

Santa Claus: The Musical

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SAMPLE

THE CAST

Santa Claus

The man himself! However, after being the man for 1,000 years, he's finally ready to pass on the reins and find someone new to fill his boots.

Mrs. Claus

As the saying goes, behind every great man is an even greater woman. She has a heart of gold, and a little bit of sass for good measure.

Henchy

Santa's "Head Elf" in charge of mission control. He has the most Christmas spirit of anyone in Santa's Workshop, but can be a bit of a stick in the mud when it comes to all the rules and regulations. Henchy dreams of becoming the new Santa Claus.

Nicholas (Nick)

A website designer and single dad to Beatrice, Nick has no idea what it takes to be Santa Claus. At first he doesn't have the closest relationship with his daughter, but the two form a close bond over the course of the show.

Beatrice (Bee)

Nicholas' daughter (12-14) who is a computer whiz and problem solver. Extremely mature and independent, Bee comes to the rescue more than a few times to help out her Dad and save Christmas.

The 3 Lady Elves

These 3 principal Elves are the supervisors in Santa's Workshop and provide commentary throughout. Their costumes should be different from the other worker Elves to show their status.

Tenchy - The nervous and athletic of the trio.

Chirpy - The happy optimist of the group.

Punchy - The irritable, bookish elf who develops quite a fondness for the new Santa.

THE CAST (CONT.)**Elf Ensemble**

You can fill your ensemble with as many worker Elves as you like! These guys are most useful in "Christmas Eve", "Jingle Jam," "Naughty or Nice", "Santa.com", "Christmas Eve (Reprise)" and "Merry Christmas to Us All," as well as in scene transitions.

Reindeer Ensemble

Our original production featured 8 adorable children used at key moments, but you could also use puppets or supplement with other ensemble members.

SETTING:

The North Pole - Santa's Workshop - Mission Control Room. A multi-leveled workshop that's a cross between the classic toy factory and the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. Big windows on an upper level show a snowy landscape of gently rolling hills, complete with the candy-cane North Pole sign in the distance. Two very large, antique books - "The Naughty-or-Nice List" and "The Book of Clauses" are prominent on opposite sides of the stage.

A NOTE ABOUT INTERMISSION:

The show runs about 60 minutes without an intermission. If you do choose to have an intermission, we recommend taking it after MUSIC 9 - "Jingle Jam."

SCENE 1**MUSIC 1 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

[It's Christmas Eve and Santa's workshop is bustling with activity as everyone prepares for SANTA's departure.]

PUNCHY

WRAP UP THE SEASON
WRAP THE PRESENTS TIGHT
GOTTA GET IT RIGHT
THEY ALL GO OUT TONIGHT

TENCHY

WRAP UP THE SEASON
SO MANY AWESOME TOYS
FEELING OVERJOYED
FOR ALL THE GIRLS AND BOYS

CHIRPY

WRAP UP THE SEASON
DOES THE ROUTE LOOK GOOD?
IS THE SLEIGH OK?
CHECK UNDERNEATH THE HOOD

ALL THREE

WRAP UP THE SEASON
OH BOY IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HIM TO FLY!

[SANTA enters to survey the Elve's progress. HENCHY presents SANTA with the Naughty or Nice List for inspection.]

HENCHY

SANTA, HERE'S YOUR LIST.

SANTA

GOOD, I NEED TO CHECK IT TWICE.
THAT LITTLE BOY, STEVIE,
HE WAS NAUGHTY?

HENCHY

NO, NICE.
WEATHER FORCAST'S IN
TESTING, TESTING, GROUND CONTROL
OK HERE'S YOUR GOGGLES,
LIGHT THE ROCKET,
HERE WE GO!

HENCHY & ELVES

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!
THE BEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!
THE WORLD IS FULL OF CHEER BECAUSE
THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!
SANTA'S NUMBER ONE
THERE AIN'T A NIGHT MORE FUN AND

HENCHY

NO ONE LOVES IT MORE THAN ME!

