



The Santa Claus Show

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STORY SUMMARY



The Santa Claus Show is the story of Kelly and Alana, two friends who decide to write to Santa Claus. Kelly sends the longest list of things that a child wants for Christmas that Santa has ever seen! Santa flies Kelly to the North Pole so she can learn for herself the true meaning of Christmas.

During this sensory relaxed performance, we have not changed the plot, characters, or story from our standard performances. Instead, we have done our best to adjust for sensory sensitivities and preferences while still staying true to the spirit of the play, and we provide as much information as possible so you can prepare in advance for the show you are attending. Everyone is unique in their requirements for enjoying the performance, and we have tried to accommodate a wide range of preferences and needs. Please keep in mind that you know your child best in deciding if this show will be suitable for them, and that during a live theatre performance unpredictable events and last-minute changes may occur.

Warning- Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to learn about details and surprises in the show, do not read any further.

There is an opening and 12 scenes in the filmed performance.

- Scene 1: *Elfie's Checklist*
- Scene 2: *Kelly's Bedroom*
- Scene 3: *Shopping Mall*
- Scene 4: *Writing to Santa*
- Scene 5: *Letters*
- Scene 6: *The North Pole*
- Scene 7: *Christmas Eve*
- Scene 8: *Santa*
- Scene 9: *Santa's Toy Shop*
- Scene 10: *Prancer*
- Scene 11: *The Sleigh Ride*
- Scene 12: *Giving*

This story summary will give details about each scene.

Scene 1 – Elfie's Checklist



1/ Elfie, Santa's Chief Elf, struggles to get through a white curtain, but he can't find the gap. With a loud ripping sound, Elfie steps through the curtain, with a piece of the ripped curtain tangled on his arm. Elfie hides the curtain, introduces himself, and begins his checklist for Christmas Eve.

2/ Santa's hand reaches through the curtain to wave Elfie over, to remind him to tell the audience about *Gift a Seat™*. Santa's hand is all you see of Santa until later.



3/ Elfie has ticked off the curtains, stage, lights, crew, elves, ushers, and audience from his checklist- the show is ready to start. Elfie tells the audience that Santa Claus chooses a special helper to help him every Christmas Eve. Elfie explains that this show tells the story of the first time Santa chose someone from Aotearoa New Zealand to be his special Christmas Eve helper.

4/ Twitty and Twiddly, young assistant elves, run in to open the white curtain, revealing Kelly's bedroom.

Scene 2 – Kelly’s Bedroom



1/ Kelly and Alana are playing hide and seek in Kelly’s house.

Alana hides in Kelly’s bedroom, and Kelly finds her hiding behind her bed. Kelly is upset that Alana is in her room, and decides they should practice their Christmas play instead.



2/ Kelly and Alana use toys and costumes from Kelly’s bedroom to pretend to be different Christmas characters. At the end of the Christmas play, Kelly tells Alana she needs to practice more. Kelly’s Dad comes in to invite the girls out shopping.

Note:

In the show, Kelly sometimes acts mean to Alana. The actor playing Kelly is pretending to be cross. In real life, the actors playing Kelly and Alana are very good friends.

Scene 3- Shopping Mall



3/ The white curtains close in front of Kelly’s room, and three banners drop from the ceiling to hang in front of the curtains.

A Balloon Seller enters with a bunch of balloons. Kelly, Alana, and Dad enter with shopping bags to explore the mall, followed by a Father and girl, Ruby. Alana and Ruby admire the balloons. Alana buys a white balloon, and the Ruby asks her Father for one.

Note: The banners drop quite quickly, which may be startling.



4/ The Father doesn’t have enough money, and he can’t buy a balloon. Ruby is very sad, and leaves looking longingly at the balloons.

Everyone leaves. The banners are pulled from the ceiling, and the curtains open.

Scene 4- Writing to Santa



1/ The white curtains open to reveal Kelly's bedroom. Kelly decides she and Alana should write to Santa Claus.

Kelly teaches Alana how to get everything she wants for Christmas by singing a song, *All The Things I Want*.



2/At the end of the song, Alana's arms are piled high with toys Kelly wants, and Kelly has written Santa a very long list. Alana only wants one thing- a white balloon. Kelly thinks a white balloon is a stupid present, but that is the only present Alana wants.

Alana goes home and Kelly goes off to show her Dad her Christmas list.

Scene 5- Letters



3/ The white curtains close, and letters from children to Santa Claus drift down from above.

A Mail Elf enters with a large mail sack. The Mail Elf tries all kinds of silly ways to catch the letters in the sack.



4/ The Mail Elf tries to whistle, but he can't. He calls out, and a red and white letterbox wheels onto stage. The Mail Elf gets up to more silly antics trying to deliver the letters, but he drops most of them. He manages to deliver one letter, and he is so proud! He dances off.

Elfie drops the ripped curtain, and makes the North Pole magically appear. He drops the pole, and it lands on his head! Elfie talks about the letters he's delivering for Santa Claus. Elfie reads out some of the letters, using different voices to pretend to be different children.



