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LET'S HAVE A PARADE™
THE WORLD-RENOWNED MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE®
KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The 92nd edition of the iconic holiday event ushers in the season with its signature giant character balloons, floats of fantasy, the nation's finest marching bands, whimsical performance groups, music's biggest stars and the one-and-only Santa Claus

Performers include Bad Bunny, Barenaked Ladies, Bazzi, Ally Brooke, Kane Brown, Brynn Cartelli, Jack & Jack, John Legend, Leona Lewis, Ella Mai, Tegan Marie, Martina McBride, Rita Ora, Carly Pearce, Pentatonix, Anika Noni Rose and the cast & Muppets of *Sesame Street*, Diana Ross, Sugarland, Ashley Tisdale, Mackenzie Ziegler and Johnny Orlando

New York, NY – November 1, 2018 – A spectacle like no other awaits millions as the 92nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®, America's favorite tradition, kicks off the holiday season. Set to march through the streets of New York City on Thursday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m., the nation will celebrate Thanksgiving gathered with family and friends and more than 8,000 volunteers. Dressed as clowns, guiding the flight of larger-than-life character balloons, bringing the beat in the nation's best marching bands and entertaining the crowds with their show stopping performances, these participants will inspire and delight the nation. With the time-honored phrase, *Let's Have a Parade™*, the spectacle begins for more than 3.5 million spectators in New York City and more than 50 million television viewers nationwide.

"This year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will redefine spectacle with a jaw-dropping mix of must-see entertainment for millions of spectators," said Susan Tercero, executive producer of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "Featuring an amazing line-up of high flying balloons, dazzling animated floats, world-class marching bands and performance groups, the nation's top music artists, and of course, the one-and-only Santa Claus, the Macy's Parade will once again herald the arrival of the holiday season."

Since November of 1924, the Macy's Parade has enthralled the nation and become synonymous with the start of the holiday season. For the 92nd edition, the line-up will feature 16 giant character balloons; 43 novelty balloons, heritage balloons, balloonicles, balloonheads and trycaloons; 26 floats; 1,200 cheerleaders and dancers; more than 1,000 clowns; and 12 marching bands.

STARS ON PARADE

The star power along the Parade route and in homes across the country will feature some of the nation's most exciting performers. Appearing onboard one of Macy's signature floating stages will be Bad Bunny, Barenaked Ladies, Bazzi, Ally Brooke, Kane Brown, Brynn Cartelli, Jack & Jack, John Legend, Leona Lewis, Ella Mai, Tegan Marie, Martina McBride, Rita Ora, Carly Pearce, Pentatonix, Anika Noni Rose and the cast & Muppets of *Sesame Street*, Diana Ross with her children and extended family (including Rhonda Ross, Tracee Ellis Ross, Chudney Ross, Ross Naess and Evan Ross with wife Ashlee Simpson-Ross), Sugarland, Ashley Tisdale, Mackenzie Ziegler and Johnny Orlando; with a special appearance by the one-and-only Santa Claus.

INFLATABLE ICONS

Since 1927, the Parade's signature balloons have featured some of the world's most beloved characters. Over time, the inflatables have morphed from air-filled characters carried on sticks to high-flying giants, balloonheads and even hybrid inflatables with vehicles inside.

Joining the giant character balloon line-up this year will be the famed Saiyan warrior *Goku* from "Dragon Ball Super: Broly."

The elf stars of Netflix's "The Christmas Chronicles"— *Fleck, Bjorn, Jojo and Hugg*, will also debut, taking to the skies ahead of the one-and-only Santa Claus. On the ground, the streets of New York City will magically transform into the world's largest bowling lane for the *Go Bowling* balloonicles (hybrid balloons and vehicles), as the bowling ball, bowling pins and bowling shoe cars try for strikes or perhaps a turkey, along the Parade route.

