

ALL AGE CHRISTMAS SCRIPT



STRICTLY CHRISTMAS

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Characters

- + Sir Bertie Charmer (BC) - Presenter
- + Jess Weekly (JW) - Presenter

- + Jack Frost (JF) - Judge
- + Edward Elf (Eddie) (EE) - Judge
- + Raphael Divine (Raffa) (RD) - Judge

Contestants:

- + Strictly Festivity (SF) - A Christmas fan
- + Strictly Charity (SC) - A Trio of SA Collectors
- + Strictly Nativity (SN) - Twinkle Star

Nativity Tableau

- + Mary
- + Joseph
- + Donkey
- + Angel Gabriel and Angels
- + Star

SCENE 1

'Strictly' theme music - enter Presenters

- BC Good evening, Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls - welcome to *Strictly Christmas*. Nice to see you, to see you ... (*audience response 'Nice!'*)
- JW Yes, indeed. Welcome to our *Strictly Christmas* special. I'm Jess Weekly, your hostess for the evening.
- BC And I'm Sir Bertie Charmer - your host full of wit and wisdom!
- JW And modest to a fault as well, Bertie!
- BC Why, thank you, Jess ... I'm so glad you've noticed!
- JW We are privileged to have some very special guests here today, and all of you are most welcome.
- BC But before we can go any further with this *Strictly* extravaganza, there are three more important people that we need to welcome to the proceedings, and that is our *Strictly Christmas* judges.



JW Yes, our specially selected panel of judges are experts in the field of celebrating Christmas. So please give a very warm welcome to Jack Frost, Edward Elf and Raphael Divine.



'Strictly' theme plays - enter judges - shake hands with presenters and then take places

BC We are so pleased to have such distinguished judges here with us on *Strictly Christmas* tonight. Perhaps you could introduce yourselves and tell our audience what you will be looking for from our *Strictly* contestants this evening?

JF Yo, dudes - my name is Jack Frost and I'm a cool character! I will be looking for that unique Christmas sparkle that you always find whenever I am around.

EE Greetings - I'm Edward Elf - Yule Eddie to my friends. As Chief Elf in Santa's workshop I am an expert in all things Christmassy and I will be keen to see a magical touch in tonight's performances.

RD Divine - Raphael Divine - by Celestial Appointment and your Head Judge here tonight. It falls upon me to ensure that the proceedings this evening are just simply divine!

JW Wow - we are so delighted to have such an awesome panel of judges overseeing this *Strictly Christmas* special and we look forward to hearing your expert comments throughout the night. Now, without further ado, let's get on with the show.

SCENE 2

BC Now it's time to introduce our first official contestant on *Strictly Christmas* this evening. Please put your hands together to welcome *Strictly Festivity*!

'Strictly' theme music - enter Strictly Festivity - dressed glamorously, draped with tinsel and carrying large shopping bags!

JW Wowiee - *Strictly Festivity* - welcome to the show. You look amazing!

SF Why, thank you, Jess - just a little something I put together to make sure I looked strictly festive.

BC Well, indeed you do - very seasonal, I must say. Are you ready to perform for us this evening? (*SF nods*) Then the stage is all yours.

SF (*Tune: 'Hernando's Hideaway'*)

I love to dance at Christmas time,
To feast and drink is just sublime.
To shop all day I'm in my prime -
It's just what Christmas means to me!



To decorate the Christmas tree,
And eat mince pies that are tasty,
To celebrate with family -
It's just what Christmas means to me!



Come share with me in festive cheer
From Advent through to the New Year.
We'll have such fun it won't be drear,
'Cos I'm Strictly Festivity!

- BC What a dazzling performance, Strictly Festivity - you've certainly wowed us all. I was afraid with all your decorations you might have gone overboard and ended up suffering from tinsel-itus!
- JW Oh Bertie ...! Let's go straight to our judging panel to hear what they have to say.
- JF You certainly look the part and I love a good time at Christmas. In fact, I'm usually the first one to throw a snow ball. But I'm afraid I have to say that for me there was only a sprinkle of sparkle in the performance. Overall it felt a little cold.
- EE I totally disagree! Strictly Festivity, you are an inspiration! You sound to me like you've got Christmas all wrapped up - great parties, lots of food and shop until you drop. What more could anyone want for their Christmas celebrations?
- RD Well, I certainly want more! I do enjoy a good party, and I especially like the company of a lady or three. But there was just something lacking in it all for me. It was OK, but I was only shaken and not stirred!
- BC So you've heard what our judges think. But I agree with Eddie - it was an outstanding performance, Strictly Festivity. How did it feel for you?
- SF I was really happy with how it went. I felt I gave it my best shot, and I'm sure people will agree with me that the fun of the festivities we enjoy are so Strictly Christmas.
- JW Well, ladies and gentlemen, let's go back to our judges for the scores.
- JF Insufficient sparkle for me - 7.
- EE A truly festive fun fanatic - 9.
- RD Not stirring enough - 6.
- JW That means, Strictly Festivity, you have scored 22 - a great start to our competition this evening.
- BC Yes, well done, Strictly Festivity! Ladies and gentlemen, let's hear it one more time for Strictly Festivity!

Exit Strictly Festivity

SCENE 3



BC Welcome back to this Strictly Christmas spectacular - we hope you are enjoying the show.

JW It's now time for our second contestants of the evening. Please put your hands together and welcome to the stage - Strictly Charity.

'Strictly' theme music - enter Strictly Charity - a trio of Salvationists with collecting boxes

BC Now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm sure you will agree this is a sight that warms the hearts of us all at Christmas.

JW Oooh, yes - we all love a man in a uniform, don't we?

BC Calm down there, Jess! You're making these contestants blush!

