

Christmas Set at Disneyland

"Fantasy of Parade," a national Christmas time tradition, will highlight Disneyland's biggest and most colorful holiday season with a record, 27 performances by more than 500 brightly costumed performers.

Premiering Saturday, Dec. 18 at 9 p.m., the gala procession will be presented daily through Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2.

Every facet of the Park's 15th annual Yule celebration — from the Main Street parades to the special guest entertainment — has been designed for the entire family.

Bigger than ever, "Fantasy on Parade" magically brings to life all-time Walt Disney cartoon favorites, including Disneyland's most famous impresario, Mickey Mouse.

New to this year's pageant is ill-tempered King Lion, direct from the newest Disney full-length film, "Bedknobs and Broomsticks." He will be accompanied by an entourage of his fanciful jungleland subjects.

That same magic puts into motion giant teacups, serving up a taste of "Alice in Wonderland," and the land-roving nonsensical tugboat, Little Toot.

The star of any Christmas parade, Santa Claus, will make his triumphant journey down Main Street aboard a toy-laden sleighing.

St. Nick's helpers from the North Pole will flank the float while eight ridiculous reindeer, dancing Christmas trees, and corps of toy soldiers from "Babes in Toyland" herald Santa's grand entrance.

Following its popular tradition, "Fantasy on Parade" will be launched again this year by the Candlelight Caroling Ceremony, presented by more than 1,000 blended choir voices.

This stirring production, complete with the narration of the First Christmas by a prominent motion picture personality, will be offered two evenings only, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19 at 6 p.m. The parade will follow at 9 both evenings.

The only exception during that period will be Wednesday, Dec. 8, when the Park will open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. for Catholic Schools Day.

Disneyland will open daily from 9 a.m. until midnight from

only on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, as well as Jan. 2.

Also on tap during the holiday season is a wide array of live entertainment, included in the regular main gate admission price.

Ballroom dancing to the music of Bob Crosby and his Big Band, featuring the Bobcats, will be offered nightly from Dec. 26-30 in Plaza Gardens.

Tomorrowland Terrace will be the holiday season home for some of the best of today's young talent, including Hamilton, Joe Frank and Reynolds of "Don't Pull Your Love" and "Annabella" fame, who will answer nightly curtain calls from Dec. 18-23.

Following this act will be talented Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, who will exhibit their distinctive style for dancing and listening each evening from Dec. 26-30.

For the entire family, a fast-paced musical stage revue has been conceived for the holidays by the Disneyland Entertainment Division for daily presentation on Tomorrowland Stage from Dec. 18 to Jan. 2.

Climaxing the gala Yule celebration will be the Park's annual New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31 featuring top-name talent and a colorful Midnight Spectacular. Party hours are 8:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. with one ticket serving as entree to all special entertainment areas and for unlimited use of all attractions.

The parade of holiday entertainment specials concludes the next evening, Jan. 1, with the Teen Salute Show starring rock recording groups The "Raiders" with Paul Revere and Mark Lindsay, and "Dawn" with singer Tony Orlando.

Through Friday, Dec. 17, Disneyland will operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and close Mondays and Tuesdays.

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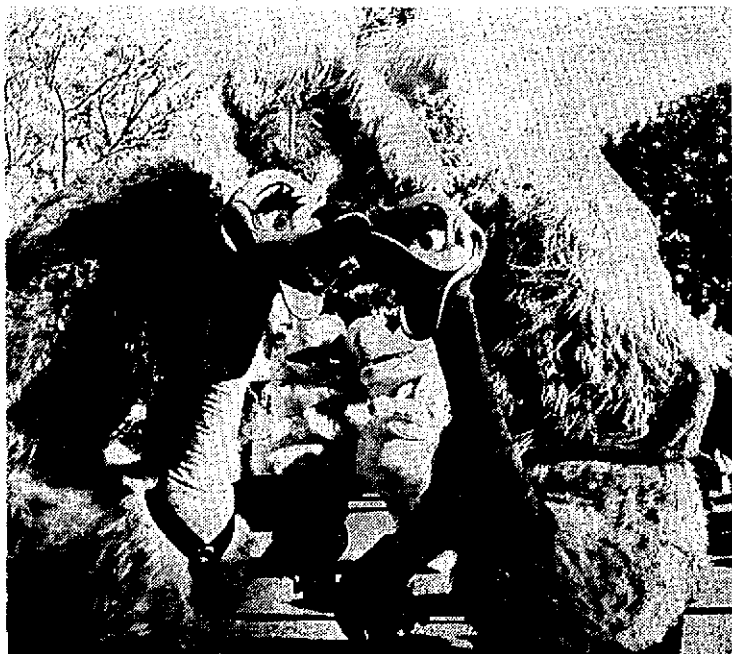


Mickey Mouse and Old Saint Nick take time from a busy holiday schedule to read a fairy tale to young Disneyland guests in the forecourt of Sleeping Beauty Castle.

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a.m. until midnight Dec. 26-30, and from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Dec. 31 before reopening at 8:30 p.m. for the annual New Year's Eve Party.

Concluding the Holiday Schedule, Disneyland hours are 10 a.m. until midnight New Year's Day and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 2.



Walt Disney's immortal classic "Fantasia" comes to life during Disneyland's "Fantasy on Parade." Graceful ostriches and not-so-nimble hippos promenade along the parade route.



The vain Queen from the famous tale, "Snow White," is just one of more than 500 bewitching participants in Disneyland's "Fantasy on Parade."