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# SPORTS:

## The Playoff Push

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine  
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Amazing isn't it? You put your head down in anger over giving away a win in the opener to Cleveland and when you look up, it's suddenly Week 13 and the Steelers are in full playoff push mode. Time flies when you're having fun. Okay, that loss in Denver was not fun, but the six-game win streak certainly was. And that put the team atop the AFC North as December looms.

Five games remain and the Steelers have the sixth toughest schedule, including matchups against three teams likely headed to the playoffs – Chargers, Saints and of course, the Patriots. They have a combined 26 wins. Seems daunting, doesn't it? Maybe for a less battle tested team, but the black and gold have thrived in the final month of the season. Over the past five years, the Steelers have lost just three games

in the month of December. Their 20 wins over that span is most in the NFL.

They'll most likely need at least four wins to be in the hunt for a bye in the playoffs as the three other AFC division leaders have at least eight wins already. Wild card teams have won the Super Bowl just four times this century, so securing that extra week of rest makes a difference. They'll need to shore up some things to get back to their winning ways.

The running game has taken a back seat the last two games, with a combined 27 attempts for just 101 yards. When the temperature drops, the ground game has to be reliable. That goes for fumbles too. James Conner has lost two this year and they have both been costly. But he hasn't been the only turnover perpetrator. Ben Roethlisberger has









lost two fumbles himself. Plus, his dozen interceptions are most among contending quarterbacks. Giving opponents extra possessions is a recipe for losing. And their negative seven turnover ratio is 26th in the league.

While ball security has been an issue, protecting the

quarterback has not. The offensive line has allowed just 16 sacks, only New Orleans and Indianapolis have allowed fewer. The defense has been doing their job, taking down opposing quarterbacks 39 times through 11 games to lead the NFL. And after a rocky start to the season, Keith Butler's unit







is sixth in the league in overall defense, allowing 22.6 points a game.

If the defense continues its stalwart ways, the running game gets going again and the Steelers can stop turning it over,

there's a great shot to secure that bye week and a divisional home playoff game. Don't blink, the postseason will be here before you know it.

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# Kennywood Holiday Lights



The eighth season of Kennywood's Holiday Lights spectacular begins on Friday, November 23 and continues every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night through December 23 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Holiday Lights will also be open nightly December 26 through 30.

Visitors will experience Thomas Town during the holidays for the first time, with the Number One Blue Engine himself returning to the rails to escort riders through our winter

wonderland. And, while builders bustle to get Steelers Country and the record-setting Steel Curtain roller coaster ready for next summer, construction-themed light displays will dot the fences around the work site.

During this year's season of giving, the Kennywood team invites our community to share its love and support through two opportunities when they visit the park: bring a toy to donate to Toys for Tots, or make a donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's Our Victims of Terror Fund for the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue attack.

"Our hearts are with the victims and loved ones impacted by last month's awful tragedy," says Kennywood General Manager Jerome Gibas. "Kennywood has been a gathering place for people of all faiths, communities and backgrounds for 120 years. The holidays are a special time to bring our community together to celebrate our traditions and to give back to as many as we can."

It wouldn't be a true Kennywood Holiday Lights without the brilliancy of nearly 2 million bulbs around the park, led by





Pennsylvania's tallest Christmas tree (90 feet, plus a 10-foot tree-topping ornament). Other holiday highlights, by the numbers:

- \$6 – The discount guests can receive by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to donate to our local Toys for Tots drive. Available on up to 4 tickets per toy from Nov. 23 – Dec. 9.
- 0 – The number of incandescent light bulbs used in park displays. After a multi-year transition, Kennywood now solely uses LED lights for its displays.
- 12 miles – The length in extension cords connecting and

Experience. The 15-minute movie is included with admission to Holiday Lights.

- 55' long, 45" wide - The size of the Pittsburgh Independent Hi-Railers model train display, located in the Penny Arcade.
- Tickets for Holiday Lights can be purchased online at [www.Kennywood.com](http://www.Kennywood.com), with prices starting at \$16.99. Children three years of age and younger are free. Parking is also free. To see a full list of activities, including schedules, discounts and more, visit [www.kennywood.com/](http://www.kennywood.com/)



powering lights around the park, a distance that could connect Kennywood to Heinz Field.

- 50 – The number of live pine trees donated by the Indiana County Tree Growers Association.
- 2 hours, 15 minutes – The run time of It's a Wonderful Life, the Christmas classic playing continuously inside the Penny Arcade as part of a display loaned by the Jimmy Stewart Museum. For a more immersive holiday movie, head to the 4-D Theater to watch The Polar Express™ 4-D

holidaylights.

- Kennywood is America's Finest Traditional Amusement Park! The Pittsburgh-area park offers a unique mix of classic rides and modern thrills, including seven roller coasters, a 14-ride Kiddieland, and several attractions that cannot be found anywhere else. Kennywood, founded in 1898, continues to provide unforgettable fun for all ages.



# Movie Reviews

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

## TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS

If you occasionally like to curl up in a cozy chair with a pulp fiction novel that begins something like this: "I was about to drown myself in a bottle of bourbon when she walked into the office. She was legs and curves and I knew by the way she swayed toward my desk that she was trouble." Then I have a movie for you. It's called **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** and it attempts, at times successfully, to bring back the Boggie and Cagney film noir epics.

Private Detective Roland Drake is in a hard way, blamed for a young girl's murder. Facing a ruined reputation, and eviction, he sees a ray of hope when Katherine Montemar sashays into his office seeking his help. Members of her family are disappearing, and she needs to know why. Drake seizes the opportunity to redeem his name and get back in the game.

Sounds like a solid foundation for a film noir, but **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** often tries too hard. As an Independent film, it is the brainchild of Thomas Konkle. He wrote, directed, edited, produced and stars in the movie. His efforts are most noble, yet overblown.

