A holiday ‘Fantasy’

Roselyn Sánchez stars in the “Fantasy Island” Christmas special

Dec 17 - 23, 2021
FRIDAY, DEC 17
12:00 pm  (33) ESPN NCAA Football Bah-
hamas (Live) (3h30)
4:00 pm  (32) ESPNU NCAA Baseball Hall of Fame Shootout. St. Bonaventure (Live) (3h)
6:00 pm  (32) ESPN2 NCAA Football Columbus (Live) (3h15)
7:45 pm  (33) ESPN NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors vs. Boston Celtics (Live) (2h20)
8:00 pm  (10) WGHP WWE SmackDown (Live) (2h)
9:15 pm  (32) ESPN2 NCAA Football Divi-
sion I Tournament. Semi-final. (Live) (3h)
10:00 pm  (45) TNT All Elite Wrestling: Rampage (1h)
2:15 pm  (71) BSSE-TNN NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Sacramento Kings. (Live) (2h30)
10:05 pm  (33) ESPN NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota Timberwolves. (Live) (2h)

SATURDAY, DEC 18
7:00 am  (32) ESPN2 Sport Climbing (1h)
11:00 am  (33) ESPN NBA Basketball Boca Raton Bowl. (Live) (3h15)
12:00 pm  (7) WXLV NCAA Football Cele-
bration Bowl. South Carolina vs. Temple (Live) (2h30)
10:00 pm  (10) WGNF NCAA Basketball Purdue at Butler. (Live) (2h)
(32) ESPN2 NCAA Basketball Tennessee vs. Memphis. (Live) (2h)
12:30 pm  (11) WXII EPL Soccer Arsenal at Leeds United. (Live) (2h)
1:00 pm  (3) WMFS NCAA Basketball Jerry Colangelo Classic. Texas Tech vs. Gonzaga. (Live) (2h)
(45) TNT NCAA Basketball Legacy Classic. North Central College vs. Hamp-
ton University. (Live) (2h30)
2:00 pm  (32) ESPNU NCAA Football New Mexico Bowl. (Live) (3h30)
2:30 pm  (10) WGHP NCAA Basketball Notre Dame at Indiana. (Live) (2h)
3:00 pm  (9) WMFS NCAA Basketball North Carolina (Chapel Hill) vs. UCLA. (Live) (3h)
(11) WXII Golf PNC Championship. Day 1. (Live) (3h)
3:30 pm  (7) WXLV NCAA Football Independence Bowl. (Live) (4h)

TUESDAY, DEC 21
3:30 pm  (33) ESPN NCAA Football Fa-
mous Idaho Potato Bowl. (Live) (3h30)
7:00 pm  (71) BSSE-TNN NCAA Basketball Kansas at Colorado. (Live) (2h)
7:30 pm  (33) ESPN NCAA Football Fris-
co Bowl. (Live) (3h30)
9:00 pm  (32) ESPNU NCAA Basketball Kansas at Colorado. (Live) (2h)
(71) BSSE-TNN NCAA Basketball Georgia State at Georgia Tech. (Live) (2h)
10:00 pm  (45) TNT NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) (2h30)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 22
6:00 pm  (32) ESPN NCAA Basketball Los Angeles at Kentucky. (Live) (2h)
7:00 pm  (32) ESPN NCAA Basketball Arizona at Tennessee. (Live) (2h)
8:00 pm  (32) ESPN NCAA Football Armed Forces Bowl. (Live) (3h30)
9:00 pm  (32) ESPN NCAA Basketball Virginia Tech at Duke. (Live) (2h)
10:00 pm  (45) TNT NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings. (Live) (3h)

THURSDAY, DEC 23
4:00 pm  (32) ESPNU NCAA Basketball Diamond Head Classic. (Live) (2h)
7:00 pm  (32) ESPN NCAA Football Gas-
parilla Bowl. (Live) (3h30)
10:00 pm  (32) ESPNU NCAA Basketball Diamond Head Classic. (Live)

"Fantasy Island" is true to the original: People arrive at a luxury resort on an idyllic tropical island with hopes of living out their classic 1977 to 1984 television series that starred Ricardo Montalbán (“Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan,” 1982) as Elena’s ancestor, Mr. Roarke.

