

## **'Tis the Season to "BET" Jolly**

**Raven-Symone' and Tichina Arnold Star in "The Hot Chocolate Nutcracker" Directed by Debbie Allen Premiering Sunday, December 7 at 8 PM ET/PT**

**BET'S First Holiday Original Movie "A Very Larry Christmas" Starring DeRay Davis and Tatyana Ali Premieres Tuesday, December 9 at 8 PM ET/PT**

**"Bobby Jones Gospel Christmas Special" Airs Sunday, December 21 at 9 AM ET/PT**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- This December **BET Networks** is switching up tradition and bringing some new flavor to your holiday with a fresh line-up of seasonal fare for the whole family to enjoy!

Renowned executive producer and director **Debbie Allen** presents a modern version of a holiday classic with **"The Hot Chocolate Nutcracker"** starring **Raven-Symone'** and **Tichina Arnold** premiering **Sunday, December 7 at 8 PM ET/PT**. The celebration continues on **Tuesday, December 9 at 8 PM ET/PT** with the premiere of **BET's** first holiday original movie, **"A Very Larry Christmas"** starring **DeRay Davis** and **Tatyana Ali**.

Dr. Bobby Jones rounds out the holiday cheer with the **"Bobby Jones Gospel Christmas Special"** airing **Sunday, December 21 at 9 AM ET/PT**. Deck the halls with performances by gospel superstars **Erica Campbell, Pastor Shirley Ceasar, Vickie Winans, Jonathan McReynolds** and more.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**"The Hot Chocolate Nutcracker"** premieres at **8 PM ET/PT** - Kara is a young girl whose dreams come true when her Christmas gift comes to life in the form of her toy nutcracker. The ballet follows Kara as she journeys through new lands of wonder: Candy Cane Land, Egypt, the Indian Rainforest/Bollywood, Jazzland, Russia, and the Land of the Kimono Dolls putting a millennial twist on the timeless Christmas story. Starring **Raven-Symone'** and **Tichina Arnold**.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**"A Very Larry Christmas"** premieres at **8 PM ET/PT** - Larry (DeRay Davis) is a warmhearted guy that believes he can't do anything right including his job as a mail carrier. During the Christmas holiday, Larry's Scrooge-of-a-boss assigns him a delivery route that is nearly impossible to complete and Larry is fired. Santa has a bad accident that renders him incapable of delivering toys on Christmas Eve enlists Larry to take his place for the night. It's up to Santa's little helper and his PR maven Nicole (Tatyana Ali) to whip Larry into shape and save Christmas! Also starring **Loretta Devine** and **Charles Dutton**.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**"Bobby Jones Gospel Christmas Special"** premieres at **9 AM ET/PT** - Performances by gospel superstars **Pastor Shirley Ceasar, Vickie Winans, Jonathan McReynolds, Erica Campbell** and an appearance by the **Howard University Gospel Choir**.

For more information on these holiday movies and specials go to [BET.com](http://BET.com). Join the conversation on Twitter: @BET.

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**Hot Chocolate Nutcracker & A Very Larry Christmas**

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