

The Great North Pole Bake-off

A Holiday Extravaganza in One-Act

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SYNOPSIS

It's "The Great North Pole Bake-off," the reality show where inhabitants at the North Pole compete to create festive and fun holiday bakes! Hosted by cheery and comedic elves Merry Yuletide and Noel Joyeux, this week's challenge is cookies inspired by Christmas carols. They will be judged by that merry old soul, Santa Claus, and the chill monarch, the Snow Queen. But grumpy workaholic elf Coal wants everyone to get back to work and not waste time with such trivialities as holiday baking. Will the other inhabitants of the North Pole be able to teach Coal the reason for the season?

Plenty of opportunities to add your own carols make "The Great North Pole Bake-off" a delicious and tuneful way to celebrate the holiday season. Large cast and gender flexible. Running time of 25-30 minutes will vary depending on length of music chosen.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(12-23 total. 1 m, 3 w, 19 flexible.)

NOEL: An elf full of holiday cheer.

MERRY: Another.

SANTA: Male; chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf.

SNOW QUEEN: Female; a tougher judge; icy exterior but a softy at heart.

COAL: A grumpy elf, a workaholic. Stage manager.

GINGER: Female; an elf who likes to bake.

ROSEMARY: Another.

CINNAMON: Another.

MRS. CLAUS: Female; a sweet lady and Santa's wife.

PEPPERMINT: Elf who works in the confectionery department.

PRALINE: Another.

JACK FROST: *(or Jackie Frost if female)* Super athletic.

SPRUCE: Elf who works in the decorations department.

HOLLY: Another.

PINE: Another.

DASHER: Reindeer who is excitable.

DANCER: Reindeer, great dancer. The leader.

PRANCER: Reindeer, likes to prance.

VIXEN: Reindeer who is sassy.

COMET: Reindeer who likes to be in the limelight.

CUPID: Reindeer who wants everyone to get along.

DONNER: Reindeer who is enthusiastic.

BLITZEN: Reindeer who is enthusiastic.

Double Casting: SANTA, SNOW QUEEN, MERRY, and NOEL cannot be double cast. The rest of the characters can be double, or even triple cast.

Possible Extras: Add extra elves, a certain red-nosed reindeer, or maybe some frosty, sporty friends for Jack Frost.

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SETTING

A bright kitchen set in a television studio in the North Pole. Perhaps there is a Christmas tree, a sign reading "The Great North Pole Bake-off," lots of Christmas lights, holiday wreaths, poinsettias, tinsel, mistletoe, etc. There is a table covered with a bright Christmassy tablecloth and with two chairs center stage.

OPTIONAL MUSIC NUMBERS

Deck the Halls

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree

Jingle Bells

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

*Up on the Housetop, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, or Joy
to the World*

PROPS

Bottle of milk or Christmas mug

Clipboard

Plate of gingersnaps

Plate of Santa-shaped sugar cookies

Knitting supplies

Plate with chocolate cookies

Plate of Christmas tree cookies with ribbon tied through them
so they are ornaments

Plate of snowball cookies

7 carrots with jingle bells tied to them

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(AT RISE: LIGHTS up on the decorated kitchen set in a television studio in the North Pole. MERRY and NOEL enter.)

MERRY: Elves and Reindeer. Boys and Girls. Children of all ages. Welcome to “The Great North Pole Bake-off!” The show where the inhabitants of the North Pole compete to create festive and fun holiday culinary creations. I’m your host, Merry Yuletide.

NOEL: And I’m your host, Noel Joyeux. Season’s Greetings!

MERRY: Let’s bring out our judges! He’s chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf...

NOEL: His eyes, they twinkle, his dimples, how merry
His cheeks are like roses, his nose like a cherry
His droll little mouth is drawn up in a bow
And the beard on his chin is as white as the snow!

MERRY: He’s goes by Saint Nicholas, St. Nick, Kris Kringle, Pelznickel, Papai Noel, Père Noël, Noel Baba and many other names.

NOEL: He knows if you’ve been bad or good so, be good for goodness sake!

MERRY: Elves and reindeer, let’s bring those hooves and mittens together for that jolly old soul, the one, the only, Santa Claus!

NOEL: Let’s give him a warm season’s greetings folks!

(SANTA enters carrying a bottle of milk or Christmas mug. He stands behind the table.)

SANTA: Ho, ho, ho! Yuletide greetings, Noel and Merry!

NOEL: Our other judge is really “frost-rate”! She’s one “cool” lady and super “ice”! We’re lucky to have one of the best judges in the whole “white” world! Let’s give it up for none other than the Snow Queen! Let’s clap up a “storm,” folks!

(SNOW QUEEN enters and stands behind the table next to SANTA.)

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SNOW QUEEN: “Freezed” to meet you.

MERRY: Let’s share with our live studio audience, as well as the viewers at home: What was this week’s Christmastime culinary challenge?

SNOW QUEEN: This week, contestants were asked to create a Christmas cookie inspired by their favorite holiday song.

SANTA: Cookies! I love cookies!

SNOW QUEEN: Remember, these carol-inspired cookies need to be well-baked, festive, and sumptuous. Bakers can concoct brand-new culinary creations or traditional cookies, choosing to bake a holiday classic. We want melt-in-your-mouth masterpieces. Tempting treasures. Decadent delicacies.

SANTA: And for the cookies to have goodwill and holiday cheer in every bite!

MERRY: Santa, Snow Queen, are you ready for the first group of contestants?

SANTA: *(Holds up a milk.)* Ready! Bring on the cookies!

MERRY: Coal! Is our first group of contestants ready?

(SANTA and SNOW QUEEN take a seat at the table. COAL enters with a clipboard, dressed all in black.)

COAL: Yeah, yeah! Don’t get your pointy hat in a twist, the contestants are here!

MERRY: We knew we could count on you to stage manage, Coal.

NOEL: Good ole Coal!

COAL: You need a naughty and nice list checked twice, who do you call? Good ole Coal. The peanut brittle-o-matic is not working, who do you count on to deal with the sticky situation? Good ole Coal. Factory production at Santa’s workshop is on hold because everyone is baking cookies but who cares? Only good ole Coal!

NOEL: Relax, Coal.

MERRY: Yeah. Stop and smell the cookies!

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