The reimagined series proved so popular that it has already been picked up for Season 2, and producers are treating fans to a bonus Christmas special to tide them over until the next season.

When the second-season pickup was announced, Fox executive Michael Thorn explained that Season 1 left viewers wanting more, so “more” is exactly what they’ll get. “Thanks to the fantastic Roselyn Sánchez and charming Kiara Barnes and the captivating stories that tapped into the core tenets of emotion and aspiration, ‘Fantasy Island’ was the perfect wish fulfillment and escape we all needed this summer,” Thorn said in an official Fox news release.

The basic plot of Fox’s “Fantasy Island” is true to the original: People arrive at a luxury resort on an idyllic tropical island with hopes of living out their fantasies, which are magically granted. Though the magic of the island appears to give them everything they think they want, they often learn important lessons about what they really need.

The reboot, however, takes the premise of the original and tweaks it for today’s audiences.

While Montalbán’s Roarke was shrouded in mystery and perhaps even a little devious, viewers learn a little more about Sánchez’s Elena, who purportedly gave up her ambitions and even the love of her life to continue her family’s tradition as stewards of the mystical island.

In the classic series, Mr Roarke relied on the assistance of his com-
rade, Tattoo (Hervé Villechaize, “The Man With the Golden Gun,” 1974), but assisting Elena on the island now is Ruby Akuda (Kiara Barnes, “The Bold and the Beautiful”), a woman who came to the island with a terminal illness and who’s been mysteriously granted a new lease on life.

Then there’s Javier (John Gabriel Rodriguez, “The Vampire Diaries”), the ruggedly handsome jack of all trades who serves as the island’s head of transportation and who seems to have a history with Elena. These characters really connected with TV audiences this summer, drawing at least a million viewers per episode, sometimes even two. It came as no surprise to industry pun-
dits that “Fantasy Island” would be back, but the holiday special is an added bonus.

“We’re so happy to have Elena Roarke, Ruby Akuda and everyone on ‘Fantasy Island’ open their world again for a brief visit this winter and for a longer stay next year,” Thorn said. In the holiday special entitled “Welcome to the Snow Globe,” Elena is tested in unexpected ways when a visiting businesswoman (guest star Lindsey Kraft, “Grace and Frankie”) arrives in the hopes of having a perfect Christmas and meeting “Mr. Right” (guest star Edi-
cahill, “CSI: NY”). Elsewhere, Mr. Jones (guest star Mackenzie Astin, “Scandal”) must face his past. As for the islanders themselves, a new Se-
cret Santa tradition prompts Ruby and Javier to consider their futures.
Holiday Baking Championship
67  Food 9:00 am
Jesse Palmer hosts a new episode of this festive baking series in which three runners-up from previous competitions return to face off against one another. This time around, the competitive bakers are looking to secure the win they missed out on before.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
35  AMC 11:30 am
A Roald Dahl classic comes to life in this original 1971 film adaptation. Gene Wilder stars as eccentric candy maker Willy Wonka, who invites five seemingly lucky children and their guardians to tour his magical candy factory after they win a contest.

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FRIDAY BEST BETS

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Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
42  SYFY 4:00 pm
Eddie Redmayne stars as Newt Scamander in this prequel to J.K. Rowling’s beloved Harry Potter series. Newt travels from England to New York in 1926 to research magical creatures, but a muggle accidentally releases some of his beasts into the city.