The script is too complicated, even for this genre which specializes in plot twists. Every pulp fiction tale has twists, but **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** takes the mandate too far. The dialogue is choppy and static. It tries too hard to sound like a Dashiell Hammett read. Konkle could have fixed this in editing, but didn't, resulting in a film that endures a solid half hour past its most ideal point. Flashbacks are used to fill in missing sections of plot, but the ploy is used too many times and becomes a gimmick.

The acting is mundane. Most notable is Vernon Wells as Detective Barry Tate. Wells is best remembered as The Arnold's foil in **COMMANDO** ("Let off some steam, Bennett"). Konkle is a much better director and writer than actor. The rest of the cast including: Brittney Powell; David Beeler; Steve Tom; Jordana Capra; and Ben Pace carry the plot, but little else.

Directors of Photography Jesse Arnold and P.J. Gaynard are in fine form, capturing the cant and off-angle camera shots for which the genre is noted. Combined with the Lighting techniques of Joey Rasscol, **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** captures the noir look with aplomb.

While the first read of this review may seem harsh, I must say I enjoyed the effort Konkle and crew emit. This type of tale, and its visualization in glorious black and white are iconic filmmaking. Indie films always have budget restrictions which cause talented folk like Konkle to wear too many hats during the production. Some judicious editing of both film and script and a stronger cast would turn **TROUBLE IS**



**MY BUSINESS** into a major presentation.

For those who enjoy film noir, **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** is worth a view. We have so few films made in this fashion today, and the industry could certainly use more of them. **TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS** is available through video streaming and on home video. The film comes in two versions, glorious black and white and in color. Watch the black and white to appreciate the camerawork and lighting.

## THE FRONT RUNNER

As political thrillers go, this one misses the mark by accenting current themes and ignoring political ones. Due to the recent Brett Kavanaugh hearings, **THE FRONT RUNNER** opts not to highlight the political conspiracies that led to Senator Gary Hart's political abandonment. The decision is a mistake.

It is the acting that makes this film worth viewing. Hugh Jackman delivers a powerful performance, intended to garner him gold considerations. While it is strong, it is not that strong. Sara Paxton is a surprise as Donna Rice, and Vera Farmiga and J.K. Simmons offer yeoman style performances. The acting is well done, as are behind the camera duties. There is a stretch to insert modern viewpoints into the tale, that don't fit nor belong.

The script attempts valiantly to create tension between the ability to hold public office and one's private life. While Jackman is given a few lines of pithy dialogue, the argument made is muddled.

The script only skims over the political theory of the conspiracy to derail Hart by the Bush organization. It gives no mention to the theory that Hart's own party set him up; and that is the most likely scenario.

**THE FRONT RUNNER** misses the mark. It accents the public vs private life of political candidates, most likely due to recent headlines.





But the real story of the Hart affair was the maneuvering of the two political parties to oust and disgrace a person who did not tow the complete party line for either team. That would have made for a better story, and been more truthful.

### **SPEED KILLS**

John Travolta has a thing for gangsters lately. His work on *GOTTI* went nowhere, literally. The movie opened to one of the worst box office weekends in recorded history and was quickly pulled. But that didn't stop Travolta from attempting another gangster film. This one is *SPEED KILLS*, and concerns the shenanigans of Ben Aronoff, a co-conspirator of Meyer Lansky. This time, Travolta and crew have it right, as *SPEED KILLS* is a well told tale.

Aronoff (Travolta) is a housing developer in New Jersey, who has ties with Meyer Lansky (James Remar). Together, they build a nice empire, but when the tables turn, and the housing market fails, Aronoff relocates to Miami. There he starts and establishes a speed boat building business, becomes a speed boat racing champion, and launches yet another multi-million-dollar business.

His new-found fame makes him a cause celebre, and his ensuing affairs break up his marriage (Jennifer Esposito plays his wife Katherine). He meets Katherine Winnick (Emily Gowen), who is the girlfriend of King Hussein of Jordan, and steals her as his second wife. Soon after, Lansky reappears, looking to cash in on a piece of Aronoff's pie. His demands augment, pushing Aronoff deep into criminal activity which threatens his new family and the business he built. Also starring in the film are Kellan Lutz as Rob Reemer, Lansky's nephew; Matthew Modine as George Bush; Mike Weston as Shell Watz, Aronoff's lawyer; and Tom Sizemore as a Lansky henchman.

*SPEED KILLS* moves at a brisk pace, thanks to the editing of Randy Briche. Director of Photography Andrzej Sekula utilizes panoramic set up shots, vividly splashed with vibrant



color. There is one sequence, the storm race, which is rather cheesy with poor matting and SFX that proves to be a bit of distraction in the narrative.

Gangster tales, based on true events, can either be fun or laborious. Thankfully, *SPEED KILLS* is the former. With a great ensemble cast and a lively chronicle, it provides a bit of history and entertainment. With *SPEED KILLS*, Travolta has the gangster film right.

### **SNOWMANCE**

I must have been in a sappy mood when I watched *SNOWMANCE* because I made it to the end credits and though there was nothing of note in the movie, it was a comfortable tale. It was tremendous watching a movie with no hidden agendas or pushing of cultural change as Tinseltown is wont to do.

This is a cute, harmless holiday movie. Sarah (Ashley Newbrough) is a true romantic, looking for a man to set off fireworks and sweep her off her feet. Her favorite Christmas tradition is building her annual "Snow Beau" snowman with her best friend, Nick (Adam Hartig). After nearly two decades of building her perfect man out of snow, a Christmas miracle occurs and suddenly Sarah meets Cole (Jesse Hutch), who surprisingly has all the characteristics of her snowman.

