

For: **THE GROVE**

TREE LIGHTING AT THE GROVE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 7:30 P.M. CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM SOME OF TODAY'S HOTTEST STARS, SPECIAL PERFORMANCES, CELEBRITY APPEARANCES AND MORE

--The evening will include musical performances from David Archuleta, Dave Koz and Friends, Jesse McCartney, Charice and Michael Grimm, plus an appearance by Dan Aykroyd and the master of ceremonies, Mario Lopez --

LOS ANGELES – The annual “Hollywood Christmas Celebration at The Grove,” on Sunday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m., produced by Chris Isaacson Presents, leads Los Angeles into the holiday season. The festive evening, free and open to the public, will be hosted by *EXTRA'S* **Mario Lopez** and include performances from talented singer **David Archuleta**, runner-up on season 7 of *American Idol* who recently released his second album “The Other Side of Down” featuring the hit single “Something ‘Bout Love” and singer, songwriter and actor **Jesse McCartney** whose new album “Have it All” will be released in December. **Dave Koz and Friends**, featuring world-renowned saxophonist **Dave Koz**, singer-guitarist **Jonathan Butler**, keyboardist **Brian Culbertson** and saxophone star **Candy Dulfer**, will entertain The Grove crowd with their extraordinary music and catchy rhythms. Also performing will be singer **Charice**, the internet sensation known for her powerful voice and guest spot on hit show *Glee* and singer and guitarist **Michael Grimm** who won the country over with his music to win Season 5 of *American's Got Talent*.

In harmony with the spirit of the holidays, **Starlight Children's Foundation** will make a special presentation and share an inspiring story from a young Starlight child. They also will collect donations of new, unwrapped latex-free toys for distribution to children of all ages who may be spending the holidays in the hospital.

The evening will include **The Top Hats**, a professional chorus line dance troupe created just for The Grove, the anticipated arrival of Santa and a highlight of the evening will be when beloved actor and *Saturday Night Live* legend **Dan Aykroyd** lights the brilliant 100-foot Christmas tree with its 10,000 glistening lights and 15,000 sparkling ornaments. The season's first “snowfall” and a mesmerizing fireworks display will conclude the celebration.

Throughout the holidays, beginning Tuesday Nov. 23 – Dec. 21 at 6 p.m., Make-A-Wish Foundation will debut Weekly Wish Nights in The Park at The Grove as part of its Season of Wishes program making a child's holiday dream come true.

VISUALS:

- **Program highlights:** Mario Lopez, David Archuleta, Jesse McCartney, Dave Koz and Friends, Charice, Michael Grimm and Dan Aykroyd
- Santa Claus' arrival at The Grove
- The Top Hats, Lighting of 100-ft. Christmas tree and The season's first “snowfall”
- Starlight Children's Foundation presentation
- Fireworks Finale

WHAT: Hollywood Christmas Celebration at The Grove

WHEN: **Sunday, November 21**

6:00 p.m. – General press check-in located by Concierge Desk (**Entrance by Concierge will be closed to the public, but accessible to press with valid credentials**)

****News van press check-in located on Gilmore Lane by Banana Republic**

7:30 p.m. – Holiday Show

8:30 p.m. – Fireworks finale

WHERE: The Grove
189 The Grove Drive – Town Square
Fairfax District in Los Angeles

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