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Title: **Santa Claus** — Dudley Moore

[1 Disc]

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Information

Release Title: **Santa Claus** 29th November 1985 (United Kingdom)

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Countries of origin: United Kingdom, United States, Netherlands

Release date: United States, – 27th November 1985

AKA: Also known as: Santa Claus: The Movie

Genres: Adventure, Family, Fantasy

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Certification: U

Duration: 1h 47m

Region Code:

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Languages: English

Filming Locations: Albert R. Broccoli 007 Stage, Pinewood Studios, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, England, UK (Studio, interiors: Santa's workshop)

Sound mix: Dolby Stereo, Dolby Digital

Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1

Santa Claus: The Movie

SEEING IS BELIEVING



Theatrical release poster by Bob Peak

Directed by	Jeannot Szwarc
Screenplay by	David Newman
Story by	David Newman Leslie Newman
Produced by	Pierre Spengler Ilya Salkind
Starring	Dudley Moore John Lithgow David Huddleston Judy Cornwell Burgess Meredith
Cinematography	Arthur Ibbetson
Edited by	Peter Hollywood
Music by	Henry Mancini (Score) Leslie Bricusse (Lyrics)
Production companies	Santa Claus Productions Ltd. ^[1] Calash Corporation N.V.
Distributed by	TriStar Pictures ^[2] (United States) Rank Film Distributors (United Kingdom) ^[3]
Release date	November 27, 1985
Running time	108 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom United States
Language	English
Budget	\$30–50 million
Box office	\$23.7 million

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Storyline

In the Middle Ages, a woodcutter named Claus delivers hand-carved toys to the children of his village each Christmas, accompanied by his wife Anya and their reindeer Donner and Blitzen. Caught in a blizzard, they are saved by elves and taken to their magical workshop at the North Pole. Lead elf Dooley explains that their coming was prophesied; that it is Claus' destiny to deliver the toys made by the elves to the children of the world; and that they, like the elves, will live forever. The following Christmas Eve, the oldest elf dubs Claus "Santa Claus" and explains that the night will last as long as it takes for him to deliver toys to every child on Earth. Donner and Blitzen join six other reindeer and are fed hay sprinkled with magical powder that enables them to fly, pulling Santa's sleigh through the air. As the centuries pass, much of the mythology and traditions surrounding Santa Claus develop.

By the late 20th century Santa is exhausted by his ever-growing workload, and Anya suggests that he enlist an assistant. Two elves compete for the position: Puffy, who follows traditional toymaking methods, and Patch, who has many ideas for modernization. Patch wins by designing a machine to increase production through automation, but unbeknownst to him it begins to malfunction and produce shoddy toys. In New York City Santa befriends homeless orphan boy Joe and takes him for a ride in his sleigh. They unsuccessfully attempt the "Super Duper Looper", a vertical loop manoeuvre which always fails due to Donner's acrophobia. They also meet wealthy orphan girl Cornelia, who befriends Joe.

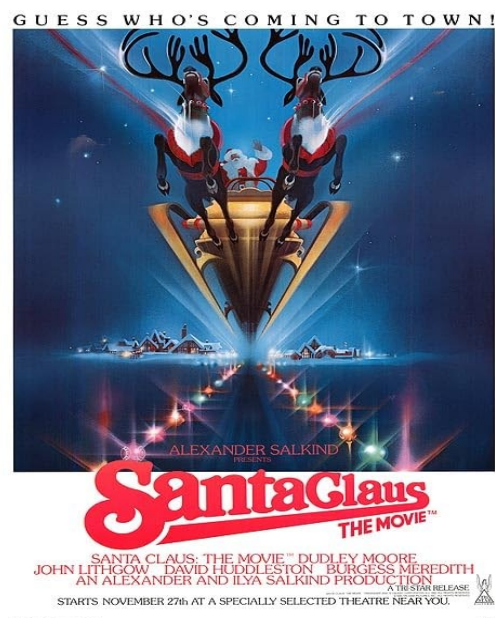
When the toys produced by Patch's machine fall apart on Christmas Day, he resigns in disgrace and leaves the North Pole, winding up in New York City. Meanwhile, the B.Z. Toy Company, run by Cornelia's unscrupulous step-uncle B.Z., is facing shutdown by the government for producing unsafe toys. Seeing the company's toys being pulled from a storefront, Patch mistakenly thinks they are very popular and approaches B.Z. about a job. Hoping to redeem himself in Santa's eyes, he creates lollipops laced with the magic powder that allows the reindeer to fly, and a flying car which he uses to deliver them to the world's children on Christmas Eve. The lollipops allow people to fly, making them an instant sensation and leaving Santa feeling obsolete and disheartened. B.Z. convinces Patch to strengthen the formula and put it in candy canes, planning to launch his own holiday on March 25th called "Christmas 2".

Cornelia and Joe overhear B.Z. plotting to oust Santa as the figurehead of Christmas, and Joe is captured. Cornelia further overhears B.Z.'s assistant, Towzer, share his discovery that the candy canes explode when exposed to extreme heat. B.Z. plans to take Towzer and their money and flee to Brazil, letting Patch take the fall for their dangerous product. Cornelia writes to Santa, who rushes to help despite two of his reindeer being sidelined by illness. Patch finds Joe tied up in the toy factory and frees him. Seeing a wood carving resembling Patch that Santa made for Joe, Patch realizes that Santa misses him. He and Joe take off for the North Pole in his flying car with the candy canes loaded in the trunk, unaware that they are becoming unstable. Santa and Cornelia pursue in Santa's sleigh; as the car explodes, they successfully perform the Super-Duper Looper, saving Joe and Patch. The police, alerted by Cornelia, have arrested Towzer and Grizzard, and attempt to arrest B.Z., but he eats several of the magic candy canes and jumps out a window, only to float upward uncontrollably.

Santa agrees to let Joe and Cornelia live at his workshop. As they celebrate with the elves, B.Z. floats off into space.

Cast

Dudley Moore as Patch
John Lithgow as B.Z.
David Huddleston as Claus/Santa Claus
Burgess Meredith as the Ancient Elf
Judy Cornwell as Anya
Jeffrey Kramer as Towzer
Christian L Fitzpatrick as Joe
Carrie Kei Heim as Cornelia
John Barrard as Dooley
Anthony O'Donnell as Puffy
Aimée Delamain as a storyteller in Claus' village
Dorothea Phillips as Miss Tucker, Cornelia's nanny



John Hallam as Grizzard, B.Z.'s chauffeur
Judith Morse as Miss Abruzzi, who works for B.Z.
Jerry Harte as a Senate Chairman
Ian Wise as Salvation Army Bandsman (Central Park Scene)
Additional elves were played by Melvyn Hayes, Don Estelle, Tim Stern, Peter O'Farrell, and Christopher Ryan as Goober, Groot, Boog, Honka, Vout, and Goobler, respectively. Other minor roles were played by Paul Aspland, Sally Granfield, and Michael Drew as reporters; Walter Goodman as a street corner Santa; John Cassady as a wino; and Ronald Fernee and Michael Ross as policemen. [Wiki](#).

Parental Guidance

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G Brazil:Livre Bulgaria:B Finland:S France:Tous publics Hong Kong:I Iceland:L India:U Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Nigeria:G Norway:7 Portugal:M/6 Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG Sweden:Btl United Kingdom:U United Kingdom:PG United States:PG (certificate #27556) Ukraine:ZA Vietnam:P West Germany:0 (theatrical and VHS version, cut)

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