*SNOWMANCE* is a film for gathering around the tree with the family, having popcorn and hot chocolate. You can enjoy the story, without having to explain agendas to the kids afterwards. This is especially made for little girls. It's a template story. No surprises nor exhilarating plot twists. Still, the story sticks to a tried and true formula that fits in nice at Christmas time.

*SNOWMANCE* is avoiding theatres, going directly to streaming services and home video. This movie makes an excellent family movie night for the holidays, especially if the kids haven't hit high school yet.



# Holiday Drink Recipes

## Orange & Pomegranate Prosecco Holiday Cocktail

### Ingredients

¾ oz Dekuyper Blood Orange Liqueur

SLO \$11.20

1 oz Pomegranate Juice

1 tsp Pomegranate Seeds

Ruffino Prosecco

Mint Sprigs for garnish , optional

Rim

1 Lemon Wedge

Granulated Sugar



### Sparkling Fire Apple Sangria

4 cups Apple Cider

¾ cup Jim Beam Fire (\$21.88 1L/SLO \$17.99 750ml/ listed)

½ cup Pearl Caramel Vodka (\$13.72 1L/SLO)

Top with Ruffino Prosecco

Cider, Beam and Pearl Mix in Pitcher. Add pomegranate seeds and apples. Store in refrigerator. Before serving top with RUFFINO PROSECCO



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Garnish with cinnamon stick and green apple slice



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- 3 part Hot Chocolate
- 1 part Jim Beam® Kentucky Fire, Cinnamon Liqueur infused with Bourbon
- Marshmallows and cinnamon

#### **PREPARATION**

Build in a heat proof mug. Garnish with marshmallow and cinnamon.

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- Fresh ground Nutmeg
- 0.5 part or more of prepared Eggnog

#### **PREPARATION**

Shake all ingredients with ice and strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a dusting of fresh ground nutmeg.



### **JIM BEAM® BLACK HOT TODDY**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 parts Jim Beam Black® Bourbon PLCB HOLIDAY code with two glasses #1386 \$24.99
- 1 part Honey
- 2 parts Fresh Lemon Juice
- 0.25 cup Hot Water
- Lemon Peel

#### **PREPARATION**

Put bourbon, honey, and lemon juice in a 6-ounce mug. Top off with hot water and stir until honey is dissolved. Garnish with a lemon peel.



# The 2018 Winter Warmer Beer List

by Brian Mayer

There aren't many people that say winter is their favorite season. Fall and Spring tend to take the cake when it comes to the general consensus, but that doesn't mean there aren't some die-hard winter fans that get extra excited when the first snowflakes fall.

A great way to not only survive winter but learn to love it is to check out all the seasonal offerings from your favorite breweries. From stouts to IPAs, to the titular winter warmers...there's a lot to love in the world of craft beer when the temperature drops.

Check out our list of winter seasonal beers to get you in the winter spirit and get on board with giving winter the credit it deserves.

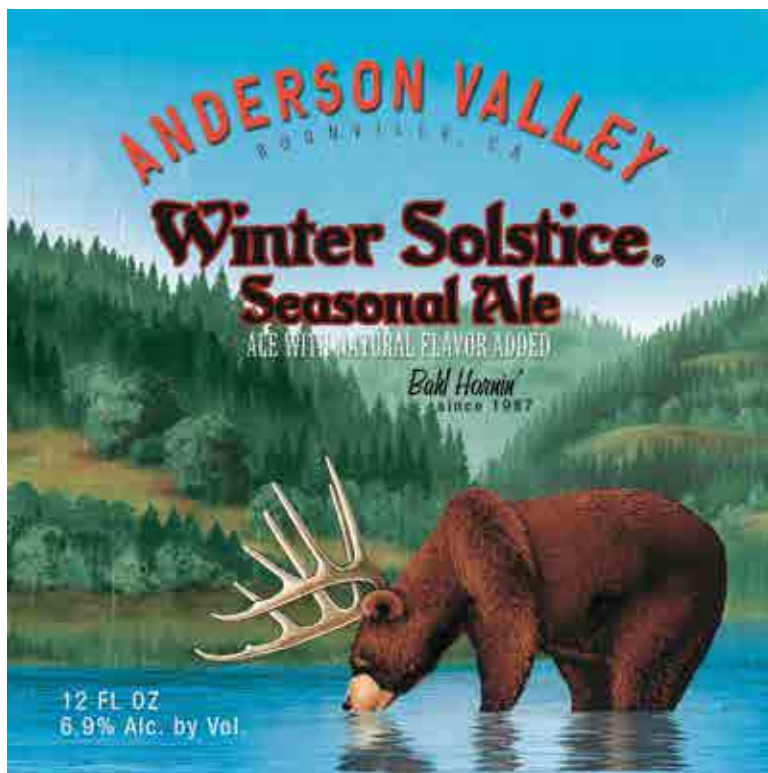
## Anderson Valley

Kicking off our list is Anderson Valley Brewing Company. Founded in 1987, Anderson Valley has grown into a varied and respected brewery that produces everything from the tried and true styles to the wild and interesting Gose series. Continuing their annual tradition, this winter AVBC is again releasing Winter Solstice, their take on the classic winter warmer style. At 6.9% ABV, this beer pours a translucent copper with a thick and creamy head. Expect to taste sweet malt and caramel as well as some nutty tastes in the background.

## Bell's Brewery

Bell's Brewery is no stranger to seasonal beers, and their ever-popular Winter White Ale is making a comeback once again this year. An odd entry into our list, this beer is a wheat ale fermented with Belgian yeast to give it subtle banana and clove flavors with absolutely no spices added, and at 5% ABV it's very easy to drink and very refreshing.

