

Christmas Carolers



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a heart-warming tale about

finding your true voice

and your true love...

...just in time for Christmas!

the big idea
it's 'Pitch Perfect'
for the Holidays

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the magic
of music
unites us!



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but what if there was
no *Christmas Music* this year?



logline

When a professional singer returns home for the holidays, she discovers that her hometown's beloved annual Christmas Concert is in financial peril.

With the help of her singer friends and high school sweetheart, she forms a quartet, competes in a big time a cappella Caroling Competition, and restores the town's most heart-warming holiday tradition: the gift of music.

synopsis 1

After high school, a gifted singer, TABITHA, left her hometown of Winslow Falls to pursue her dreams in the big city. She had some success, but has just been fired from MOIRA's Christmas Caroling Quartet for giving notes to other singers. So Tabitha won't get to compete in a televised state-wide Christmas Caroling Competition this year.

Unable to pay her big city rent, Tabitha retreats to her mom SUZY's woodland cottage in Winslow Falls for the holidays. While running an errand, Tabitha runs into the last person she wants to see: her high school sweetheart, JUSTIN. Clearly these two star-crossed singers have unfinished business: Show Business! But Tabitha is too proud to admit that she didn't become a big star. And Justin is still ashamed that he did not accompany Tabitha to the city to pursue their dreams together, but stayed behind to go into the family business. Justin harbors some sad news, but doesn't share it with defensive Tabitha.

Tabitha reconnects with her high school choir mates, OSCAR and HOLLY, who are now married with musical kids of their own: LIAM & PIPER. They discuss sad news: when Justin's mother KATHY passed away, she left her annual Christmas concert in financial peril. To make matters worse, the concert's benefactor was always Justin's wealthy father, DUKE. But Kathy's untimely death caused Duke to reject music...terminating all funding for her annual concert.

synopsis 2

Oscar and Holly help Tabitha realize that being fired was meant to be! Her higher purpose is to save Winslow Falls' most heart-warming holiday tradition. Tabitha, Oscar and Holly plan to enter the Competition with high hopes of winning top prize, to fund the holiday concert. The only problem? They need a Tenor! Justin won't betray his father by singing with Tabitha, Oscar and Holly. However, Justin does agree to compose an exciting new carol arrangement that is sure to impress the judges. Back at Suzy's cottage, Tabitha shares that Justin may be more than just a pawn in Duke's corporation. However, she is still wary of Justin's ultimate intentions. He abandoned her once; will he do it again? Suzy listens, but does not offer advice regarding the thornier aspects of Tabitha and Justin's topsy-turvy relationship.

Desperate for a Tenor, Tabitha begs her city roommate, flamboyant NATHAN, to join Tabitha's quartet. After a fun series of rehearsals, the night before the finals, Nathan comes down with laryngitis! All is lost! Until Justin swoops in to sing his own spectacular arrangement. The quartet seems set to win...with Nathan lip-synching while Justin sings, *hiding behind a tree* — *which topples over on live television, revealing the real tenor!* Tabitha's quartet is disqualified!

Yet, artistic Suzy has had a good effect on corporate Duke, who offers to match the prize money, ensuring the Concert will survive! Tabitha and Justin are swept away by the power of music, and rekindle their romance in the form of a marriage proposal – on stage in front of the whole town! Together, Tabitha and Justin plan to make Winslow Falls an arts hub for generations to come....this time, as a duo.

the contestants!

TABITHA star Alto in competition-bound quartet - until her Christmas Caroling boss MOIRA fires her

JUSTIN Tabitha's high school sweetheart & co-star, a gifted Tenor who works for his dad, DUKE

HOLLY Tabitha's hometown bestie, Soprano; married high school sweetheart OSCAR; still sings with her family

OSCAR Tabitha's high school pal, Bass; he still makes music in his spare time, despite providing for a young family

DUKE Justin's wealthy father, Duck rejected music when his musical wife, KATHY, died

KATHY Justin's choral leader mother; deceased; *we see Kathy in flashbacks*; her annual Christmas Concert is in peril

AUNT SUZY Tabitha's bohemian, artist mom; she's thrilled Tabitha has finally come home for the holidays

MOIRA Legit Soprano; fires Tabitha from her big city Caroling Quartet, then replaces her with rival Alto, CARLA

CARLA Broadway star and Tabitha's arch-rival in the big city, Carla replaces in Moira's quartet at reigning Alto

NATHAN Tenor in Moira's Quartet and Tabitha's flamboyant, well-groomed roommate in the city

VAN Bass in Moira's Quartet; supports Moira's decisions and doesn't get involved with show biz politics

LIAM Oscar & Holly's 11yo son; sings with his parents & sister Piper; helps Tabitha remember what singing's all about

PIPER Oscar & Holly's 9yo daughter; sings with parents & Liam; her exuberance helps Tabitha fall in love with singing

themes & hooks

THEME importance of the arts (funding & education) in society

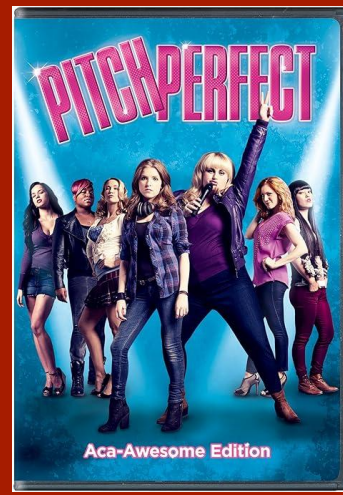
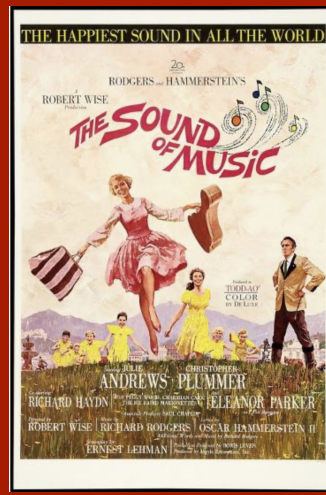
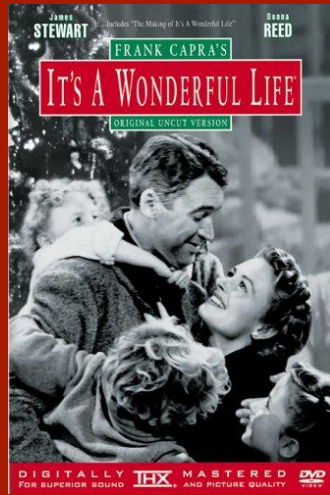
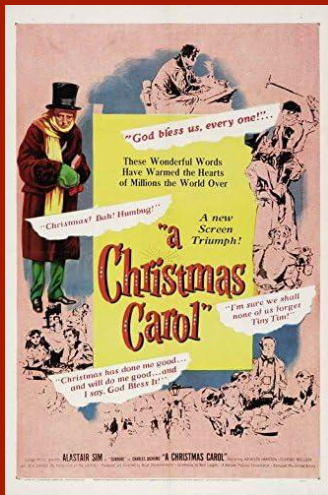
HIGH STAKES GOAL try to win a televised a cappella caroling competition with prize money to save music at Christmas!

TEAMWORK diverse range of ages, genders & races sing together to win the competition and save music

TWIST Heroine's Love Interest is the son of the town Scrooge, who blocks arts funding (but he's grieving; he's not really a Grinch!)

SPIRIT OF CHARITABLE GIVING prize money can be donated to the town's Christmas Concert, so it can go ahead after all this year!

comparables



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