



Glee's Top 5 Christmas Pics

Description

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For me, it just doesn't get any better than the RKO Pictures *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946), starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, "the richest man in the world." Often overlooked as the film was at its release, is Donna Reed's performance as Mary. In addition, Lionel Barrymore delivers an unforgettable performance as Mr. Potter. George Bailey exemplifying the spirit of Christmas, as directed by Frank Capra who had just wrapped up several other classic films.



It's A Wonderful Life

Growing up in a big family, I related to McCauley Culkin's character, Kevin McAllister, in *Home Alone* (1990). Culkin portrays an eight-year-old troublemaker who must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation. Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern turn in riveting performances as the lovable would-be robbers outsmarted at every turn. Catherine O'Hara plays the fraught parents who forgot their son at the airport.



Home Alone

White Christmas (1954) with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen made the list as I finally watched the classic film this week, despite being a long-time owner of the Bing Crosby Christmas Album. The film follows two war buddies who go on to a high-profile entertainment career performing live routines to rave headlines in *Variety*. Made during the era of big-budget musicals, *White Christmas* doesn't disappoint.



White Christmas

Bad Santa and *Bad Santa 2* with Billy Bob Thornton and Tony Cox round out the list and need a warning for some adult content sure to offend and spark the ire of any parent who is anticipating a film to watch with their adolescent children. A word of caution â?? donâ??t even think about it. Watched in tandem, the films, made thirteen years apart, reach a crescendo at the end of *Bad Santa* and *Bad Santa 2*. *Mad Men* is unexpected in a Christmas film. The unexpected!



Bad Santa



Bad Santa 2

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