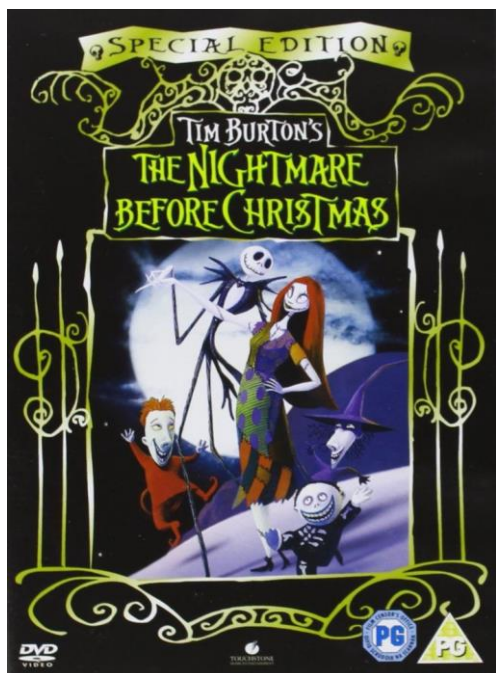


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Nightmare Before Christmas**




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The Nightmare Before Christmas	
	
Original theatrical release poster	
Directed by	Henry Selick
Screenplay by	Caroline Thompson
Adaptation by	Michael McDowell
Story by	Tim Burton
Produced by	Tim Burton Denise Di Novi
Starring	Danny Elfman Chris Sarandon Catherine O'Hara William Hickey Glenn Shadix Paul Reubens Ken Page Ed Ivory
Cinematography	Pete Kozachik
Edited by	Stan Webb
Music by	Danny Elfman
Production companies	Touchstone Pictures ^[note 1] Skellington Productions ^[2]
Distributed by	Buena Vista Pictures Distribution ^[2]
Release dates	October 9, 1993 (New York Film Festival) October 13, 1993 (limited) October 29, 1993 (United States)
Running time	76 minutes ^[3]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$24 million ^[4]
Box office	\$101.2 million ^[5]

Information

Release Title: **The Nightmare Before Christmas**- 25th November 1994
(United Kingdom)

Publication:

Origin: United States

Release date: United States, – 09th October 1993 (New York, Film Festival)

AKA: Also known as: The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney Digital 3-D

Genres: Animation, Family, Fantasy

Disc Nos. 1

Certification: PG

Duration: 1hr 16m

Region Code:

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Languages: English

Filming locations: Skellington Productions - 375 7th Street, San Francisco, California, USA (Studio, demolished in 1998)

Sound mix: Dolby Stereo, DTS

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1 2.35:1

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Storyline

Halloween Town is a fantasy world populated by various monsters and beings associated with the holiday ("This is Halloween"). Jack Skellington, the well-respected "Pumpkin King," leads the town in organizing the annual Halloween celebrations. Unknown to the citizens, however, he is bored with the same annual routine and wants to try something new ("Jack's Lament"). While wandering in the woods the next morning, he encounters several trees containing doors, which lead to other holiday-themed worlds (Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Independence Day, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day). He stumbles through the door leading to Christmas Town, whose bright colours and cheerful atmosphere contrast sharply with the funereal Halloween Town, and quickly falls in love with the new and exciting holiday ("What's This").

An awestruck Jack returns home to share his discovery with his friends and neighbours. They relate to Christmas Town's ruler, Santa Claus (whom Jack mistakenly calls "Sandy Claws"), but are unfamiliar with the concept of Christmas and conflate its customs with the Halloween traditions that they are used to ("Town Meeting Song"). Frustrated, Jack isolates himself in his house and studies Christmas further, intent upon finding a way to rationally explain it ("Jack's Obsession"). When days of study and experimentation accomplish nothing, however, Jack abandons his attempts to understand Christmas and decides to "improve" the holiday instead.

Jack announces that Halloween Town will take over Christmas this year and assigns Christmas-themed jobs, such as singing carols, making presents ("Making Christmas") and building a sleigh pulled by skeletal reindeer, to various residents. Sally, a feminine creation of local mad scientist Doctor Finkelstein, experiences a vision of a burning Christmas tree and warns that their efforts will end disastrously. Jack, whom she secretly loves, dismisses her warnings and instructs her to make a Santa Claus suit for him. He also tasks a mischievous trick-or-treating trio named Lock, Stock and Barrel with abducting Santa ("Kidnap the Sandy Claws"); however, he orders the youngsters not to involve Oogie Boogie, a bogeyman with a passion for gambling, in their plot.

When Lock, Stock and Barrel bring Santa to Halloween Town (after mistakenly kidnapping the Easter Bunny first), Jack tells Santa that he will take care of Christmas this year and orders the trio to keep Santa safe. However, they disobey Jack's orders and bring Santa to Oogie, who plots to play a game with Santa's life at stake ("Oogie Boogie's Song"). Meanwhile, despite her best efforts, Sally is unable to stop Jack from proceeding with his plan ("Sally's Song"). As Jack departs to deliver presents in the real world, she attempts to rescue Santa, only to be captured by Oogie.