When it comes to big winter beers, it's hard to beat the Russian Imperial Stout. These big, intense beers were once favored by the Russian Tsars, but today you don't have to be Russian to fall in love with the big kids on the stout block. Bell's brews their Expedition Stout to have a huge malt body that features complex



## East End Brewing Company

In a bid to clear the snow and warm things up for everyone in Pittsburgh, Scott Smith from East End Brewing makes his Snow Melt Winter Ale each year, and even though this substantial 7% ABV beer helps, the snow still seems to stick. This mahogany red ale has a unique malt character and a bright hop flavor that has hints of pine. This beer will help keep you warm and while we all can't wait for it to warm up, at least we have this to clear the snow for us.

## Erie Brewing Company

While it's typically good advice to steer clear of Johnny Law when drinking, Erie Brewing releases their Ol' Red Cease & Desist each year, going against that advice. Ol' Red is an up-front powerful ale that makes its own set of laws about what a winter beer should be. Coming in at 10.1% ABV, this beer has a balanced mix of oak, spices, dark fruits, and even a little caramel. While the



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alcohol and flavors are up-front about their intentions, this beer finishes smooth and easy to drink.

### **Lancaster Brewing Company**

Located in...you guessed it...Lancaster, PA, Lancaster Brewing Company loves the winter season as much as might be possible, and they showcase that love with their Winter Warmer Ale. This 8.9% ABV beer skips the spices found in most winter beers to give you a full-bodied beer that features a monster of a malt bill along with British and American hops to give this beer a balance that's not often found in a winter ale. Classified as an Old Ale, Winter Warmer will do as its name implies, and it'll do it with style.

### **North Country Brewing Company**

Originally brewed in 2005, Jack Frost Winter Warmer Ale from North Country Brewing is a great example of what a winter warmer should be. Coming in at 7.7% ABV, this malty beer focuses on the malt body, allowing only enough spice into the beer to hint at their presence.

You'll find some hop flavor in Jack Frost, but not much of the bitterness you'd expect along with it. In short, this is one great malty beer that uses a touch of spice to give you a beer that's perfect for a cold winter night, and best of all it's available in cans!

### **Saugatuck Brewing Company**

Brown Ales are the perfect balance of toasty malt character, rich roasted malt, and bitter chocolate all wrapped together in one delicious beer. Add to this tastes and aroma of oak aging and what you have is SBC's Snow Wizard Oak Aged Brown Ale. This beer comes in at 7% ABV and 49 IBUs, featuring that toasty malt brown ales are known for while adding in a little extra bitterness and oak character for good measure. Unlike the other beers listed above, Snow Wizard is only available October through December so check this unique brown ale out while it's still here.

### **Smuttynose Brewing Company**

For those of us that love their Belgian-style beers, Smuttynose Brewing has long held their Winter Ale as the perfect beer for winter, and while they still feel this way, this 7.5% Belgian Dubbel has a new name Single Digit Dubbel for the beer we love with a few additional ABV that before, and it's still brewed with a special Trappist ale yeast as it has always been. This beer features fruity aromas and flavors as well as a soft hop background. Mellow yet surprisingly complex. The perfect brew for the winter months when you're looking for something different.





### Springhouse Brewing Company

Those pesky Martians are at it again, and this time they've gone after Santa. While we send the National Guard to go rescue him, you can take solace in Spring House's The Martians Kidnap Santa Egg Nog Stout. This 8.3% ABV beer pairs the chocolate darkness you'd expect from a stout and the creamy booziness we all love about egg nog and places them together in a match that's way better than milk and cookies could ever be.

### Straub

Straub Brewery has been in the brewing business since 1872 and today they're not only producing quality beers that have been around for much of their history, but new and innovative beers as well.



While we're just getting started with winter, there's nothing wrong with thinking about our favorite seer of seers and prognosticator of prognosticators and what his prediction for the length of winter will be. We may have to wait to see what Groundhog Phil has to say about the coming weather, but one thing we're certain about is Straub's Groundhog Altbier. Coming in at 5.4% ABV, this beer is brewed in the old German style and pours a deep gold with a pronounced malt flavor and a hearty dose of hops to balance everything out. Straub's Groundhog beer will be making you want to repeat Groundhog Day again and again.

### Troegs Independent Brewing

It wouldn't be a holiday season without the wild and wonderful Mad Elf from Troegs. Coming in at a surprising 11% ABV, Mad Elf uses pilsner, Munich, and chocolate malts paired with spicy Belgian yeast and cherries to make a rich and flavorful beer that might possibly drive you mad, too. Mad Elf is possibly the perfect beer for the holidays. Falling in line with Troegs' new look, Mad Elf has a new label on a bottle filled with the same holiday beer we've all grown to love.

A beer making its return this year for the winter season from Troegs is their Blizzard of Hops winter IPA. This 6.4% ABV beer has notes of pine and citrus in it as well as a solid malt backbone. If you're tired of spiced and flavored beers this holiday season, Blizzard of Hops is one beer you can't miss. Best of all, be on the lookout for the new canned beer sampler from Troegs. Along with Blizzard of Hops you'll get 12oz cans of Perpetual IPA, Troegenator Double Bock, Dreamweaver Wheat, Chocolate Stout, and for the first time ever, Mad Elf, all in recyclable aluminum. If you're a big fan of the can, this is the



only place you'll find Mad Elf in a can, so snag your 12-pack while you can.

### Victory Brewing Company

Victory Brewing from Downingtown PA has quite the catalog of beers available throughout the year, but they wait until the winter months to release some of their absolute best. First up is Winter Cheers. This 6.7% ABV wheat beer uses Tettnang and Citra hops to make a hoppy wheat beer that's ready to warm you up and give some winter cheer to spread.

Another phenomenal beer brewed for the winter months is Hop Ranch IPA, which is a celebration of the seasonal hop harvest fit nicely into a bottle. At 9% ABV, Hop Ranch is an imperial India pale ale that uses Mosaic and Azacca hops for a pungent, floral and intense taste and aroma that's a refreshing change from the typical winter beers.





