

# Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!

## Running order of show

The running order of the main events in the show is as follows:

**Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!** - song performed by The Christmas Chorus (all)

**Reindeer Rock** - music performed by Rudolph and his Red-Nosed Orchestra (instrumentalists)

**The Hypnotic Shepherds and their Sheep** - comedy hypnotism act

**The Acrobats' Song** - song performed by The Christmas Chorus (all) – acrobatics performed by The Christmas Circus Acrobats

**The Juggling Teddies** - comedy juggling act

**The Story of Bethlehem** - song performed by Holly and the Crackers (choir)

**Joseph and his Talking Donkey (including The Neddy Rap)** - comedy ventriloquism-type act

**Rudolph's Ho! Ho! Hoe-Down!** - music performed by Rudolph and his Red-Nosed Orchestra (instrumentalists) – optional line dance performed by The Christmas Circus Line Dancers

**The Snowmen Clowns** - slapstick comedy act

**It's Christmas Time!** - song performed by The Christmas Chorus (all)

**The Wise Men Magicians** - magical comedy act

**Santa's Festive Formation Dance Team** - dance act

**Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza! (Reprise)** - song performed by The Christmas Chorus (all)

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## SCRIPT SAMPLE

### SCENERY – INSIDE OF CHRISTMAS CIRCUS TENT

*Ringmasters 1 and 2 stand centre stage. Lights are dimmed.*

**Song: Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!** (*Sung by all – 'The Christmas Chorus'*)

*The introduction begins with a series of drum beats. (If a child is playing the drum part in the orchestra, a spotlight will look effective on them.) There is a drumroll and the Ringmasters appear to the audience suddenly in a spotlight centre stage on the first cymbal crash. The Ringmasters speak their opening lines over the next 4 bars of introduction, finishing just before a second cymbal crash which announces the beginning of the first chorus.*

Ringmasters 1 & 2: (*spoken during second 4 bars of introduction*) Ladies and gentlemen!  
Welcome to... Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!

*Ringmasters take their positions with the main body of singers.*

**All (Chorus):**  
**Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!**  
**What a show! What a hullabaloo!**  
**And we're glad you're here for this truly great bonanza!**  
**We'll make sure Christmas is special for you!**

**Verse 1:**  
**Come hear the music,**  
**The band is playing,**  
**Soak up the fun!**  
**Yes! That's what we're saying!**

**Chorus:**  
**Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!**  
**What a show! What a hullabaloo!**  
**And we're glad you're here for this truly great bonanza!**  
**We'll make sure Christmas is special for you!**

Verse 2:           **Come join the crowds,  
They're loudly cheering,  
You'll see the best...  
Yes! ...attractions appearing!**

Chorus:           **Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!  
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Verse 3:           **Come hear the songs,  
The choir singing,  
Come hear the sound...  
Yes! ... of Christmas bells a-ringing! *(bells ring)***

Chorus:           **Santa's Christmas Circus Extravaganza!  
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*Ringmaster 1 takes centre stage.*

Ringmaster 1:    Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight we promise you an evening of festive frolics and fun! Amongst our acts, we have, from the Far East, marvellous magic from the Three Wise Men!

All:               *( a short, controlled cheer, but not too neat!)* Hooray!

Ringmaster 2:    We have shepherds who will amaze you with their hypnotised sheep!

All:               Hooray!

Ringmaster 1:    From further North, we have Chilly, Shiver and Frosty, the snowmen clowns...

All:               Hooray!

Ringmaster 2:    And, we have a very special surprise for you at the end of our show!

All:               *(excitedly)* Oooh!

Ringmaster 1:    But first, let's hear it for...

Ringmasters 1 & 2: ...Rudolph And His Red-Nosed Orchestra! *(Ringmasters lead the clapping as the orchestra prepare to play. Ringmasters move to either side of stage area as playing begins.)*

**Music: Reindeer Rock** *(performed by Rudolph and His Red-Nosed Orchestra)*

*As the audience clap at the end of the performance, Ringmaster 1 comes centre stage.*

Ringmaster 1:           *(waits for clapping to cease)* Thank you. That was Rudolph And His Red-Nosed Orchestra with the Reindeer Rock! And now, we have an act to truly (*'baaed' like a sheep*) ama-a-a-ze you! We give you... The Shepherds And Their Amazing Hypnotised Sheep!