Unknown to Jack at first, his presents terrorize the real world's populace, who contact the authorities and lock down their homes for protection. When word spreads about Jack's actions, he is shot down by military forces, causing him to crash in a cemetery. While the residents of Halloween Town believe him to be dead, Jack survives. He bemoans the disaster that he has caused ("Poor Jack") and realizes that, even though he never intended to frighten anybody, he enjoys his newfound methods of scaring people. This reignites his love for Halloween, but before he can start making plans for next Halloween, he must first fix the mess that he has made of Christmas.

Upon returning home, Jack rescues Santa and Sally, then confronts Oogie and unravels the thread holding his cloth form together. The bugs inside the cloth spill into a furnace, reducing Oogie to nothing. Jack then apologizes to Santa, who scolds him for the chaos that he caused and for ignoring Sally's warnings. As Santa departs, however, both he and Sally assure Jack that the holiday can still be saved.

Santa replaces Jack's presents with real ones, while the citizens of Halloween Town celebrate their Pumpkin King's survival and return ("Finale / Reprise"). To fulfil Jack's original dream and assure him that there are no hard feelings between them, Santa brings a snowfall to Halloween Town, thereby bringing the Christmas spirit to that domain. The citizens finally realize the true meaning of Christmas, while Jack and Sally declare their love for each other and share a kiss.

Quick Storyline: Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king of Halloween Town, is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town, and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween Town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween -- but alas, they can't get it quite right. — Jon Reeves <jreeves@imdb.com>

Cast

Voice cast

Main article: List of The Nightmare Before Christmas characters

The voices for Jack Skellington's spoken lines and Sally were respectively provided by Sarandon and O'Hara.

Chris Sarandon (speaking voice) and Danny Elfman (singing voice) as Jack Skellington, a skeleton known as the "Pumpkin King" of Halloween Town. Elfman was initially cast as Jack's singing voice and, after the songs were recorded, Sarandon was cast to match Elfman's voice style.

Elfman also voices:

Barrel, one of the trick-or-treaters working for Oogie Boogie.

The Clown with the Tear-Away Face, a self-described clown who rides a unicycle.

Catherine O'Hara as Sally, a rag doll/Frankenstein's monster-like creation of Finkelstein and Jack's love interest. She is a toxicologist who uses various types of poison to liberate herself from the captivity of her "father." She is also psychic and has premonitions when anything bad is about to happen. O'Hara had previously co-starred in Burton's Beetlejuice.

O'Hara also voices Shock, one of the trick-or-treaters working for Oogie Boogie.

William Hickey as Doctor Finkelstein, a mad scientist and the loving but overbearing "father" of Sally. He is listed in the credits only as "Evil Scientist" and is only mentioned by name twice in the film.

Glenn Shadix as the Mayor of Halloween Town, an enthusiastic leader who conducts town meetings. His head spins between a "happy" and "sad" face, mirroring his wild mood swings; where some career politicians are described as figuratively two-faced, the mayor is literally so. Shadix and Burton had previously worked on Beetlejuice.

Ken Page as Oogie Boogie, a villainous bogeyman in Halloween Town, who has a passion for gambling and rivalry with Jack.

Ed Ivory as Santa Claus, the ruler of Christmas Town. Santa is responsible for the annual celebration of Christmas, in which he delivers presents to children in the real world. He is also referred to by Jack and Halloween Town's residents as "Sandy Claws." Ivory also provides the brief narration at the start of the film.

Joe Ranft as Igor, one of Dr Finkelstein's creations and his lab assistant.

Paul Reubens as Lock, one of the trick-or-treaters working for Oogie Boogie. Reubens and Burton had previously worked on Pee-wee's Big Adventure and Batman Returns.

The cast also features Kerry Katz, Carmen Twillie, Randy Crenshaw, Lisa Donovan Lukas, Debi Durst, Glenn Walters, Sherwood Ball, John Morris and Greg Proops voicing various characters. Patrick Stewart recorded narration for a prologue and epilogue. While not used in the final film, the narration is included on the soundtrack album. ^{Wiki}

Parental Guidance

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G Brazil:Livre Bulgaria:B Canada:PG (Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario) Canada:G (Manitoba, Québec, Saskatchewan) Czechia:U Egypt:Not Rated Finland:K-10 France:Tous publics Germany:6 Hong Kong:IIA Hungary:KN Iceland:L Iceland:L (original rating) Iceland:LH (video rating) India:U Indonesia:R Ireland:PG (re-rating, DVD) Ireland:12RA (video rating) Israel:12 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:AL New Zealand:G Norway:11 Norway:9 Peru:Apt Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:0 (self-applied) Portugal:M/6 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG South Africa:10 (M) South Korea:12 (original rating) South Korea:All (2006, re-rating) Spain:7 Sweden:11 Taiwan:0+ Turkey:G United Kingdom:PG United States:PG (pca #32683) Ukraine:ZA United Arab Emirates:PG (self-applied) Vietnam:P

Sex & Nudity – None, **Violence & Gore** - Mild , **Profanity**- None, **Alcohol, drugs & Smoking**- None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Moderate

MPAA Rated PG for some scary images



