

Our Little Secret:
our secret festive
film fave



Show us your
carrot



Heart-
melting



HOT FROSTY

This film asks the vital question, 'What if Frosty the snowman was hot?' Starring Lacey Chabert as Kathy and Dustin Milligan as Jack the Snowman, this movie follows a widow whose life is altered when she magically brings a snowman to life – one with chiselled abs and tousled locks. Available on Netflix now, keep your eyes peeled for a cameo from *Selling Sunset*'s very own Chrishell Stause.

Devilishly
good



DEAR SANTA

Paramount+'s new holiday film sees a young boy mail his Christmas wish list with one crucial spelling mistake. Instead of sending it to Santa, it ends up going to Satan – inviting a devilish Jack Black to wreak some holiday havoc on Christmas. Featuring classic Jack Black humour and a cameo from rapper Post Malone, this is a barrel of laughs.

An enjoyable
load of balls



HOLIDAY TOUCHDOWN: A CHIEFS LOVE STORY

It's been the year of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce, and now Hallmark have collaborated with the NFL on this offering, in which Kansas City Chiefs (Trav's team) superfan Alana falls for a club exec. It's available now with a Hallmark TV subscription through Amazon Prime (some Hallmark movies are also on Movies24, renamed Christmas 24 for the season, on Sky).

New XMAS CHEESE!

'Tis the season for friends, family, and festive films

Year after year, streaming platforms serve up a smörgåsbord of cheesy holiday movies that are so bad, they're great. Whether it's a guilty pleasure or you're loud and proud, these cookie-cutter romcoms, which are often utterly predictable and questionably acted, have secured a real place in our hearts. Romance, melodrama, magic – we never tire of watching them.

And in recent years, we've come to associate the festive period with one Queen of Christmas in particular. No, we're not talking about Mariah – it is, in

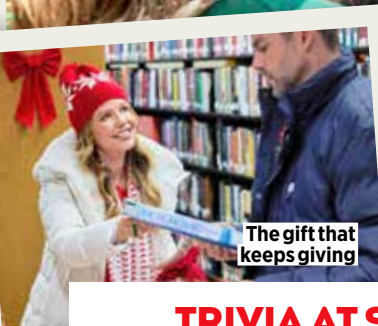
fact, Lindsay Lohan. The *Mean Girls* star, 38, has reinvented herself as our go-to gal for some cheesy Chrimbo viewing. Last year saw the noughties icon return to the world of acting with the quintessentially corny *Falling For Christmas*, starring Lindsay as a spoiled heiress who loses her memory in a skiing accident and, shocker, bonds with the owner of a quaint ski lodge.

Now, the star is back again in Netflix's new festive offering, *Our Little Secret*. Having landed on the streaming platform just last week, it stars Lindsay and Ian Harding as two resentful exes who unexpectedly reunite under the

same roof over the holidays – coming to the unnerving realisation that their current partners are actually siblings. Things only get more complicated when Lindsay (who also happens to be executive producer on this festive hit) finds herself butting heads with her boyfriend's mother, played by silver-screen icon Kristin Chenoweth.

Put simply: it's a must watch, and there are plenty more new, feelgood movies to feast on. With everything from tartan scarves and cringey one-liners, these films are all you need to sprinkle some festive magic on the whole season. Get comfy...

We'd love to find him under our tree



The gift that keeps giving

TRIVIA AT ST NICK'S

Another Hallmark offering, this follows uptight astronomy professor Celeste (Tammin Sursok), who finds herself teamed up with fun-loving football coach Max (Brant Daugherty) for the university's annual Christmas trivia tournament. Initially unsure of their mismatched pairing, the festive quiz gives way to an unexpected romance – teaching Celeste a big life lesson in always embracing life's special surprises.

Unwrap yourselves, chaps



'You shouldn't have... Oh, wait, you should'

THE MERRY GENTLEMEN

This racy affair from Netflix sees big-city dancer Ashley (Britt Robertson) return to her small town in the hopes of saving her parents' concert venue. How will she do it, you ask? With topless dancing hunks. Featuring Marc Anthony Samuel, Colt Prattes, and Chad Michael Murray, you probably won't want to whip this one out when the family are gathered. Think *Magic Mike*, but festive...



Belissima!

A SUDDEN CASE OF CHRISTMAS

An American couple (Lucy DeVito and Wilmer Valderrama) take their 10-year-old daughter Claire (Antonella Rose) to her grandfather's (Danny DeVito) in Italy, where they plan to tell her about their separation. While there, Claire asks to celebrate one final Christmas together – despite the fact it's only August. Available to purchase on Amazon Prime, it's a mushy must-watch.

BEST OF THE FEST!

Let's not forget our Chrimbo classics...

LOVE ACTUALLY

A quintessential Brit Chrimbo classic. With relatability by the stocking full, it's a heartwarming reminder that Christmas is always better with the ones we love. Stream on NOW.



HOME ALONE

When eight-year-old Kevin is accidentally left home alone, he must defend himself and his home against a pair of burglars. This festive classic is ready to stream on Disney+.



ELF

Merging New York City (one of the most festive cities in the world) and the North Pole, this festive film is just as beloved 20 years after its release. To watch Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell) adjust to human life, head to NOW.



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

When George Bailey wishes he'd never been born, an angel is sent to earth to make his wish come true. Available on Prime Video, be prepared to get weepy.



THE GRINCH

For the Grinch in your life, this one's a reminder to always let a little bit of Christmas spirit into your heart. Starring Jim Carrey as the titular festive grump, this holiday classic is available on Prime.



BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS

Starring Meghan Ory and John Rearden, this is the kind of holiday romcom you'll watch again and again. With no other plans for Christmas, Bea reluctantly joins her best pal Emilia on a trip to Christmasland. Initially sceptical of the merriment, Bea finds her frosty exterior melting after meeting the ever-so-charming Ethan – leaving her questioning what's real, and what's part of the Christmasland experience. Available now with Hallmark TV, it's a love bonanza.



They're a perfectly matched mismatch

HOLIDAY MISMATCH

What's Christmas without bickering? New retiree Barb (Beth Broderick) decides to fill her time by joining a holiday committee, only to find herself clashing with long-standing member Kath (Caroline Rhea). While most would be able to move on, it doesn't prove quite so easy for these meddling mothers once they realise their kids are dating. For an added nostalgic bonus, you may recognise the two leads as the aunts from classic teen sitcom *Sabrina The Teenage Witch*. Available on Hallmark.



Consider us believers

MEET ME NEXT CHRISTMAS

This Netflix film follows Christina Milian as Layla – an unlucky-in-love woman who spends 32 hours running around a bustling New York City in the hopes of acquiring a ticket to a sold-out Pentatonix concert on Christmas Eve to meet the man of her dreams. Yes, that is the Pentatonix of acapella fame. But when Layla enlists the help of private concierge Teddy (Devale Ellis), she finds herself with much more than her ticket...



A proper meet-cute