



## Press Release

### **Christmas cheer is all over e.tv this December and with that comes festive family e-ntertainment!**

Prepare to be shaken and stirred as e.tv launches the **James Bond Festival**. Beginning on **2 December and running** until **30 December**, the super-spy series looks set to be a favourite amongst viewers. e.tv will begin the festival with *For Your Eyes Only* and end with *Licence to Kill*. Please see the end of this release for the complete Bond line-up this festive season.

Ted Danson is back for the fifth season of **Becker**, the hilarious comedy about gruff, talented and dedicated physician, Dr. John Becker. This devoted doctor with no bedside manner rants his way through life and its many absurdities often unloading on his friends and colleagues. **Starting Sunday 11 December at 7.30pm.**

On **Tuesday 20 December**, an **eNews Special**, anchored by Andrew Barnes, will present an informal look at the reasons we will never forget, or always remember 2005. The segment 'Extreme Nature' looks back at the biggest natural disasters to hit the planet in 2005. 'Guilty As Charged' covers the headline trials of the year, including the Shaik, Leigh Matthews and Mark Scott-Crossley trials. 'Politics and Intrigue' reflects on the political stories that kept South Africans talking, such as the Jacob Zuma case. And 'Proudly South African' - takes a look at all those moments that made you proud to be a South African. We also profile South African sporting icons like Bryan Habana and Ryk Neethling.

Start off your Christmas weekend on a musical note with **Backstage**. Backstage will be featuring their talented cast in a special Christmas Show held at Emanzini - the old Duke's Bar. The show includes the Backstage boy band (Gyles, Duma and CJ played by Ryan Laatz, Leroy Gopal and Lyle Jacobs) as well as the girl band (Lerato, Melissa and Frankie played by Tahirih, Mari Michael and Pam Andrews) singing publicly for the first time. Other attractions include a Christmas medley prepared by Backstage musical director, Wikus du Toit, and featuring all

the Vulindlela students and Katlego (played by baby Cele) as soloist. In addition, the bar will be sporting its brand new look... For this and more, catch Backstage **23 December at 6.30pm.**

Let's Fix It is back by popular demand. For one exceptional Christmas Eve episode, Samm Marshall and the Let's Fix It team will bring some Christmas joy to some of those who face a bleak Festive Season. In the short time since its inception, the Let's Fix It team assisted in helping many people with computers, wheelchairs, food, house-repairs, medical assistance and much more. Don't miss this episode - it will warm the cockles of your heart. Watch as Samm Marshall and the Let's Fix It team light up the eyes of those less fortunate on the **Let's Fix It Christmas Special** , 24 December at 6pm.

Guaranteed to keep you glued to your seat are some fantastic family movies on Christmas eve. Catch **Madeline** at 5.30am. The indomitable Madeline and her eleven friends live at a school run by Miss Clavel in an old house in Paris. The small but adventurous Madeline falls into the Seine River, only to be rescued by a dog whom the girls later adopt and name Genevieve. Madeline regularly matches wits with Pepito, the devilish son of the Spanish ambassador who lives next door. The future of the school is in jeopardy when Lord Covington abruptly decides to sell the house, but Madeline masterminds a plan to scare off buyers. After foiling a plan by Pepito's shifty tutor to kidnap him, Madeline and Pepito make a daring escape and return home in triumph. Finally, using her childlike clarity to see into the aching heart of Lord Covington, Madeline makes a touching, last minute effort to save the school. Starring Hatty Jones and Frances McDormand.

At 10.30am tune in for **The Nuttiest Nutcracker**. A girl in her early teens gets the bad news that she won't be able to see her parents for the holidays. Depressed by the news, she goes to sleep with her favourite toy, a nutcracker that resembles a toy soldier. When she wakes up, she discovers that the toy has come alive and she has shrunk to its size. She and the nutcracker are spirited off to Christmas Land, where our heroes are joined by fruits, vegetables, and even a pack of nuts, which all come to life as they do battle against Reginald the Rat King, who wants to stop Christmas from coming.

Then catch our wonderful family movie at 2.30pm, **I'll Be Home For Christmas**. Jake is a self-absorbed college student whose dad lures him home for Christmas with the promise of a car. But after one of Jake's schemes gets him in trouble with the school football team, the players pay Jake back by leaving him stranded in the California desert wearing a Santa suit and a glue-on white beard. Now Jake must walk, hitchhike, freeload, and bully his way to New York in time to collect the car and save his girlfriend from conniving rival. Starring Jonathan

Taylor Thomas and Jessica Biel.

At 7.30pm is **The Family Man**, Jack Campbell is a career-driven workaholic who has everything one could wish for: an exciting job, a Ferrari, a closet full of Zegna suits, and the attention of any woman he wants. His life changes when, after working a full day on Christmas Eve, he intervenes in a convenience store hold-up. The apparent criminal, Cash, speaks to Jack in epigrams about his satisfaction with life. When Jack wakes up the next day, he's suddenly living in a New Jersey suburb, where he's married to his college sweetheart and is the father of two children. At first he is aghast, but Jack soon warms to his new life even though he knows that it cannot last. Starring Nicolas Cage and Tea Leoni.

Our programming for Christmas day is sure to leave you in high spirits... not to mention, full of laughs. Starting off with **Buster & Chauncey's Silent Night** at 11am. Buster and Chauncey, the world's greatest Mouse-icians, have arrived in Oberndorf for their shot at the big time: performing for the Queen at the annual Christmas pageant. But on Christmas Eve, the treasure of Oberndorf goes missing, and it seems certain that Christmas will be ruined. Now it's up to the Mice-traeos of Mistletoe to return the treasure and show the town of Oberndorf the true meaning of Christmas, not with a big pageant, but with a little song and a lot of love!

Our lunchtime feature at 12.30pm is **Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas**. Join Disney's most cherished animated star, Mickey Mouse, along with Minnie, Goofy, Donald, and Daisy as they celebrate laughter and friendship during that special time of the year when hearts grow warm and homes fill with joy.

Then at 2pm we bring you **Ernest Saves Christmas**. When Santa Claus decides to retire, he appoints a washed-up kiddie show host to take his place. Along the way, the real Santa ends up in jail on Christmas Eve, and it's up to Ernest P. Worrell to get him out. Starring Douglas Seale and Jim Varney.

So deck the halls, ring those bells and hang a shining star upon the highest bough. And most of all, have yourself a merry little Christmas now!

**Bond Festival Line Up:**

**For Your Eyes Only** - Friday 2 December at 8pm

Goldeneye - Sunday 4 December at 8pm

Dr No - Monday 5 December at 10.15pm

Octopussy - Friday 9 December at 8pm

Tomorrow Never Dies - Sunday 11 December at 8pm

From Russia With Love - Monday 12 December at 10.15pm  
You Only Live Twice - Tuesday 13 December at 10.15pm  
On Her Majesty's Secret Service - Wednesday 14 December at 10.25pm  
A View to a Kill - Friday 16 December at 8pm  
The World is Not Enough - Sunday 18 December at 8pm  
Goldfinger - Monday 19 December at 11.50pm  
Diamonds are Forever - Tuesday 20 December at 10.10pm  
Live and Let Die - Wednesday 21 December at 12.45am  
The Living Daylights - Friday 23 December at 8pm  
Die Another Day - Sunday 25 December at 8pm  
Thunderball - Monday 26 December at 11.25pm  
The Man With The Golden Gun - Tuesday 27 December at 10.30pm  
The Spy Who Loved Me - Wednesday 28 December at 11.50pm  
Moonraker - Thursday 29 December at 10.20pm  
License to Kill - Friday 30 December at 8pm