

# An Out-of-the-Box Christmas

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Length: 35 minutes

## Song titles:

Places Everyone!  
This is Bizarre! This is Berserk!  
Giddy Up!  
A Super-Duper Hero of the Faith  
Are You Ready for Some Good News?  
Yo Ho Ho! And Away We Go!  
A Christmas Love Song  
A Night to Remember with Are You Ready for Some Good News?

## Characters:

There are 12 characters in all, plus minor parts for narrators and manger scene participants. Mrs. Strickland is a female adult or older teen who is the choir director. There are eight parts for choir children, plus two male pirates and another adult or older teen who owns the costume shop.

## Summary:

It's the day before the Christmas musical, and the shipment of costumes has just arrived. But... when they open the boxes, the costumes are all wrong! So, the children (and the director) get creative and adapt, improvise, and devise comical but heartfelt ways to tell the traditional Christmas story in very "out-of-the-box," nontraditional ways.

## Comments:

This musical is truly a "breath of fresh air" compared to so many children's musicals with tired storylines. Picture the angel Gabriel as a super hero, the wise men as cowboys, the shepherds as pirates and the angels as cheerleaders! The message of Christmas is still very clear, and the "Night to Remember" song parallels the birth of Christ 2000+ years ago with the "night to remember" when we accept Jesus as our Savior.

## Bottom line:

This is a very fun, very singable "out-of-the-box" musical your kids will LOVE singing. It's a toe-tapper through and through, but yet the traditional message of the birth of Christ is still very strong.

## Resource materials available:

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| Preview Pack                   | <i>KMC-73 PREVIEW</i>    |
| Songbook                       | <i>KMC-73 BOOK</i>       |
| Listening CD                   | <i>KMC-73 CD</i>         |
| Listening CD Bulk (10 Pack)    | <i>KMC-73 BULK</i>       |
| Digital Resource Kit           | <i>KMC-73 DIREC DIG</i>  |
| Production DVD                 | <i>KMC-73 DVD DEMO</i>   |
| Accompaniment CD (Split-Track) | <i>KMC-73 ACC SPLIT</i>  |
| Accompaniment CD (Stereo)      | <i>KMC-73 ACC STEREO</i> |

