





## OH, THE HOLIDAYS...

Whether you love them or Scrooge them, we could all use some tips to make the next few weeks more festive! This field guide covers all the bases—from cheery libations and tunes to a quiz that reveals your holiday personality. So, what are you waiting for? Pour a piping cup of hot cocoa, don your ugliest sweater, and let's dive in.



### MUSIC TO SET THE MOOD

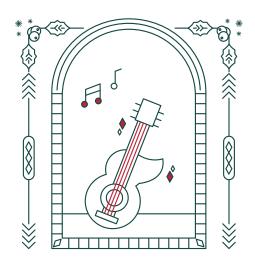
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# ABSOLUTELY TREE-MENDOUS

Nothing beats the classics. Take yourself back to yesteryear with this holiday playlist that's sure to bring out your yuletide spirit.





# REBEL WITHOUT A CLAUS

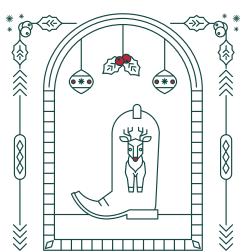
Lean into your rebellious spirit this holiday season. This playlist pairs perfectly with a leather jacket, a hot toddy, and a desire to shake things up.



### MAMA'S DON'T LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE REINDEER

A little bit country and a whole lot of cheer! Kick off your boots and enjoy this stomping good playlist.



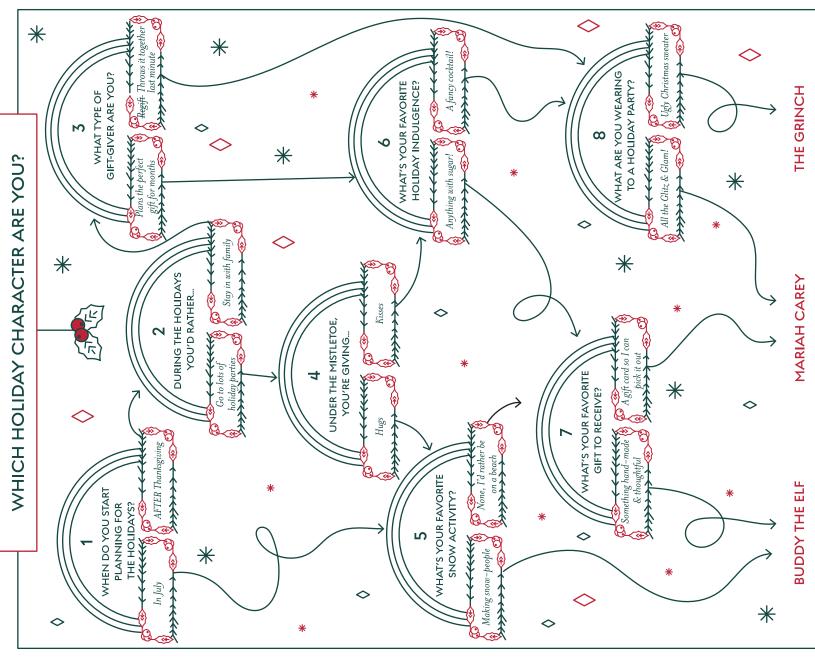


### SLEIGH MY NAME, SLEIGH MY NAME

Bust a move! Whether you're dancing as you cook in the kitchen or out on the dance floor, this playlist will get you groovin' and movin' with holiday cheer.







You likely spend a lot on festive decorevery season and pride yourself on holiday baking. Your habit to overdo it can be a good thing since you specialize in making people feel loved and cared for during the holidays. Even your pets recieve hand-crafted gifts!

When it comes to a good holiday party, you're the one to go to. You are far from mediocre and go above and beyond when it comes to celebrating with others! You have great taste and it shows in your expertise for gift giving—you're the person everyone wants for Secret Santa!

You attend holiday parties for the food and drinks, and that's about it. You're laid-back, and don't let the pressure of the holiday season stress you out—good job!

You might say you're not into gifts, but you secretly love the personalized mug your coworker got you, just admit it!

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE



#### **'TIS THE SEASON FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

Choosing small businesses directly supports your neighbors and boosts your local economy. From gift shopping to making memories with loved ones, the holiday season is the perfect opportunity to give back by choosing local businesses for your festivities. Our Boise faves:

- Dream Farm Flowers Custom floral arrangements
- The Flicks Independent, foreign and art film theater
- Janjou Patisserie Artisan boutique bakery
- IdahoMade Local artisan goods
- The Record Exchange Idaho's largest independent music store
- Rediscovered Books A new and used bookstore
- The Vervain Collective Plant-based apothecary
- Mixed Greens Unique hand-crafted gifts and cards
- Gift cards to any restaurant or winery!

