

# CHRISTMAS LIES

Welcome to Hollywood!

It is award night and Tom Speed's latest film, *Christmas Confidential*, has just swept the board and won four "Santas" for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director and Best Screenplay. Sadly, Tom Speed's award for Best Actor was accepted posthumously by his friend, Hayden Vicars, as Tom was killed in a driving accident late last night...

Despite this note of sadness, celebrations are in full swing at the *Christmas Confidential* post-award party. Deals are being cut for future productions and everyone is having a good time enjoying the atmosphere and mingling with Hollywood's movers and shakers.

Is there anything suspicious about Tom Speed's death? Who will win next year's Santas? Find out at *Christmas Lies*.

In *Christmas Lies*, not everyone is as they seem – some have dark secrets they need to keep hidden . . . and someone is the murderer.

All those invited to *Christmas Lies* are given a character. As they arrive they are greeted by the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies (MC), and welcomed to the party. Each character has goals and objectives that they must complete before the end of the evening. The characters have various skills and abilities that will help them uncover secrets and achieve their goals.

Players can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal items and even try to make the best movie for next year. Along the way they may solve some of *Christmas Lies*'s mysteries. What is the Post-Modern Freeform Movement up to? Who will get tickets to the charity ball? What *really* happened on the set of *Snow Business*? And of course, how did Tom Speed die? Find out in *Christmas Lies*.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

## **What do you get with *Christmas Lies*?**

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules, and special abilities.
- Item cards for each guest
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

## **How many people are needed for *Christmas Lies*?**

*Christmas Lies* has been written for 16 to 32 guests – plus one host (the game co-ordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 32 guests (you do need at least 16, however).

All the characters have been written so they are gender-neutral, so you can have any combination of male and female players.

And if you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *Christmas Lies* available on our website.

## **How does *Christmas Lies* work?**

*Christmas Lies* runs over the course of three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host takes the role of the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies (MC), and acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count towards the maximum or minimum number of players.

The guests are stars, producers and other Hollywood characters with their own goals. How they choose to achieve those goals is entirely up to them. *Christmas Lies* is an evening of blackmail and movies!

As the evening draws to a close next year's movies are acted out and the game ends. Then everyone has a chance to find out what was really going on!

## **Is *Christmas Lies* suitable for kids?**

Yes! *Christmas Lies* is suitable for kids aged 12 years and up.

# CHRISTMAS LIES – GAST LIST

**Morgan Beech:** Star of blockbuster movie *Christmas Confidential*. Morgan won critical plaudits for playing Kendall Nimitz, the victim’s partner. This was Morgan’s first major role in a movie.

**Detective Arden Chase:** One of Hollywood’s finest detectives, Detective Chase is well known to the movie community.

**Sam Cortinelli:** Sam Cortinelli is one of *Christmas Confidential*’s stunt doubles. Sam is rumored to have “family” connections.

**Mel Cutter:** Mel is the author of “Cutter’s Comments”, a notorious newspaper column in the *Hollywood News*. In the column, Mel described *Christmas Confidential* as “limp and tired” and accused Tom Speed of “having all the charisma of a fishbowl”. Mel is a regular feature at post-award parties.

**Joss Dawson:** Joss has been in the business a long time, first as an actor and now as an agent.

**Luca Delmonico:** Luca is comes from a very wealthy family and

recently appeared in *The Night Before Christmas*.

**Ash d’Lessey:** *Christmas Confidential*’s director and winner of the Best Director award in this year’s Santa awards.

**Cass Dockery:** Cass works for a small independent movie financier, but is looking to break into acting.

**Lou Egan:** A respected Hollywood film director. Lou was the original director for *Christmas Confidential*, but was replaced by Ash d’Lessey.

**Eddie Flax:** Eddie is one of Hollywood’s many agents and does a lot of charity work.

**Terry Ford:** Terry has worked in over 100 movies, playing character roles. In *Christmas Confidential* Terry played “Hatch”, a bodyguard.

**Charlie Henderson-Plum:** Charlie played “Skipper Primley,” *Christmas Confidential*’s British villain.

**Claude Janvier:** Claude is a composer who recently wrote the music for Ash d’Lessey’s *The Last Noel*.

**Jam Lafayette:** Owner of the popular *Sacre Bleu!* restaurant and TV celebrity chef.

**Ronnie Manfred:** Ronnie is a character actor who often plays evil henchmen. Ronnie has had many different jobs before getting into acting.

**RT Markovitz:** Press photographer for *The Big Cheese*, a tabloid newspaper.

**Max McNab:** Max plays bit-parts and is struggling to get into the big time. In *Christmas Confidential* Max played “Cop in Elevator”.

**Evrin Meric:** Bit part actor with a minor role (“Cam Nightshade”) in *Christmas Confidential*. Evrin also works at the *Sacre Bleu* restaurant.

**Jules Milton:** Manager of Spangles Hotel, where the *Christmas Confidential* post-Santa party is being held. Six years ago, Jules was accused of a fire that burned down three sound stages.

**Ghana Moon:** Ghana is one of Hollywood’s most successful screenwriters, and won a Santa for *Christmas Confidential*.

**Bernie Newman:** Bernie has come to Hollywood to become a movie star.

**Nat Rankin:** Nat is a character actor who recently appeared in *The Night Before Christmas* as a villain – as usual.

**Hunter Sharp:** Hunter is an independent film producer/director

and directed last year’s award-winning *Under the Big Top*.

**Toy Shepherd:** Toy is a comedian from the East Coast and has suffered some bad luck lately.

**Jackie Simpson:** Jackie was originally signed up to act in *Christmas Confidential*, but was fired before filming started after Jackie and Tom Speed had a blazing row.

**Pip Slater:** Pip is one of Hollywood’s many agents and is looking to sign up more clients tonight.

**Val Taylor:** Val both acts and produces. Val was one of *Christmas Confidential* co-producers.

**Bobby Treveno:** Bobby is an entertainer of the old school and can dance, act and sing. However, Bobby’s career is in decline.

**Les Tytan:** Les is a mesmerist whose clients have included Charlie Henderson-Plum and Mel Cutter.

**CJ Vasquez:** One of *Christmas Confidential* co-producers and is keen to make more blockbusters.

**Hayden Vicars:** Hayden is co-producer of *Christmas Confidential*, and one of Tom Speed’s closest friends.

**Shelly Wells:** Shelly owns TrixieCorp, a large corporation that makes fast food and frozen dinners (among other things), but is now producing a movie.



### **Where can I purchase *Christmas Lies*?**

*Christmas Lies* is available from <http://www.freeformgames.com/> and costs \$49.99 (US dollars). We accept all major credit cards and Paypal.

When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away.

We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

### **What if I don't like *Christmas Lies*?**

We offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *Christmas Lies*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.

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