# PHIPPS: Let it Glow!



Pittsburgh's Spectacular Holiday Magic: Let It Glow! is Now Open at Phipps Conservatory, Bigger and Brighter Than Ever With the show's widespread popularity, timed tickets are required in advance for all guests Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens has unveiled Holiday Magic: Let It Glow! The annual Winter Flower Show and Light Garden is one of Pittsburgh's most popular holiday traditions, attracting thousands of visitors from around the world. For the second year, guests will purchase timed tickets to confirm their visit dates and entry times at [phipps.conservatory.org/tickets](http://phipps.conservatory.org/tickets). Timed tickets are required in advance for all guests to experience the show.

For its 2018 return, Phipps' seasonal spectacular is bigger and brighter than ever, including stunning new floral displays, expanded LED lighting and much more. During its run through Sun., Jan. 6, the show will bring thousands of

families and friends together to make memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss this holiday amazing light and flower show, its truly an amazing dazzling experience!

## **Top Five Must-See Highlights:**

- Be immersed in a world of color in Phipps' newly renovated Palm Court complete with historic ogee crest and color-changing architectural lighting. This historic glasshouse room also features a magical oversized music box display rotating a live tree.
- Bask in the glow of 14,800 LED lights on a 22-foot Fraser fir tree towering over the Victoria Room's reflecting pond, complimented by a remarkable display of holiday trees throughout the Conservatory.
- In the Winter Light Garden, stroll through 10 new 6-foot-tall winter ice towers designed to resemble frosted windowpanes, along with luminous orbs, fountains and a tunnel of lights.

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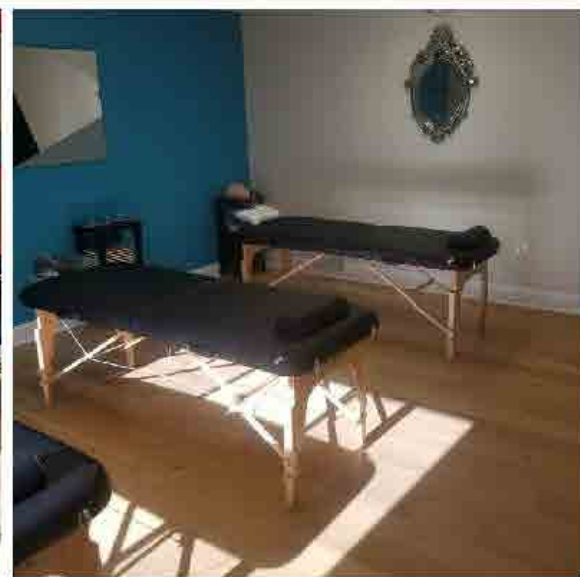
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# The PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh Series Features the National Tour of ELF The Musical over the December Holiday!

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is pleased to announce that NETworks Presentations, LLC, Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures and Unique Features are bringing the Broadway musical ELF to Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tickets are available now for performances Wednesday, December 26 to Sunday, December 30, 2018. This touring production is a season special, part of the 2018-19 PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh series, presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and Broadway Across America.

Performance dates and times for ELF The Musical at Heinz Hall are Wednesday, December 26, Thursday, December 27, and Friday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 29 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 30 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets (starting at \$31) are available at these official ticketing sources: [www.TrustArts.org](http://www.TrustArts.org), by calling the Heinz Hall Box Office at 412-392-4900, or in person at either Heinz Hall Box Office (600 Penn Avenue), or Theater Square Box Office, 655 Penn Avenue. For groups of 10+ call 412-471-6930, online



at [TrustArts.org/GroupSales](http://TrustArts.org/GroupSales), or by email: [groupsales@TrustArts.org](mailto:groupsales@TrustArts.org).

ELF is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the

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# First Night



The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Invites Everyone to Ring in the New Year during Highmark First Night Pittsburgh 2019!

On Monday, December 31, 2018, Highmark First Night Pittsburgh 2019 marks the 25th “Silver Jubilee” anniversary of this Pittsburgh New Year’s Eve celebration tradition. Events take place throughout Pittsburgh’s Cultural District, from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight.

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fireworks, live music, dance, theater, visual arts, comedy, magic, and kids’ activities. The parade will feature performance groups, art cars, and the signature giant puppets from Studio Capezzuti.

This New Year’s Eve celebration will culminate in the city’s ‘Countdown to Midnight’ and the raising of the Future of Pittsburgh Ball! Highmark First Night Pittsburgh is a production of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Admission buttons are \$10 (kids 5 and under FREE). For more information, visit [www.TrustArts.org/FirstNight](http://www.TrustArts.org/FirstNight) or call 412-456-6666.