HENCHY & ELVES

THERE'S MAGIC IN THE AIR
NO OTHER TIME COMPARES
AND I THINK EVERYONE AGREES
WE GOTTA GET IT RIGHT
THIS SUPER SPECIAL NIGHT
MAN, I REALLY LOVE CHRISTMAS EVE!

[MRS. CLAUS enters and gives
SANTA his missing glove.]

MRS. CLAUS

WRAP UP THE SEASON
HERE'S YOUR OTHER GLOVE
WHEN YOU'RE HIGH ABOVE
PROMISE YOU'LL BE SAFE MY LOVE

SANTA

WRAP UP THE SEASON
WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT
GOT THE GOAL IN SIGHT
GUYS, YOU READY FOR THE FLIGHT?

[HENCHY points to Santa's route on one of the control screens.]

HENCHY

SANTA, HERE'S YOUR ROUTE
AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK FOR GEESE

MRS. CLAUS

COVER UP YOUR EARS MY DEAR
AND BUTTON UP YOUR FLEECE

SANTA

I THINK WE'RE ALMOST READY
I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED
TO GET ME UP AND GOING
AND SET OUT AT FULL SPEED

HENCHY & ELVES

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THE BEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!
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HENCHY & ELVES

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NO OTHER TIME COMPARES
AND WE THINK EVERYONE AGREES
WE GOTTA GET IT RIGHT
THIS SUPER SPECIAL NIGHT

HENCHY

MAN, I REALLY LOVE CHRISTMAS EVE!
SANTA'S AMAZING, THE BEST THROUGH AND THROUGH I
WISH THAT I COULD BE LIKE SANTA TOO

+ TENCHY

SANTA'S AMAZING, THE BEST THROUGH AND THROUGH I
WISH THAT I COULD BE LIKE SANTA TOO

+ PUNCHY

SANTA'S AMAZING, THE BEST THROUGH AND THROUGH I
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+ CHIRPY

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HENCHY & ELVES

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NO OTHER TIME COMPARES
AND WE THINK EVERYONE AGREES
WE GOTTA GET IT RIGHT
THIS SUPER SPECIAL NIGHT

HENCHY

MAN, I REALLY LOVE

EVERYONE ELSE

REALLY LOVE

HENCHY

MAN, I REALLY LOVE

EVERYONE

CHRISTMAS EVE!

[Music ends.]

SANTA

Henchy, what's our status?

HENCHY

We're ready for take-off, Santa!

ELVES

Hooray!

SANTA

Well done, everyone! This is sure to be our finest Christmas Eve yet. Before I go, I have a very important announcement to make.

[HENCHY speaks into his PA system.]

HENCHY

Gather 'round, everyone! Quickly! Santa has an announcement!

SANTA

Friends, there's no easy way to say this, so I'll just say it. This will be my last Christmas with you.

[The ELVES stare at Santa and each other in total disbelief.]

CHIRPY

Oh! I get it! He's kidding!

[The ELVES burst into laughter.]

TENCHY

Good one, Santa!

MRS. CLAUS

It's not a joke, Chirpy. Santa has decided to retire.

SANTA

Mrs. Claus and I have spent many late nights over many cups of hot chocolate talking it over, and we both feel it's time.

TENCHY

But Santa, you can't retire!

PUNCHY

You're Santa Claus!

ELVES

Yeah!

SANTA

But I've been Santa Claus for over a thousand years now! And just as the Santa Claus before me retired, and the Santa Claus before him, the time has come for me to hand over the reins. This is how it's always been done.

[HENCHY rolls over "The Book of Clauses" - a large, ancient looking text.]

HENCHY

It's true! It's written right here in the Book of Clauses.

[HENCHY or one of the ELVES rolls over the rather enormous book.]

[HENCHY reading]

Ahem: "Santa Claus Clause Number 46: when such time comes that Santa Claus has served no less than one thousand years, he may choose to relinquish his position."