**Music: General stage entry music** (The Hypnotic Shepherds and their Sheep)

*This is a comical, mostly-mimed act.*

*Two shepherds run on from stage RT, waving to the audience.*

*Entry music stops.*

**Music: The Hypnotic Shepherds and their Sheep (performance music)**

*The shepherds arrive standing centre stage and shake hands. Shepherd 1 takes a whistle from his pocket and blows it. They both look towards stage RT, waiting expectantly. Nothing happens. Shepherd 1 blows the whistle again and 'baas' are heard off stage (from the three sheep). The shepherds nod at each other and Shepherd 1 blows the whistle a third time.*

*Three sheep enter stage RT, lead by Sheep 1, one behind the other, performing a little trotting dance, with right hands on the shoulder of the sheep in front. (Audience/cast cheer and applaud as they appear) They dance across in front of the shepherds, who, watch amazed. The sheep start to dance back, lead by Sheep 3, in the other direction, but when they cross in front of the shepherds again, the shepherds intervene and separate them.*

*Shepherd 1 blows his whistle and the three sheep fall in line like soldiers on parade. Shepherd 2 walks along the line of sheep, starting with Sheep 1 on the RT, as if carrying out an inspection. Each sheep salutes him as he walks by. Sheep No.1 steps forward and wiggles his tail at the audience behind Shepherd 2's back after he has walked by.*

Sheep 1:                   *(a short 'baa' as he wiggles tail)* Baa!

*Shepherd 1 sees this and blows his whistle angrily. Sheep 1 falls in line.*

**SCRIPT CONTINUES...**

**...Music: General stage entry music (The Snowmen Clowns) Repeat for Clowns' exit.**

*Chilly and Shiver enter stage RT. They wobble on stage, dancing to the music.*

Chilly: I say, I say, I say, Shiver! What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?

Shiver: I don't know! What *do* angry mice send to each other at Christmas?

Chilly: Cross... *mouse...* cards! *(both laugh raucously, holding their tummies)*

Shiver: Well... here's one! I say, I say, I say, Chilly! What do you call a gigantic polar bear?

Chilly: I don't know, Shiver! What *do* you call a gigantic polar bear?

Shiver: Nothing! You just... *(runs around on the spot)* ...run away!

*They both fall over and kick their legs in the air, laughing.*

*Frosty comes on from stage LT. Chilly and Shiver stand up to meet him.*

Frosty: Hi, guys!

Chilly & Shiver: Hi, Frosty!

Frosty: Telling some jokes?

Shiver: Yeah! We've got some great jokes!

Chilly: Here's one! What does Santa call his money?

Shiver & Frosty: We don't know, what does Santa call his money?

Chilly: Iced lolly!

*All three laugh raucously. Frosty decides it is his turn to crack a joke.*

Frosty: Here! I've just had some good news. Santa's passed his driving test!

Chilly & Shiver: How do you know?

Frosty: I saw his car... it had No-el plates! Get it? No... -el... plates?! *(he laughs loudly, holding his tummy)*

*Chilly & Shiver stand silently, not getting it.*

Frosty: L-plates? No-el plates?... *(a little angry)* Don't you get it? It's a great joke! No... -el... plates...

*Chilly & Shiver still don't get it and shake their heads at each other. They come round to stand on either side of Frosty and put their arms around him, sympathetically.*

Shiver: Now listen, Frosty. When you graduate from the Snowman Clowns' Academy, *then* come and tell us your jokes.

Frosty: *(offended)* Why? Don't you like my jokes?

Chilly: We like them but they're just not... very funny yet.

*Frosty looks very sad.*

Frosty: *(dejected)* Not funny?

Audience/Cast: *(sympathising)* Aaaah.

Shiver: *(shakes his head)* Not funny at all.

Frosty: *(in a wobbly squeaky voice, sobs)* Not funny at all?

*Shiver and Chilly shake their heads sadly. They pat him on the back.*

Audience/Cast: *(sympathising)* Aaaah.

*Frosty sadly walks to the side of stage LT, where he picks up two large Christmas parcels (which, unbeknown to Shiver and Chilly, each contain a hat full of shaving foam, spray cream or other 'gunge'). He carries the parcels over to the other clowns and stands between them. He puts the parcels down on the floor in front of Chilly, and Shiver.*

Frosty: *(still sad)* Well, before I go back to the Academy, I'd better give you your Christmas presents.

Chilly & Shiver: *(jump up and down excitedly)* Ooh! We like Christmas presents!

Frosty: *(hopeful)* Did you get me one?

Chilly & Shiver *(matter of fact, shake heads)* No.

Audience/Cast: Aaaah.

Frosty: *(gestures to the parcels)* Well, here are yours anyway.

*Chilly and Shiver excitedly open their parcels and take out their hats (holding them upside down to avoid spillage!).*

Chilly: Hats! New hats!

Frosty: Hope you like them. Happy Christmas!... **(SCRIPT CONTINUES...)**