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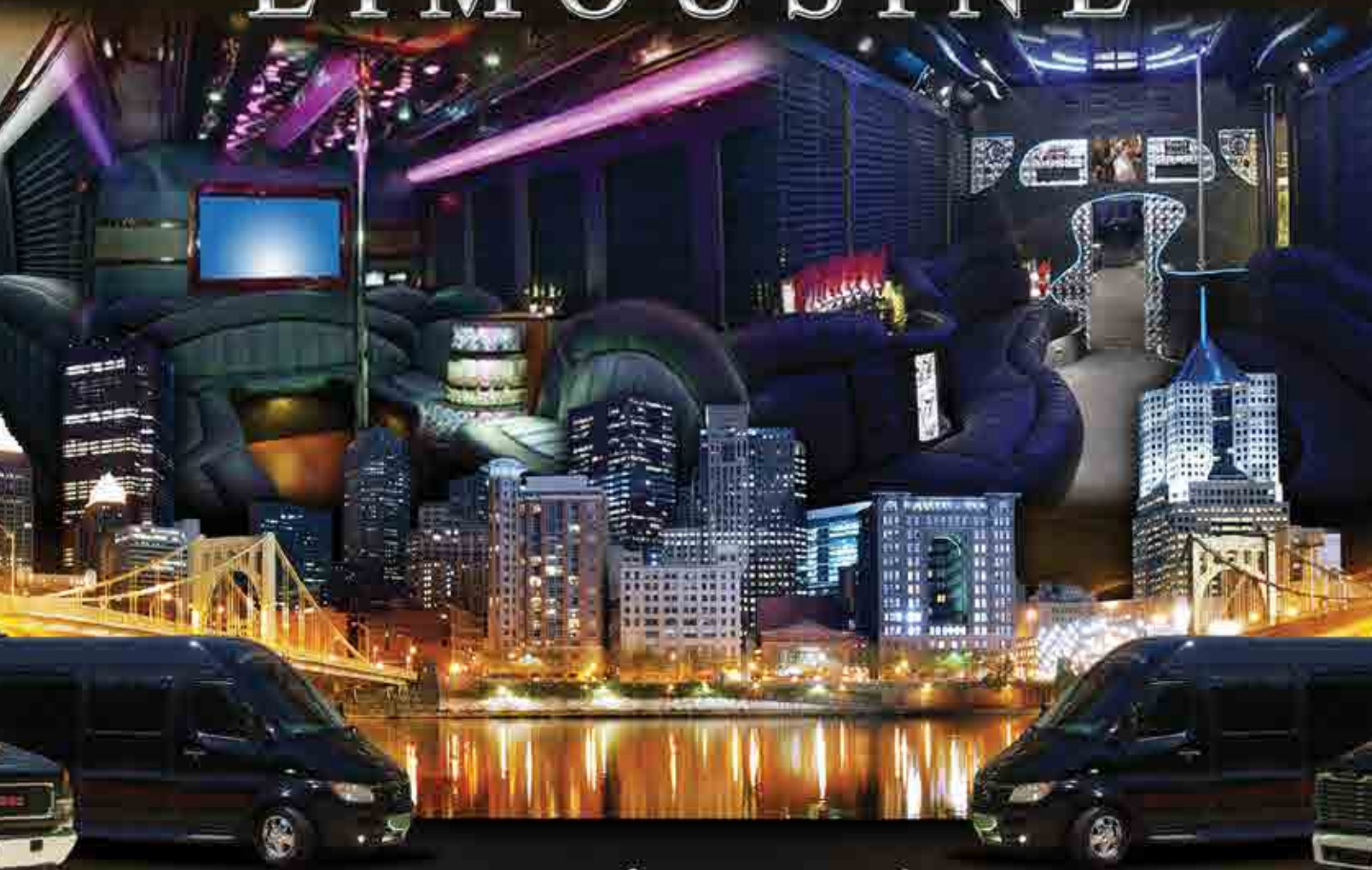


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true meaning of Christmas. This modern day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner ELF.

Based on the beloved 2003 New Line Cinema hit, *ELF* features songs by Tony Award nominees Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (*The Wedding Singer*), with a book by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan (*Annie*, *The Producers*, *Hairspray*) and Bob Martin (*The Drowsy Chaperone*). The production will feature direction by Sam Scalamoni and choreography by Connor Gallagher.

Leading the cast is Eric Williams as "Buddy," John Adkison as "Walter Hobbs," Galyana Castillo as "Deb," Paloma D'Auria as "Jovie," Mark Fishback as "Santa," Liam Vincent Hunt and Grady Miranda as "Michael Hobbs," Caitlin Lester-Sams as "Emily Hobbs," Torrey Linder as "Store Manager," and Jake

McCready as "Mr. Greenway".

The tour will also feature Bernie Baldassaro, Chaz Alexander Coffin, Holly Lauren Dayton, Michael Dewar, Michael Doliner, Danny Hammond, Kelsey Jenison, Lacey Kim Kriston, Matthew Marvin, Jennifer Oehlwein, Caitlin Ort, Jenna Rifkind, Cary Segal, and Oz Shoshan.

The New York Times says that *ELF* is "A SPLASHY, PEPPY, SUGAR-SPRINKLED HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT!" USA Today calls *ELF* "ENDEARINGLY GOOFY!" Variety proclaims, "*ELF* is happy enough for families, savvy enough for city kids and plenty smart for adults!"

Additional information about *ELF* is available at [www.ElfTheMusicalOnTour.com](http://www.ElfTheMusicalOnTour.com).





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# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin

In its Pittsburgh premiere, this joyous blend of bio-play, beloved songs, and piano virtuosity arrives just in time for the holidays.

The story and songs of America's Composer come to life onstage in Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin, a play with music written and performed by acclaimed actor/pianist Hershey Felder. This special engagement will run for 13 performances, December 19 – 30, 2018 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600, click [ppt.org](http://ppt.org), or visit the Box Office. The Production Sponsor is UPMC.

As Irving Berlin, Mr. Felder takes the audience from Czarist Russia to New York's Tin Pan Alley and beyond. He also channels Mr. Berlin's wife of 60 years, Ellin; Broadway impresario Florenz Ziegfeld; and Ethel Merman, the star of Berlin's Broadway musical, Annie Get Your Gun.

Mr. Berlin's music provided America with the soundtrack of a century. Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin features some of the

composer's most popular and enduring songs and the stories behind their creation. Included are "White Christmas," the stirring "God Bless America," "Puttin on the Ritz," "Blue Skies," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Easter Parade," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and many more cherished hits. The audience can look forward to joining in on some numbers!

## About Hershey Felder

In addition to Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin, Mr. Felder's unique shows include George Gershwin Alone, Monsieur Chopin, Our Great Tchaikovsky, Maestro Bernstein, and many more. He has performed them in theaters across America and internationally. He has also worked for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation, interviewing Holocaust survivors to collect their oral histories on film, and was one of four interviewers to attend the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in Poland.

