

HO HO HO! THE NORTH POLE CHRONICLES



A VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION **By Pat Cook**

Ho, ho, ho! Join the host of The North Pole Chronicles for this special online show that reveals many behind-the-scenes secrets about Santa's operations at the North Pole. We start with a press conference to answer questions about the jolly guy, then meet the elves who care for the reindeer and the elves who work the gift suggestion hotline. But the biggest mystery is where has Mrs. Claus disappeared to. Find out in a surprising ending that will leave a smile on everyone's face.

Co-directed by Samantha Kempf and Mackenna Kofahl

How to Audition: By Friday October 23rd at 3pm est.

Submit 1-3 minute recorded monologue with contact info and head shot via google form below. Sample monologues that may be used are also posted below. Head shots can be a simple cell phone selfie, no need for a professional photo.

First read through with all cast: Tuesday October 27th at 6pm. You will receive the zoom and payment links in your welcome email. There is a \$25 participation fee per person with a family max of \$100 if cast in the show. Script will be emailed once payment has been made.

Show will be recorded via zoom on December 12th at 6pm and then released to Social Media by 7pm on December 13th. Suggested viewing donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Monologues that may be used for auditioning, choose only one.

Number 1

HOST: We all know what that sound of jingling sleigh bells means. It has brought joy and happiness to millions of children over the years. They know that wonderful ringing means Santa Claus is on his way. You remember it, don't you? It's Christmas Eve, and you're supposed to be in bed... but you can't even think of sleeping, knowing that ol' St. Nicholas is due at any minute. Did you ever think about how he gets ready for that night visit? And just who helps him? Tonight on this special livestream edition of The North Pole Chronicles, we're live at the North Pole and going behind the scenes to meet some of the people and elves who prepare everything for "The Night Before Christmas." We all have lots of questions about Santa Claus and his operations, and tonight we're going to get some answers. We're in luck! What better way to begin than with live coverage of Santa's press conference? Let's listen in.

Number 2

SECRETARY: Good evening. I trust you all have been good little girls and boys this year. After all, the Chief knows who's been naughty and who's been nice. Now, I'll read a brief statement after which I'll answer a few questions. "For many, many years now, Santa has received letters detailing lists of toys the children want. More and more, however, children are also asking questions which, as you may well imagine, Mr. C. just doesn't have time to properly answer. It is in that spirit that the Chief thought this press conference might alleviate some of that backlog." So now I'll take the first question. One at a time. Yes, you.

Number 3

HOST: Welcome back to this special edition of The North Pole Chronicles, live from the North Pole. That press conference really didn't end as well as we could have hoped, I suppose. However, while we're on the subject of Santa's reindeer, now would be a good time to see just who takes care of them. Santa and Mrs. Claus themselves handpicked this team of elves, and they take very good care of Santa's reindeer. And, wow, believe it or not, we're just in time to see one of their drills. And, of course, to have a proper drill, you need a drill sergeant.

Characters

HOST/sHead spokesperson/people of The North Pole Chronicles

The Press Conference

PRESS SECRETARYSanta's long-suffering spokesperson

REPORTER ONEat the press conference

REPORTER TWOanother

REPORTER THREEanother

REPORTER FOURanother

Who Takes Care of Santa's Reindeer?

SANTA CLAUSthe big gift giver

EENYelf in charge of Dasher Dancer

MEENYelf in charge of Prancer and Vixen

MINEYelf in charge of Comet and Cupid

SOLelf in charge of Donner and Blitzen

SARGEhard-nosed elf drill sergeant

Snow News Is Good News

GLADYS SNOWINGall-knowing editor of The Snow News

On-the-Street Interviews

BETTYtired mother

MERVconfused father

MATILDABritish shopper

FLOMatilda's friend and fellow shopper

MRS. CLAUSSanta's loving wife, reveals a holiday secret.

North Pole Hotline

CLEOelf who works the gift hotline

FIONACleo's friend, also works the hotline