JW Sorry, Bertie. Don't know what came over me! Now, Strictly Charity - what can we expect from your contribution to the show?

SC1 We're all about the giving at Christmas.

SC2 But not the giving of presents like Strictly Festivity - rather the value of giving to good causes.

SC3 Yes. We know that there's a cost-of-living crisis, and that things are financially tighter for everyone, but we still believe it's important to encourage people to give to those in need this Christmas.

BC Well, that's all excellent, Strictly Charity. So let's all see now if you sound as good as your intentions. Please take it away.

SC *(Tune: Blue Danube)*

At Christmas it's time to give and share,
To show the whole world how much you care,
Not only to those who love you dear,
But many who live both far and near.
You may think you haven't got that much,
Yet when you give - a life you'll touch.
So share with me - blessed you'll be
Giving Strictly Charity!

(Musical interlude with movement!)

Each penny or pound - *Shake boxes in rhythm*
That by you is found -
May help girls and boys -
Receive Christmas toys -



A hamper of food -
For families is good -
So join with me - blessed you'll be
Giving Strictly Charity!



- JW Oh my goodness, Strictly Charity, you really are great movers and shakers - and all for such a good cause.
- BC Well, we don't have to ask what you think of Strictly Charity, do we Jess? But I think we should head straight back to our judges to hear their opinion.
- JF Sweet Charity - you boys are too cool this Yule! I like the sound of all that giving to others at Christmas. It makes me feel all warm inside - which is very unusual for this cool customer.
- EE What a load of sentimental nonsense! Unfortunately, I think people today are far more interested in what they are getting for Christmas than in giving to charity. I'm not saying I agree with them, but if you're after the popular vote you may have to dig a bit deeper.
- RD I agree with Jack on this one. Haven't you heard, Eddie, that it's better to give than to receive? Surely you know that in your line of work! Strictly Charity, your performance was simply brilliant - well done!
- JW Thank you, judges, for your critique. How did you feel about your performance, Strictly Charity?
- SC1 I think it was a 'generous' performance!
- BC Ha ha ... but I'll do the jokes, thank you - a generous performance indeed!
- JW Well I loved it!
- BC So we are all well aware, thank you, Jess! Let's now go back to our judges to hear their scores for Strictly Charity.
- JF As I said before - Strictly Charity, you are too cool this Yule - 9!
- EE A sweet sentiment but not everyone will go for it - 7.
- RD Charming champions of charity - 9.
- BC Strictly Charity, that puts you in the lead tonight with a total score of 25. Ladies and gentlemen, please give it up - and give generously - for Strictly Charity.

Exit Strictly Charity

SCENE 4

- JW I don't know about you, Bertie, but I'm really enjoying our *Strictly Christmas* show.
- BC Yes, me too, Jess - a taste of Christmas for everyone, I think.

JW Did I mention that I really loved those Strictly Charity boys?

BC Just once or ten times, Jess! But we still have one more act to see this evening. So, ladies and gentlemen, please will you welcome to the stage our final performance - Strictly Nativity.



‘Strictly’ theme music - enter, a little hesitantly, Strictly Nativity ‘Twinkle Star’

JW Hello there! Don’t be nervous - we are all very friendly here.

SN Sorry. I’m not used to being on my own - I’m usually part of a constellation.

BC So you’re a real star then, Strictly Nativity?

SN Indeed I am - my friends call me Twinkle.

JW And why have you entered this *Strictly Christmas* competition then, Twinkle?

SN I was sent to share the true meaning of Christmas - not just Festivity or even Charity, but Nativity.

BC Right - I see. Well, the stage is all yours, Twinkle. Please give it up for Strictly Nativity!

SN moves into position. Nativity scene to form up as Twinkle sings.

SN *‘It was on a starry night’ (Latin style)*

It was on a starry night
When the hills were bright,
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still.
Then in a cattle shed,
In a manger bed
A boy was born, King of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him,
The bells of Heaven rang for him,
For a boy was born, King of all the world.
And all the angels sang for him,
The bells of Heaven rang for him,
For a boy was born, King of all the world.*

Soon the shepherds came that way
Where the baby lay
And were kneeling, kneeling by his side.
And their hearts believed again
For the peace of men,
For a boy was born, King of all the world.

BC I’m not sure what I can say after such a shining performance, so I think we should go straight to our expert panel of judges for their comments.

- JF You certainly shone brightly, Twinkle - everything sparkled! Strictly Nativity, you are such a beautiful star!
- EE I have to agree with you there, Jack. It was a magical performance in every way and I just loved it.
- RD Simple and yet divine - a heart-stirring reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. I cannot thank you enough for such a heavenly performance.
- JW Wow! What great comments from our judges. It's a very long time since I've heard them all agree like that.
- BC Strictly Nativity, you have got us all lost for words. So let's go back to the judges for their scores.
- JF A dazzling performance - 10!
- EE A magical moment - 10!
- RD Out of this world - 10!
- JW That's a maximum score of 30 for Strictly Nativity. And that means that you are our *Strictly Christmas* Champion. Congratulations!
- BC Commiserations, though, to both Strictly Festivity and Strictly Charity - you were all fantastic. But yes, Strictly Nativity, well done - you are our winner. How does that make you feel?
- SN Well, it isn't really about me. I'm not the true star at Christmas at all. As the song reminded us, it's all about Jesus - born King of all the world, and we can enjoy Festivity and support Charity even more when we know that he alone is the reason for the season.
- JW That indeed is a timely reminder for us all, Twinkle - thank you.
- BC And now, all that's left for us to do is to wish you all a very Strictly Christmas. And as you celebrate the One born King of all the world, to join with us and Twinkle as we ...
- JW,
BC &
SN Keep shining!



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