KDLT News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Last Call With Carson Daly	According to Jim	(Off Air)	News 4	Extra	ABC World News	Up to the Minute (N)		
KCAU	9 (6)	Dr. Phil	The Dr. Oz Show	News	ABC	News	Inside	Dancing/Stars	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	My Pillow	Inside	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News		
CBS	3 (3)	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	The Dr. Oz Show (In Stereo)	News	CBS Evening News	News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	How I Met Your Mother	Partners (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Hawaii Five-0 One of Doris' targets seeks revenge. (N)	News	Late Show With David Letterman (In Stereo)	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson (In Stereo)	News	The Insider (N)	Up to the Minute (N)	Up to the Minute (N)	Up to the Minute (N)	Up to the Minute (N)	Up to the Minute (N)		
ABC	7 (13)	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N) (In Stereo)	KSFY News at 5 in HD	ABC World News	KSFY News at 6 in HD	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars: All-Stars (N)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Watson Family, Part 1"	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Watson Family, Part 2"	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Watson Family, Part 3"	KSFY News at 10 (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Paid Program	Extra (N)	Best Pil-ow Ever!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
KMEG	13 (6)	The Doctors	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	KMEG 14	CBS	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Partners	Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson	Baggage	Maury Paternity tests.	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused		
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KPTH		Jerry Springer	Mauri	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	Bones (N)	The Mob Doctor (N)	News	Vote	News	Office	Office	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother		
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KSN	99 (12)	Arthur	Martha	Wild	WordGirl	Curious	PBS NewsHour (N)	Mystery	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow		
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PAY CHANNELS		HBO 17 (40) *** "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey. (In Stereo)		*** "Mr. Popper's Penguins" (2011) Jim Carrey. (In Stereo)		*** "Little Fockers" (2010, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. (In Stereo)		Witness Photographer Eros Hoagland.		*** "Tower Heist" (2011) Ben Stiller. (In Stereo)		24/7 Pacquiao		Boxing Andre Berto vs. Robert Guerrero, Welterweights. (In Stereo)		*** "Vampire" (2011) Jim Carrey. (In Stereo)								
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PAY CHANNELS		HBO 17 (40) "Love Don't Wait" Witness Veronique de Vigueire. (2010, Action)		*** "Megamind" (2010, Action) Voices of Will Ferrell. (2010, Action)		*** "Red Tails" (2012) Cuba Gooding Jr. The U.S. military forms the first all-black aerial-combat unit.		24/7 Pacquiao		Treme "Tipitina" (In Stereo)		Boardwalk Empire "Two Imposters"		Witness Veronique de Vigueire. (2010, Action)		*** "Endure" (2010) Devon Sawa, Judd J. Jim Jeter-Nelson. (In Stereo)		*** "Cowboys & Aliens" (2011) James Franco, Johnny Lee Miller. (In Stereo)		*** "Forbidden Science Feature 4" (2011) James Franco, Johnny Lee Miller. (In Stereo)		*** "Forbidden Science Feature 4" (2011) James Franco, Johnny Lee Miller. (In Stereo)	
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