Twitty and Twiddly arrive to help Elfie bring the letters to Santa. Elfie decides he will choose Kelly to be Santa's special helper for Christmas Eve. Elfie tries to magically disappear but his magic trick doesn't work, so he leaves, taking the letterbox with him.

A woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a bright pink long-sleeved top and a blue floral skirt, is smiling and holding up a pink and white striped garment with star patches. She is standing in front of a red wall with a white door frame and a blue triangular flag.

The lights grow dim, and Elfie sneaks into Kelly's bedroom.



At the end of the magic poem, the bed lifts up into the air, and Kelly ‘flies’ with Elfie as the white curtains close.

Note: The actor playing Elfie uses a technique called a “stage fall” to jump and fall safely without getting hurt.

Scene 8- Santa



1/ Kelly and Elfie land in front of the curtains. Kelly is giddy from the trip, and Elfie is very excited- he loves to fly! They're now at the North Pole. Twitty and Twiddly run in with a dressing gown and slippers for Kelly to wear.

Kelly wants to check if she is dreaming, so she gives a pinch- to Elfie! Elfie pretends that the pinch hurt and says "Ouchy Wouchy!". Kelly is only pretending to pinch Elfie, and it doesn't really hurt him.



2/Elfie tells Kelly that he has brought her to the North Pole to help Santa. Santa is worried he won't have enough presents for all the world's children and that some children may miss out next year. Kelly doesn't think she can help since she lives in New Zealand, not the North Pole.

Jingle bells are heard- Santa's on his way! Kelly and Elfie look for Santa all over. Santa enters, coming down the stairs.



3/ Santa sings *I'm Here*, a song about the joy of giving at Christmas time. He signs in New Zealand Sign Language as he sings, coming down the steps.

During the song, the white curtains open to reveal a giant Christmas present, with large shiny present boxes surrounding it.



4/ Santa welcomes Kelly to the North Pole. Kelly shows Santa her very long list, and talks to Santa about his worry that he won't be able to give presents to all children next year.

Santa decides to show Kelly his toy shop.

Scene 9- Santa's Toyshop



1/ *The Toyshop Song* begins. As each new toy is mentioned in the song, a present box turns around to reveal that toy inside.

The actors are dressed up as life sized versions of toys and are inside big wooden present boxes on wheels.

At the end of the song, Santa, Kelly, and Elfie play hide and seek. Can you help Santa find the toys?



2/The audience may call out loudly to help Santa. If the noise is too loud, you can cover your ears.

At the end of the game, all the toys jump out to surprise Santa. After hide and seek, the toys go back inside the present boxes and roll away. Santa and Kelly leave to get the sack full of presents.

Scene 10- Prancer



3/ Elfie brings out the golden sleigh. He goes to polish it, carefully reading the instructions on the polish to "shake well before use". Silly Elfie first shakes himself, then the cloth, then finally the bottle of polish! Santa and Kelly arrive with the sack full of presents. Elfie leaves to fetch Prancer.

Prancer the reindeer gallops across the stage, followed by Elfie. Elfie chases Prancer around the stage, until Santa finally commands Prancer, "Stop!".



4/ Prancer stops, but Elfie doesn't! Elfie goes flying off stage, and there is a loud crashing sound. Elfie returns saying "Ouchy wouchy!"

Scene 11- The Sleigh Ride



1/ Elfie tells Santa it's time to deliver presents. Pretty stars and fairy lights turn on, glowing around the theatre as the song *The Magic of Christmas* begins.

As they sing the song, Prancer leads Santa and Kelly flying on the sleigh as Elfie follows them in Kelly's flying bed. The wall rotates to reveal Kelly's bedroom as they fly high above Aotearoa on their way to Auckland.



2/Santa lands the sleigh on Kelly's roof as Elfie parks her bed back into her bedroom with a thump.

Kelly, Elfie, and Prancer go to sleep while Santa visits Kelly's house. Kelly's dog Harry wakes up. The dog can't be seen, but is heard barking. Santa casts a spell and the dog is soon asleep.

3/ Santa delivers Kelly's presents and returns to wake Kelly and Elfie.

Santa tells Kelly he is going to deliver the present Alana asked for- a white balloon. Elfie explains that Alana asked for a white balloon to give to Ruby from the shopping mall who wasn't able to buy one.



4/ Santa leaves to deliver Alana's present, and Kelly finally understands: giving is better than getting. When Santa returns, Kelly tells Santa that she's going to be like him, and give some of her presents to others who haven't got any.

Santa is very happy that Kelly has solved his problem of not being able to give presents to all children, and now he isn't worried about next Christmas at all!

Scene 12- Giving



Santa and Kelly sing the Finale song, as Santa flies away on the sleigh.

As Kelly continues singing, she is joined one by one by different characters from the show. Kelly gives each character one of her presents. Santa enters holding a white balloon, which he gives to Kelly. Kelly gives the balloon the Alana, who finally hands it to Ruby, who is very happy to get her Christmas wish.

The song ends, and all the actors bow. The audience may clap as the show comes to the end.

And that's what the show will be like. It's ok to like the show, or to not like the show. Everyone is different, and we're just glad you've come along to join us. Merry Christmas!