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**Press Night is Thursday, December 20 at 7 pm.**

**Ticket prices: \$25 – \$65. Tickets for students & age 26 & younger: \$15.75.**

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or visit the O'Reilly Theater Box Office.**

# 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through  
the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a  
mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with  
care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them  
by name; "Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now,  
PRANCER and VIXEN! On, COMET! on CUPID! on,  
DONNER and BLITZEN! To the top of the porch! to  
the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash  
away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane  
fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the  
sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and  
soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
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Sean: Murray.

Fawn: Murray who?

Sean: Murray Christmas, one and all!

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."

His wife asked, "How do you know?"

"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

Caleb: What does Christmas have to do with a cat lost in the desert?

Ben: Beats me.

Caleb: They both have sandy claws.

Will: What's a good time for Santa to come down the chimney?

Bill: What?

Will: Anytime!

Killian: Knock, knock.

Gary: Who's there?

Killian: Pizza.

Gary: Pizza, who?

Killian: Pizza on earth, good will toward men!  
end

## **Comic by Scott Nickel**

Noah: What is a bird's favorite Christmas story?

Mike: I haven't a clue.

Noah: The Finch Who Stole Christmas.

Casen: What do you call a shark that delivers toys at Christmas?

Austin: I'm stumped.

Casen: "Santa Jaws!"

Will: Where do snowmen keep their money?

Bill: Beats me.

Will: In a snow bank.

Sister: What are you giving Mom and Dad for Christmas?

Brother: A list of everything I want!

Tim: Did you know Santa had only eight reindeer last Christmas?

Jim: Huh?

Tim: Comet stayed home to clean the sink.



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Chris: What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?

Chrissy: What?

Chris: Chill out.

A book never written: "Joyful Occasions" by Holly Daze.

Josh: What does Jack Frost like best about school?

John: What?

Josh: Snow and tell.

Zoey: What do you get if you cross an iPad with a Christmas tree?

Johnny: I don't know. What?

Zoey: A pineapple!

A book never written: "How to Decorate a Tree" by Orna Ment.

Moe: What are you going to give your little brother for Christmas this year?

Joe: I haven't decided yet.

Moe: What did you give him last year?

Joe: The measles.

Pedro: What has a jolly laugh, brings you presents and scratches up your furniture?

Ordep: Beats me. What?

Pedro: Santa Claws.

Jacob: What do road crews use at the North Pole?

Jason: I don't know.

Jacob: Snow cones!

Travis: Where do polar bears vote?

Anthony: Where?

Travis: The North Poll!

Teacher: Johnny, define claustrophobia.

Johnny: Fear of Santa Claus?

Santa: Knock, knock.

Elf: Who's there?

Santa: Olive.

Elf: Olive, who?

Santa: Olive the other reindeer.

Luke: What do elves do after school?

Jeffrey: I don't know. What?

Luke: Their gnome work!

Chance: Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

Nate: Why?

Chance: Because he went down in history.

Joe: What nationality is Santa Claus?

Moe: What?

Joe: North Polish.

### Comic by Scott Nickel

Amanda: What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight?

Robert: What?

Amanda: One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh.

Joke submitted by Amanda M., Springfield, Mo.

Daniel: What do fish sing during winter?

Josh: What?

Daniel: Christmas corals.

Darth Vader: I know what you're getting for Christmas.

Luke: How do you know?

Darth Vader: I can feel your presents.

When asked about his job, Frosty always replies, "There's no business like snow business."

Steve: What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

Tim: Not sure.

Steve: Ornamints.

Warped Wiseman wonders: "Does Santa Claus refer to his elves as 'subordinate clauses'?"

### Comic by Scott Nickel

Josh: Knock, knock!

Samantha: Who's there?

Josh: Dexter.

Samantha: Dexter, who?

Josh: Dexter halls with boughs of holly.

Sam: What do you get when you eat Christmas ornaments?

Devin: Not sure.

Sam: Tinsel-itis!

Trey: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?

Brandon: I give up.

Trey: Frostbite.



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Pedro: What does Santa say at the start of a race?

Pee Wee: I don't know.

Pedro: "Ready, set, Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Josh: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Mark: Dunno. Why?

Josh: Because he had low elf esteem!

### **A book never written: "What Did I Do Wrong THIS Year?" by Kole N. Stocking.**

William: What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

David: What?

William: Do you smell carrots?

Pee Wee: What did the reindeer say to the football player?

Westy: I don't know.

Pee Wee: "Your Blitzen days are over!"

Colton: How does a sheep say "Merry Christmas"?

Tammi: How?

Colton: "Fleece Navidad!"

### **Christmas Train**

A few days after Christmas, a mother was working in the kitchen listening to her young son playing with his new electric train in the living room. She heard the train stop and her son said, "All of you sons of b\*tches who want off, get the hell off now, cause this is the last stop! And all of you sons of b\*tches who are getting on, get your asses in the train, cause we're going down the tracks." The mother went nuts and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and you are to stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language." Two hours later, the son comes out of the bedroom and resumes playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking from the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for riding with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one. We hope you will ride with us again soon." She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today." As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the b\*tch in the kitchen."

### **Christmas Fire**

At Christmas time, there's nothing I love more than sitting in front of a warm fire, mulled wine in hand, and singing Christmas songs until I slowly fall asleep. Maybe that's why I'm no longer a fireman.

### **Playing Christmas**

Four-year-old to her two-year-old sister: "Let's play Christmas. I'll be Santa Claus and you can be a present and I'll give you away."

