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**ABC GETS INTO THE SPIRIT WITH AN
ORIGINAL HOLIDAY MOVIE
'SAME TIME, NEXT CHRISTMAS'
STARRING LEA MICHELE**

'Same Time, Next Christmas' Premieres Thursday, Dec. 5, at 9:00-11:00 p.m. EST

**The Movie Will Be Rebroadcast on ABC on Monday, Dec. 23, at 8:00-10:00 p.m. EST
and on Freeform as Part of Their '25 Days of Christmas'**



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ABC embraces the season with the upcoming original holiday movie “Same Time, Next Christmas,” which premieres on **Thursday, Dec. 5, at 9:00-11:00 p.m. EST**. The soon-to-be fan-favorite holiday film will also rebroadcast on ABC on Monday, Dec. 23, at 8:00-10:00 p.m. EST, as well as on Freeform as part of their “25 Days of Christmas” programming. You can also watch the movie via streaming on ABC.com, the [ABC app](#) and Hulu.

In “Same Time, Next Christmas,” Olivia Anderson (played by Lea Michele) is a successful young woman who met her childhood sweetheart during her family’s annual Christmas visit to Hawaii. After being separated by distance and years, the two reunite at the same Hawaiian resort years later, and the old chemistry between them flares up anew—but circumstances conspire to keep them apart.

“Same Time, Next Christmas” stars Lea Michele as Olivia Anderson, Charles Michael Davis as Jeff Williams, Bryan Greenberg as Gregg Harris, George Newbern as Woody Anderson, Nia Vardalos as Faye Anderson, Phil Morris as Alec Williams and Dannah Lockett as Madelyn Williams.

“Same Time, Next Christmas” is executive produced by EveryWhere Studios’ Tom Mazza and David Calvert Jones. Stephen Herek (“Dolly Parton’s Coat of Many Colors,” “Mr. Holland’s Opus” and “Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure”) directs and Karen Bloch Morse (“Ice Castles”) writes. The movie is produced by Freeform Studios for ABC.

About ABC Entertainment

ABC Entertainment airs compelling programming across all day parts, including “Grey’s Anatomy,” the longest-running medical drama in prime-time television; riveting dramas “The Good Doctor,” “How to Get Away with Murder,” “A Million Little Things” and “Station 19”; the Emmy® Award-winning “Modern Family” and trailblazing comedy favorites “American Housewife,” “black-ish,” “Bless This Mess,” “The Conners,” “The Goldbergs,” and “Schooled”; the popular “Summer Fun & Games” programming block, including “Card Sharks,” “Celebrity Family Feud,” “Holey Moley” and “Press Your Luck”; star-making sensation “American Idol”; reality phenomenon “Shark Tank”; “The Bachelor” franchise; long-running hits “Dancing with the Stars” and “America’s Funniest Home Videos”; “General Hospital,” which has aired for more than 55 years on the network; and late-night talk show “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”; as well as the critically acclaimed hit special “Live in Front of a Studio Audience: Norman Lear’s ‘All in the Family’ and ‘The Jeffersons.’” The network also boasts some of television’s most prestigious awards shows, including “The Oscars®,” “The CMA Awards” and the “American Music Awards.”

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About Freeform Studios

Freeform Studios produces bold original programming that connects with audiences to move the cultural conversation a little forward. Their authentic, groundbreaking original series include “Good Trouble,” “Siren,” and “Motherland: Fort Salem,” as well as original movies including “Life-Size 2” and the upcoming “Ghosting: The Spirit of Christmas” and “Same Time, Next Christmas.”

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Cheat tweet: Get your hot cocoa ready! @ABCNetwork is sending out an early holiday present by announcing the premiere date of its new original holiday movie #sametimenextchristmas – Dec. 5!