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This dramatic comedy tells the story of a newlywed couple's first Christmas together in their Chicago townhouse. The new bride Deanna longs to relive memories of Christmases past and convinces her husband Elliot that Christmas isn't Christmas without family, both sides to be exact. They want their first Christmas to be special and hope to blend both families' holiday traditions to form memories of their own. With everyone squeezed into Elliot and Deanna's townhouse, the reality of Christmas in the blender for the first time is daunting and eventually, disappointing. What saves Christmas for them all is a refocusing on what the real meaning of Christmas has always been.

Here is the cast list:

NARRATOR	Older man, dressed in suit and tie.
ELLIOT HOLMES	26 year-old contractor
DEANNA HOLMES	24 year-old wedding planner and interior decorator
STANLEY WHITEFIELD	Deanna's father, successful large business owner
CLARICE WHITEFIELD	Deanna's mother, PTA member, garden club founder
PATRICK HOLMES	Elliot's father, widower, manages family restaurant business
JANET BUCKLEY	Elliot's older sister of 35, divorced single mother of Rachel
RACHEL BUCKLEY	Elliot's niece of 15
JARED MILLS	Clarice's twenty-something nephew
PIANIST & CAROLERS	

Christmas Dessert Theater 2021 — A Holmes Family Christmas

Production & Performance Schedule

Audition Schedule

Auditions #1	Saturday, September 11 @ 9 AM
Auditions #2	Monday, September 13 @ 6 PM
Callbacks and Auditions #3	Saturday, September 18 @ 9 AM

Rehearsal Schedule (Mondays @ 6:30 unless otherwise noted)

Table Read.....	October 4
Act 1, Scenes 1, 2 & 3.....	October 11
Act 1, Scenes 4-6, and Act 2 Scenes 1-3.....	October 18
Act 2, Scenes 4-6.....	October 25
Act 1	November 1
Act 2	(9 AM – 12 Noon) Saturday, November 6
Tech Rehearsal #1	November 8
Full Run	(9 AM – 12 Noon) Saturday, November 13
Tech Rehears #2	November 15
Full Run	(9 AM – 12 Noon) Saturday, November 20
Optional Full Run	November 22

Performance Weeks Schedule (6 – 9 PM unless otherwise indicated)

Tech Rehearsal (<i>no makeup, wardrobe optional</i>).....	Monday, November 29
Dress Rehearsal (<i>no makeup, full wardrobe</i>).....	Tuesday, November 30
Full Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday, December 1
Final Dress Rehearsal (<i>invited audience</i>)	Thursday, December 2
Performance #1 (7 PM Performance/4 PM Call)	Friday, December 3
Performance #2 (2 PM Performance/11 AM Call)	Saturday, December 4
Performance #3 (7 PM Performance/4 PM Call)	Saturday, December 4
Pick-up Dress Rehearsal (6:30-8:30) (<i>no makeup</i>).....	Thursday, December 9
Performance #4 (7 PM Performance/4 PM Call)	Friday, December 10
Performance #5 (2 PM Performance/11 AM Call)	Saturday, December 11
Performance #6 (7 PM Performance/4 PM Call)	Saturday, December 11

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