PUNCHY

I don't believe it, Henchy! There's no Santa clause!

[ALL GASP at this blasphemy]

I mean there's no such Santa Claus *clause*. You know, "clause"? As in a particular and separate article, stipulation, or proviso in a treaty, bill, or contract?

[Finally getting it.=]

ELVES

Oh!

HENCHY

The clause is written right here, Punchy. See for yourself.

[HE shows them the book.]

CHIRPY

Look, there's a second clause!

PUNCHY

There's only one Santa Claus, Chirpy, everyone knows that!

SANTA

He means there's a second *rule*, Punchy. Go ahead, Chirpy.

CHIRPY

[Reads]

"Santa Claus Clause Number 46 and a Half: Should the Santa Claus relinquish his position, he must choose and train his own replacement...before the next Christmas!"

HENCHY

Quick! Let me see that!

[HENCHY quickly reads it over. HIS eyes widen with excitement.]

So it does!

PUNCHY

So who's it going to be Santa?

TENCHY

Yeah! Who are you going to pick to be the new Santa Claus? The suspense is killing me!

MRS. CLAUS

I'm afraid *that* announcement will have to wait, Tenchy. It's time for take-off!

MUSIC 2 - BEFORE "NOW DASHER"**HENCHY**

Alright people, this is Santa's last Christmas, so let's make it a ride for the ages! Man your sleigh-ride stations! Elves, prepare the sleigh for take-off!

[The ELVES do their final checks of the sleigh and REINDEER. SANTA climbs into the sleigh.]

[At 0:15 seconds in]

MRS. CLAUS

Santa, aren't you forgetting something?

[SHE dangles a scarf.]

SANTA

What would I do without you, Mrs. Claus?

MRS. CLAUS

Just see you don't forget anything else. It's your last Christmas as Santa Claus. You'd better make it count.

[SHE gives HIM a kiss on the cheek. HENCHY re-enters.]

HENCHY

Final boarding call, Santa!

SANTA

I'm on my way! And don't worry, Henchy - you're going to love who I chose to replace me. I guarantee it!

[HENCHY blushes.]

MUSIC ends.]

PUNCHY

Come on, let's get this show on the road already!

HENCHY

Santa, you are cleared for take-off!

MUSIC 3 - "NOW DASHER!"

SANTA

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!
ON, COMET! ON, CUPID!
ON, DONNER AND BLITZEN!
TO THE TOP OF THE PORCH!

SANTA W/ ELVES & REINEER (ECHOING)

NOW DASHER! NOW DANCER!
NOW, PRANCER AND VIXEN!

SANTA W/ ELVES & REINEER (ECHOING) (CONT.)

ON, COMET! ON, CUPID!
ON, DONNER AND BLITZEN!
TO THE TOP OF THE PORCH!

ELVES & REINEER

TO THE TOP OF THE PORCH!

SANTA

TO THE TOP OF THE WALL!

ELVES

TO THE TOP OF THE WALL!

SANTA

NOW DASH AWAY!

SANTA & ELVES

DASH AWAY!
DASH AWAY ALL!

[The sleigh makes its way off stage as the ELVES cheer.

From HIS control panel, pretending to drive the sleigh.]

HENCHY

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!

PUNCHY

Day dreaming, Henchy?

[SFX: record scratch. MUSIC out.]

HENCHY

What? No, of course not!

PUNCHY

You think he's going to choose you, don't you?

HENCHY

Don't be silly, Punchy. It's just a catchy tune.

PUNCHY

Hey everyone, Henchy thinks he's going to be the next Santa Claus!

[The ELVES laugh.]

PUNCHY

Imagine that! An Elf as Santa Claus? Ludicrous!

HENCHY

And why not? Who better than an Elf to be Santa's replacement? We already know how everything works around here. Why wouldn't Santa choose me?

CHIRPY

I think it's a swell idea!