Macy's Blue Sky Gallery series will return to the sky this year for the seventh edition with *Little Cloud*, the iconic creation of art collaborative FriendsWithYou™. Macy's Blue Sky Gallery series invites contemporary artists to recreate their work as Parade balloons. Artists Samuel Borkson and Arturo Sandoval III will join Little Cloud with a stunning rainbow inflatable and two raindrops in this year's Parade, creating an artistic expression of joy and love. Past works in the series have included balloons from famed artists Tom Otterness, Jeff Koons, Keith Haring, Takashi Murakami, Tim Burton and KAWS.

Rounding out the new inflatable cast will be Sinclair Oil's Baby Dino balloonicles, Universal Orlando Resort's™ *The Nutcracker* and the shining star of Macy's Christmas celebrations, *Sunny the Snowpal*.

Returning giant balloon characters include *Charlie Brown*; *Diary of A Wimpy Kid*®; Sinclair's *DINO*™; *The Elf on the Shelf*®; Illumination Presents Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch*; *Jett* by Super Wings; Disney Frozen's *Olaf*, *PAW Patrol*®, *Pikachu*™; *Pillsbury Doughboy*™; *Red Mighty Morphin Power Ranger*; *Ronald McDonald*®, *SpongeBob SquarePants*; *Toothless* from DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"; and DreamWorks *Trolls*®. Completing the inflatable lineup is the famed *Aflac Duck* balloonicle from Aflac, Inc.

FLOATING WONDERS

Gliding down Manhattan, the Parade's signature floats will transport spectators to worlds of wonder through creative design and skillful construction. Conceived and crafted by the incredible artisans of Macy's Parade Studio which include carpenters, engineers, electricians, painters, animators, sculptors, metal fabricators, scenic and costume designers, this year's line-up of floats sets an unparalleled stage for entertainment. Macy's Parade floats are often three stories tall and several lanes of traffic wide, but must collapse to no more than 12 ½-feet tall and 8-feet wide in order to travel safely from the New Jersey home of the Parade Studio, to the Manhattan starting line via the Lincoln Tunnel each Thanksgiving eve.

This year, four new floats will debut including *Elf Pets*® by The Elf on the Shelf®, *Fantasy Chocolate Factory* by Kinder® (Ashley Tisdale), *Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* by Nickelodeon (Jack & Jack) and *Splashing Safari Adventure* by Kalahari Resorts and Conventions (Ella Mai).

The returning float roster and their scheduled performers include *1-2-3 Sesame Street*® by Sesame Workshop™ (Anika Noni Rose and the cast and Muppets of *Sesame Street*); *The Aloha Spirit* by King's

Hawaiian[®] (Barenaked Ladies), *Big City Cheer!* by Spirit of America Productions (Mackenzie Ziegler and Johnny Orlando); *Building A Better World* by Girl Scouts of the USA (Tegan Marie); *The Cranberry Cooperative* by Ocean Spray[®] (Sugarland); *Deck the Halls* by Balsam Hill[®] (Martina McBride); *Discover Adventure!* by Build-A-Bear[®] (John Legend); *Everyone's Favorite Bake Shop* by Entenmann's[®] (Pentatonix); *Frozen Fall Fun* by Discover[®]/NHL (Bazzi, and NHL Hockey Hall of Famers Bernie Parent and Mike Richter); *Fun House* by Krazy Glue[®]; *Harvest in the Valley* by Green Giant[®] (Carly Pearce); *Heartwarming Holiday Countdown* by Hallmark Channel (Diana Ross); *Mount Rushmore's American Pride* by South Dakota Department of Tourism (Kane Brown); *On The Roll Again* by Homewood Suites by Hilton[®] (Leona Lewis); *Parade Day Mischief* by SOUR PATCH KIDS[®] Candy (Bad Bunny); *Santa's Sleigh* (Santa Claus); *Shimmer and Shine* by Nickelodeon (Ally Brooke); *Snoopy's Doghouse* by Peanuts Worldwide; *Tom Turkey*; and *Universal Playground* by Universal Kids (Brynn Cartelli).