The Greatest #AtHome Videos
58  WNYW 9:00 pm
Hosted by Cedric the Entertainer, this fun, family-friendly clips show was created to showcase the creative, hilarious and often funny ways people across the globe have kept themselves and their families entertained during the coronavirus quarantine.
Bend It Like Beckham

Parimdip Nagra stars as Jess, a young British-Indian teenager who joins a soccer team but must keep her love for the sport hidden from her traditional Sikh family. Problems arise when a game conflicts with her sister's wedding. Keira Knightley co-stars.

The Kitchen

Hosts Jeff Mauro, Geoffrey Zakarian, Katie Lee and Sunny Anderson create a holiday dinner inspired by their own family traditions in this rebroadcast. The menu features a Moroccan-spiced pork roast with a delicious cinnamon and three-choo pie filling.

Saturday Best Bets

Grellins

Billy (Zach Galligan) tries to follow the odd set of rules for taking care of Gizmo, but when Pete (Corey Feldman) spills a glass of water on his strange new pet, they wind up at the center of a rapidly escalating critter invasion in this '80s classic.

Premier Champions

Live from the Armony in Minneapolis, Minn., this Premier Boxing Champions main event pits unbeaten WBA Super Middleweight champ David Morrell Jr. of Cuba against D.C.’s Alantez Fox. Matched for weight, Morrell Jr. boasts twice Fox’s knockout percentage.

Kate Abdo, host of Fox PBC
SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 2021

**SUNDAY BEST BETS**

**Star Wars: The Force Awakens**

30 **TBS 10:45 am**

Decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a lonesome desert dweller called Rey (Daisy Ridley) and Finn (John Boyega), a goofy Stormtrooper deserter, join forces with old heroes to battle in the First Order in the fifth film of this sequel trilogy.

**The Sound of Music**

7 **WFLV 7:00 pm**

Julie Andrews stars as Maria, a young nun who leaves the convent to become a governess, in this beloved musical. The film is based on the iconic Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical and also stars Christopher Plummer as the widowed dad, Capt. Von Trapp.

**Christmas Takes Flight**

8 **WNYW 8:00 pm**

When a new CEO takes over a family-owned airline, he becomes the company Scrooge by cutting their annual Christmas charity event in this new CBS holiday film. The original owner’s daughter rallies to save the event, finding love in the process.

**Holiday Wars**

87 **FOOD 9:30 pm**

The last two teams put their best bakes forward to claim the title of Holiday Wars Champion and the $25,000 grand prize in this all-new Season 3 finale. The teams create imaginative, sugary displays of wild, modified versions of Santa’s sleigh.

Julie Andrews stars in “The Sound of Music”
Dreaming of a White Christmas

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COAL    NOEL  TRIPS
COLD    PARTY  VACATION
ELVES   RIBBON  WINTER
FAMILY REUNION RITUAL  WISH
GIFT    SALES  WRAP
GINGERBREAD  SANTA’S WORKSHOP  YULE LOG
WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX
“Emily In Paris” — Season 2
The good times keep on rolling when “Emily In Paris” returns to Netflix with Season 2 on Wednesday, Dec. 22. A rising marketing whiz from Chicago, Emily (Lily Collins), “The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones,” 2013), moves to Paris in Season 1 for an unbelievable job opportunity: a marketing firm wants to hire her to give them an American perspective. With endless opportunities for adventure and more culture to dive into, Emily’s return in Season 2 promises new romances, friendships and potential matches with the arrival of old flame from New York, the City and “Beverly Hills, 90210” creator Darren Star, this fun comedy series also stars Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu (“Call My Agent!”), Ashley Park (“Tales of the City”), Luis Bravo (“Caprice,” 2019), Samuel Arnold (“I'm Not OK” and Cleopatra”), 2018), Bruno Guerreau (“Rose Island,” 2020), Camille Razat (“The Accusation,” 2021) and William Abadie (“Home Land”).