PUNCHY

You think everything's a swell idea, Chirpy.

CHIRPY

But nobody has more Christmas spirit than Henchy!

PUNCHY

Give me a break. Sorry to burst your bubble, Henchy, but Santa will never choose you.

MUSIC 4 - "SOMEBODY LIKE ME"

TENCHY

Well if you're so smart, Punchy, who *will* Santa choose?

PUNCHY

SOMEONE WHO'S A BRAINIAC
ALWAYS READING BOOKS
LOVES TO DO EXPERIMENTS
CULTURED AND WHO COOKS
KNOWS A BIT OF EVERYTHING
TEACHES WOMEN'S LIT.

PUNCHY (CONT.)

THAT WOULD BE THE PERSON THAT I HOPE THAT HE WOULD
PICK

TENCHY

No!

SOMEONE WHO LIKES BASKETBALL
VOLLEYBALL AND SKIS
ONE WHO LIKES TO PLAY OUTSIDE
CLIMBS ON ALL THE TREES
RUNS A SEVEN MINUTE MILE
ROCKS A POGO STICK
THAT WOULD BE THE PERSON THAT I HOPE THAT HE WOULD
PICK

'CAUSE SANTA'S AMAZING
WHAT ELSE TO SAY?
ONLY THE BEST CAN RIDE IN SANTA'S SLEIGH THAT'S
WHY THE VERY NEXT SANTA WILL BE SOMEBODY LIKE ME

PUNCHY

Santa isn't going to choose you! You're an Elf!

TENCHY

Yeah he will! 'Cause I'm awesome awesome!

PUNCHY

You can't use two 'awesome's in a row! That's not how English
works!

TENCHY

It is when you're as awesome as me!

PUNCHY

[Frustrated sound]

Gahh!

CHIRPY

Or me!

SOMEONE WHO PLAYS SAXOPHONE
IN A MARCHING BAND
LIKES TO SEW AND DECOUPAGE
CROCHETS WITH ONE HAND
LIKES TO PAINT AND PHOTOGRAPH

PLAYS THE TWELVE BAR BLUES
THAT WOULD BE THE PERSON THAT I HOPE THAT HE WOULD
CHOOSE

`CAUSE SANTA'S AMAZING
WHAT ELSE TO SAY?
ONLY THE BEST CAN RIDE IN SANTA'S SLEIGH THAT'S
WHY THE VERY NEXT SANTA WILL BE SOMEBODY LIKE ME

PUNCHY

WILL HE BE KIND OR STRICT,
BE YOUNG OR OLD?

TENCHY

WILL HE BE MEAN OR NICE,
BE WARM OR COLD?

CHIRPY

WILL HE CHANGE THINGS UP OR KEEP THEM JUST THE
SAME?

ALL THREE

WILL HE BE FAT OR THIN,
BE TALL OR SHORT?
WILL HE READ LOTS OF BOOKS,
OR PLAY A SPORT?
PLEASE SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT'S HIS NAME?

`CAUSE SANTA'S AMAZING
WHAT ELSE TO SAY?
ONLY THE BEST CAN RIDE IN SANTA'S SLEIGH THAT'S
WHY THE VERY NEXT SANTA WILL BE SOMEBODY LIKE
SOMEBODY LIKE SOMEBODY LIKE ME!

**[CHIRPY, PUNCHY, and TENCHY
exit leaving HENCHY in his
day dream.]**

HENCHY

HE SHOULD TRULY LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR
HAVE TONS AND TONS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER
BEEN WAITING HIS WHOLE LIFE TO HOLD THE REIGNS
`CAUSE SANTA'S AMAZING
WHAT ELSE TO SAY

HENCHY (CONT.)

ONLY THE BEST CAN RIDE IN SANTA'S SLEIGH
THAT'S WHY THE VERY NEXT SANTA WILL BE
DEFINITELY ME

[MUSIC ends.]

SAMPLE