Returning for a second year is a special float that will commemorate the season through an original holiday song celebrating togetherness and the magic of believing. The *Macy's Singing Christmas Tree* by Delta Air Lines will feature the voices of more than 100 Macy's colleagues and friends from Delta hailing from across the nation and the world.

STRIKE UP THE BAND AND DANCE

Marching bands are a longtime fan favorite element. In 2018, 12 of the nation's finest marching bands will ignite coast-to-coast excitement and hometown pride as they step off and perform on the streets of the Big Apple. This year's bands include Cicero-North Syracuse High School Northstars Marching Band (Cicero, New York), Grants Pass High School Marching Band and Color Guard (Grants Pass, Oregon), Homewood Patriot Band (Homewood, Alabama), James Madison University Royal Dukes (Harrisonburg, Virginia), Keller High School Marching Band (Keller, Texas), Lafayette High School Mighty Lion Marching Band (Lafayette, Louisiana), The Ohio State University Marching Band (Columbus, Ohio), Park Vista High School Marching Band (Lake Worth, Florida), Riverside City College Marching Tigers (Riverside, California), Woodland High School Wildcat Marching Band (Cartersville, Georgia), Macy's Great American Marching Band (United States) and the NYPD Marching Band (New York, NY).

Rounding out the live entertainment are the Parade's signature large performance groups. Joining the line-up this year are the teen dancers and cheerleaders of *Spirit of America Dance Stars* and *Spirit of America Cheer*. These groups together feature more than 1,100 of the very best performers recruited from hometowns nationwide. Days before Thanksgiving, they will gather for the first time in New York City to rehearse their numbers as a group, ahead of their once-in-a-lifetime national spotlight. Adding a little glamour to the dancefloor will be the *Fred Astaire Dance Studios*, a specialty group made up of 60 ballroom dancers, and bringing wacky fun will be the stars of the *Big Apple Circus*. Finally, joining select talent performances will be the *Manhattan Youth Ballet*, and *Westchester Dance Artists*.

A NATIONAL SPECTACLE

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the nation's biggest and most anticipated holiday celebration. Broadcast nationally on NBC, with millions of families nationwide tuning in to watch the excitement unfold, the TODAY Show's Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb and Al Roker will host the three-hour broadcast from 9 a.m. – noon (in all time zones).

On 34th Street, Broadway's best shows will take a star turn in front of Macy's famed flagship with special performances. In addition, the show-stopping Radio City Rockettes[®] will bring their signature high-kicking magic to Herald Square.

INTERACTIVE FUN

The Macy's Parade is always a unique multi-level, magical march that provides spectators with different experiences, whether they watch it on television with friends and family or scout the perfect spot on the route to watch it unfold live. For the third year, Macy's along with NBCUniversal and Verizon will give viewers an up close and personal second screen experience of the Parade with a 360-degree livestream on Verizon's YouTube page. The stream will go live a 9 a.m. EST at www.youtube.com/verizon and will run through noon EST.

The 92nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. from 77th Street and Central Park West. The procession will march to Columbus Circle, turn onto Central Park South and march down 6th Avenue/Avenue of the Americas. At 34th Street, the Parade will make its final turn west and end at 7th Avenue in front of Macy's Herald Square.

For an insider's look at the holiday procession, fans nationwide should visit macys.com/parade for regular updates including behind-the-scenes previews, interactive historical information, and more. Fans can also follow @macys on various social networks and join the conversation using #MacyParade.

This Thanksgiving, millions of spectators will be in for a spectacle to remember. The 92nd edition of Macy's Parade has been an almost two years in the making production, created through the hard work and dedication of Macy's colleagues along with thousands of their friends and family members. It's time for another dazzling celebration ... in 5,4,3,2,1...Let's Have a Parade!

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