#### **CELEBRATE DIVERSITY THIS HOLIDAY**

We recognize that many businesses, including those owned by veterans, BIPOC, women, and the LGBTQ+ community, have faced disproportionate opportunity. Your support is an investment in racial and gender parity and economic empowerment for businesses that bring diverse perspectives and culture to our communities. Here are a few of our local recommendations:

- The Basque Market Spanish-style pintxos (tapas)
- Bear Island Brewing Veteran-owned local brewery
- Body Parts Jewelry Found object artisan jewelry
- Brown Shuga Soul Food Southern-style cuisine
- Lumos Optical Affordable, chic eyewear
- Show & Tell Concept Shop Handmade + inclusive goods
- A Succulent Day Plant artistry shop

#### 100 HOURS OF HEARTFELT HELP

This year, Stoltz partnered with the Children's Home Society of Idaho through our 100 Hours Program, an initiative donating our heartfelt time and talent to make an impact for an amazing non-profit. The Children's Home Society of Idaho provides mental health resources and innovative therapy programs to children struggling with mental illness. If you are also passionate about improving Idaho's access to these crucial services, please consider donating!



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## DRINK AND BE MERRY

### **CRAN-ROSEMARY SPARKLER**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- I bottle prosecco or champagne
- I cup unsweetened cranberry juice
- · 3 Tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- I slice lemon or orange
- ½ cup fresh cranberries and 6 sprigs rosemary
- \* for garnish \*

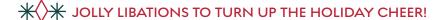
#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Brush rim with flesh of lemon or orange. Mix cinnamon and sugar together on a small plate. Dip rim with cinnamon and sugar.
- Fill glasses with prosecco or champagne then add a dash of cranberry juice to taste.
- Add fresh cranberries and top with rosemary sprig. Enjoy!









### HO HO HOLIDAY PUNCH

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 pt. raspberry sherbet
- I/2 gal. cranberry juice (or a mix of cranberry and pomegranate juices), well chilled
- I 2-liter bottle ginger ale, well chilled
- · Raspberries and pomegranate
- \* for garnish \*







#### INSTRUCTIONS

- · Scoop sherbet into a large punch bowl.
- Pour in the cranberry juice and ginger ale and stir gently.
- Add fresh raspberries and pomegranate. Enjoy!







### A TIME FOR REFLECTION

#### **NICOLE**

Drinking eggnog in my moose cup, watching Christmas Vacation, and being with my family.



#### **JOSH**

Every New Years Eve we go to my grandpa's and shoot off fireworks. My grandpa lives in a place that is very prone to wildfires during the summer so we save our 4th of July for New Year's Eve. My grandpa is 85 and still loves shooting off fireworks like he is a little boy. It's really endearing and fun!



#### **DEANNA**

Watching Die Hard! Nothing says the holidays like Hans Gruber.



#### **BRANDON**

Christmas breakfast with grandma's "monkey bread."

#### LIZZIE

My family always goes to a nice dinner on Christmas Eve where we enjoy cocktails and share delicious appetizers! It's fun because we all are able to spend actual quality time together and let loose!

#### **GRACE**

Every year we craft up a family calendar with photos from the past year and on Christmas Eve the whole family gathers around the grandparents to look through it together.

#### **KIRSTIN**

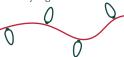
Baking and decorating gingerbread and sugar cookies with my niece.

### **RACHEL**

Tex-Mex on Christmas Eve is by far my favorite holiday tradition! The main entrée may vary, but chips and homemade queso are always involved.

#### **JAIME**

Hot chocolate + driving around to look at holiday lights!



#### **JEFF**

Onesies. One word says it all.



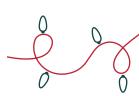
#### **KATE**

Too many to choose from! I have my original Elf On The Shelf (circa 1979 before it became mainstream!) that I now hide for my kids. We are big on baking and prepare several family recipes for Christmas morning. One of my favorite traditions is attending a candlelit midnight mass. Then before bed on Christmas Eve. we read Santa Mouse, the Polar Express, and A Special Place for Santa in our jammies by the fire. Sigh. The day can't get here sooner!

#### TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AND SHARE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES.

#### **TRACY**

Listening/singing along to John Denver and the Muppets holiday album - A Christmas Together, while cooking cranberry cheesecake.



#### **CLARA**

Every Christmas Eve we eat a nice salmon soup before opening up one present of our choosing.



#### **MITCH**

Growing up, on Christmas Eve, we put on our new 'cozy' gifts and piled into the car to look at Christmas lights. We'd drive around fancy neighborhoods with eyes to the sky trying to catch a glimpse of Rudolph's nose.

#### **GENNY**

Making gingerbread houses as a family (yes, even with adult kids!).



Each night in December our kids check under their pillow where one lucky night they find a ticket to the "Minivan Express". They run out to our car to find it decorated with lights and music blasting from the stereo. They enjoy hot chocolate and goodies while we drive around and look at the light displays.

#### BOND

Friends, homemade whipped cream, coffee, pastries, and reading on Christmas while the ham roasts.



#### **CRISSIE**

Christmas morning, my dad has all of us wait at the top of the stairs while he goes down to see if Santa came. He puts on a big show and then we all bust down the stairs to see for ourselves. Yes, I'm 41.



#### **JULIE**

Every Christmas my girls each pick out and buy an ornament for the tree. Now that they are moving out or have moved out it was fun to see them take the ornaments and decorate their own tree.

#### **KELLIE**

Our family Christmas Eve party, which includes a white elephant gift exchange, games, and tamales!

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