“Grumpy Christmas” (2021)

“A Thousand Kilometers From Christmas” (2021)

WHAT’S NEW ON HBO MAX
“The Matrix Resurrections” (2021)

WHAT’S NEW ON PRIME
“Being the Ricardos” (2021)

“Yearly Departed” (2021)

WHAT’S NEW ON PARAMOUNT+
“1883” — Season 1
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19. 2013-2017 series that was a prequel to a 1960 film 32. It’s cut and dried

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Dashed hopes: ‘Dash & Lily’ not returning to Netflix

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Dashed hopes: “Dash & Lily’s” season finale may have ended on a high note with a sweet New Year’s Eve kiss, but sadly for fans, that’s where the Netflix holiday love story ends.

Fans are still trying to make sense of Netflix’s decision to cancel the show after just one season, given all the critical acclaim and its Daytime Emmy wins.

The Netflix rom-com is based on Rachel Cohn and David Levithan’s young adult book series “Dash & Lily’s Book of Dares,” so there’s plenty of source material to keep this story going, and that seemed to be the plan (or in hindsight, the hope) last year based on comments made by cast and crew members, including creator Joe Tracz (“A Series of Unfortunate Events”).

In an interview with US Weekly, Austin Abrams (“Paper Towns,” 2015) who plays Dash, also mentioned that Season 2 “seems to be a conversation.” Quickly adding, “I think the way Netflix works is something needs to air and they look at numbers before they decide to jump on a renewal. So, I don’t really know what’s going on with it, but it definitely seems to be a possibility.”

When Netflix finally did confirm the cancelation nearly a year later, true to form it didn’t offer an explanation. Many have speculated, however, that it all came down to viewership numbers, and producer Shawn Levy seemed to hint at this in an interview with Collider.

Referring to his other “one-and-done” Netflix series, “I Am Not Okay With This,” Levy explained, “So that’s one of those shows — like ‘Dash & Lily,’ which just won a bunch of Daytime Emmys — where it’s like, we and the team at 21 Laps feel like we made the show we promised. We made the show we wanted. Not enough people watched it, but it definitely seems to be a possibility.”

The “Reading Rainbow” host and Star Trek franchise actor has been tapped to host and executive produce a new “Trivial Pursuit” TV game show, once that series lands on a network — and it should be an easy sell with Burton onboard.

After the whole “Jeopardy!” host debacle, many have been awaiting news of Burton’s next TV project.

In an interview with “The Daily Show’s” Trevor Noah, Burton stated, “The opportunities that have come my way as a result of not getting that gig, I couldn’t have dreamt it up.”

He went on to say, “I never thought about hosting any other game show outside of ‘Jeopardy!’... but now... I’m thinking, ‘Well, it does kind of make sense. Let me see what I can do.’ So we’re trying to figure out what the right game show for LeVar Burton would be.”

It seems Trivial Pursuit may be a perfect fit for the legendary book lover, so stay tuned for more information on the potential new series.

Amazon Waltz: Fresh off his return appearance as Blofeld in “No Time to Die” (2021), Oscar winner Christoph Waltz (“Django Unchained,” 2012) has a few projects in the works for 2022.

Look for Waltz to play an important role in the movie “The Portable Door” as he lends a multi-layered voice to one of the characters in Guillermo del Toro’s upcoming remake of “Pinocchio.”

It also looks like the Austrian-German actor is adding a new Amazon series to his lengthy resume.

Titled “The Consultant,” the Amazon series is being described as a darkly comedic workplace thriller that explores a sinister relationship between boss and employee.

Based on Bentley Little’s similarly titled 2015 novel, a satire that examined how far workers will go to get ahead (and survive) in the corporate world, the series has already found its director: “WandaVision’s” Matt Shakman.

“The Consultant” isn’t Waltz’s first North American TV series: that honor goes to “Most Dangerous Game,” despite its short-form format. The Quibi/Roku dystopian thriller has been renewed for a second season, to be set in New York.