### **The Christmas Angel**

One particular Christmas season a long time ago Santa was ready for his Christmas run... but there were problems. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule. Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mother was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More stress. Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. So, frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whisky. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had hid the bottle and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made from. Just then the doorbell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas Santa. Isn't it just a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it just a lovely tree? Where would you like me to stick it?" Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

### **Christmas Lights**

A customer walked into our store looking for Christmas lights. I showed her our top brand, but, wanting to make sure each bulb worked, she asked me to take them out of the box and plug them in. I did, and each one lit up. "Great," she said. I carefully placed the string of lights back in the box. But as I handed them to her, she looked alarmed. "I don't want this box," she said abruptly. "It's been opened."

## Christmas Prayers

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs. "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..." "I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..." "I PRAY FOR A NEW STEREO..." His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?  
Claustrophobic.

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?  
So he can ho-ho-ho.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?  
Because he had low elf esteem.

What do you call an elf who sings?  
A Wrapper!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
Frostbite.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
Ice Crispies.

A wonderful Christmas song told me to Deck The Halls....so I did.  
Mr. and Mrs Hall were not very happy.


Don't you hate that awkward moment when Santa Claus has the same wrapping paper as your parents!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing, it was on the house!

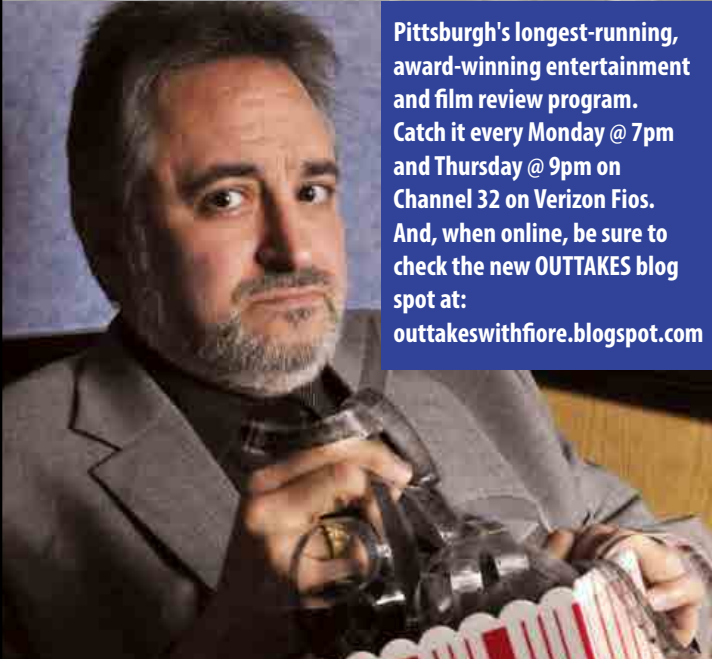
What's red and white and gives presents to good little fish on Christmas?  
Sandy Claws.

What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?  
Ribbon hood.

Never catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter!



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What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad? A pineapple!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"

There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!" 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.

Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?

A. A Christmas Quacker.

Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

A. Santa Pause!

Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?

A. In a snow bank.

Q. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?

A. Because of all the wrapping!

**Contributed by: Skylablue Gorman**

Why is Christmas just like your job? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit!

Did you know that according to the song,

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee." The proof is in the song!

**-Knock knock**

\*Who's there?

-Mary!

\*Mary who?

-Merry Christmas

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Chris!

Chris who?

Christmas!!!!

Q: What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?

A: A puddle!

Q: Where do reindeer go to dance?

A: Christmas balls!

Q: If Frosty the Snowman married a vampire, what would they name their child?

A: Frostbite!!

Q: What's red, white and blue at Christmas time?

A: A sad candy cane!

Contributed by: Laura Sylvester

Q: What did Mary Poppins want from Santa?

A: Supercalifragilistic-expialisnowshoes!

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Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince spy!

Q: What Christmas song is hidden in the alphabet:

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

A: Noel (No "L")

An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus were talking when they all noticed a \$5 bill on the floor. Who picked it up? Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

This Christmas, in lieu of gifts, I've decided to give everyone my opinion!

How does Santa sing the alphabet? A B C D E F G...

H I J K L M N

Oh!, Oh!, Oh!,

P Q R S T U V W X Y Z!

### Knock Knock,

Who's there?

Hanna!

Hanna who?

Hanna partridge in a pear tree!

Q: Where does Santa sleep when he's traveling?

A: In a Ho, Ho, Hotel!

It's a romantic full moon, when Pedro said, "Hey, mamacita, let's do Weeweechu." Oh no, not now, let's look at the moon!" said Rosita. Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I do Weeweechu. I love you and it's the perfect time," Pedro begged. "But I wanna just hold your hand and watch the moon." replied Rosita. Please, corazoncito, just once, do Weeweechu with me." Rosita looked at Pedro and said, "OK, one time, we'll do Weeweechu." Pedro grabbed his guitar and they both sang..... "Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year."

1. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?

He was hooked on trees his whole life.

2. Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

3. What does the Grinch do with a baseball bat?

Hits a gnome and runs.

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Saint-nickel-less.

5. What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?  
A rebel without a Claus.

6. Why did Frosty ask for a divorce?  
His wife was a total flake.

7. Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much?  
Because every single buck is dear to him!

8. What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?  
A Christmas quacker.

9. What's Santa's favorite snack food?  
Crisp Pringles.

10. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?  
They're into all the wrapping.

11. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?  
Nothing. It was on the house!

12. How do you help someone who's lost their Christmas spirit?  
Nurse them back to elf.

13. What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?  
Anything you want. He can't hear you!

14. What nationality is Santa Claus?  
North Polish.

15. What do you call a blind reindeer?  
I have no eye deer.

16. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?  
Rude-olph.

17. How is Christmas exactly like your job?  
You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

18. What's every elf's favorite type of music?  
Wrap.

19. What do you call a scary looking reindeer?  
A cariboo.

20. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?  
Frostbite.



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