Waltz is officially returning as CEO Miles Sells, who heads a front for a twisted game in which the wealthy hunt humans for sport, but David Castañeda (“The Umbrella Academy”) will be replacing Liam Hemsworth as the lead player in Season 2, which doesn’t have a premiere date yet — something it shares with “The Consultant,” which is still in pre-production. 
Point Break
A ring of bank robbers are committing perfect robberies, but when an FBI agent attempts to infiltrate the team, they get caught up in the high-octane, surfing lifestyle. Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves and Gary Busey star in this early '90s action hit.

Bob's Burgers
Hoping to spread a little cheer around the neighborhood, Linda decides to host a party at the restaurant in this special holiday double-episode. However, Linda's holiday spirit is dashed when she realizes her prized ornaments have been stolen.

The Family Chantel
Chantel, Pedro and their families are back in another new episode of this "90 Day" spinoff. Pedro meets his half-brothers for the first time and they come with some shocking information. Meanwhile, a stubborn fight hurts Chantel and Pedro's relationship.

The Intern
When Ben (Robert De Niro), a widower in his 70s, becomes bored of retirement, he applies to become a senior intern at an online fashion company in this comedy. He soon becomes a source of wisdom for his young coworkers and even his boss (Anne Hathaway).

The cast of "The Family Chantel"
TUESDAY BEST BETS

Superbad
48 min 4:45 pm
Jonah Hill and Michael Cera star in this quotable-comedy hit as nerdy high schoolers hoping to "get lucky" before heading off to college. Their plan to buy booze for a party quickly devolves into a night of chaos. Seth Rogen and Emma Stone also star.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas
35 min 5:45 pm
An anonymous letter in a town newspaper insults Santa, prompting him to skip the town on Christmas Eve, so a little mouse and a clockmaker come up with a plan to change Santa's mind. This 1974 special features the voices of George Gobel and John McGiver.

Aidy Bryant, Justin Timberlake and Jimmy Fallon star in "A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special"

Reindeer Games
728 min 8:15 pm
In this vaguely Christmas-themed action film, an ex-con-convict assumes his old cell mate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend, not knowing the trouble he is getting himself into by doing so. Ben Affleck, Charlie Theron and Gary Sinise star.

A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special
111 min 9:00 pm
"SNL" gives the gift of laughter in this rebroadcast holiday special - just don't open it if it comes from guest star Justin Timberlake. The sketch show's most iconic Christmas songs and skits are featured in a hilarious two-hour celebration.
Buster and Chauncey’s Silent Night

In this adorable animated holiday special, Buster and Chauncey, mouse musicians, accidentally help write the beloved Christmas song “Silent Night.” The voices of Marie Osmond, Phil Hartman and Tom Arnold are featured in this cartoon set in 1818.

My 600-lb Life

Morbidly obese Americans continue their individual weight-loss journeys in another new episode of this hit reality series. This season has been tough for the individuals as they focus on getting healthy enough to qualify for bariatric surgery.

Samantha from “My 600-lb Life”

Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic 2021

Dean Cain hosts the magical Christmas special associated with his year-round competition show of the same name. To make the season all the more merry and bright, magicians take to the stage and show off some of their best magic tricks and illusions.

Tis the Season to be Merry

Rachel Leigh-Cook and Travis Van Winkle star in this holiday film about a woman who travels to snowy Vermont for a holiday story. Hoping to find a fresh angle there for her book on romance, she gets more than she bargained for when she meets a local.
Trolls: Holiday in Harmony

As the trolls head into a music-filled, happy holiday season, Queen Poppy (Anna Kendrick) plans the area’s first-ever Trolls Kingdom Secret Holiday Gift Swap with help from Branch (Justin Timberlake) and a few others. Kenan Thompson also voice stars.

A Very Boy Band Holiday

Members of boy bands past and present gather to bring back a broadcast of this year’s festive musical celebration. Singing their favorite holiday songs and biggest yuletide hits, featured acts include ‘Nsync, 98 Degrees, Boyz II Men and more.
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Use the clues above and beside the grid to fill in the squares

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Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows.

Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

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TAKE 5 SOLUTION

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Answer: