

# CHRISTMAS CONFIDENTIAL

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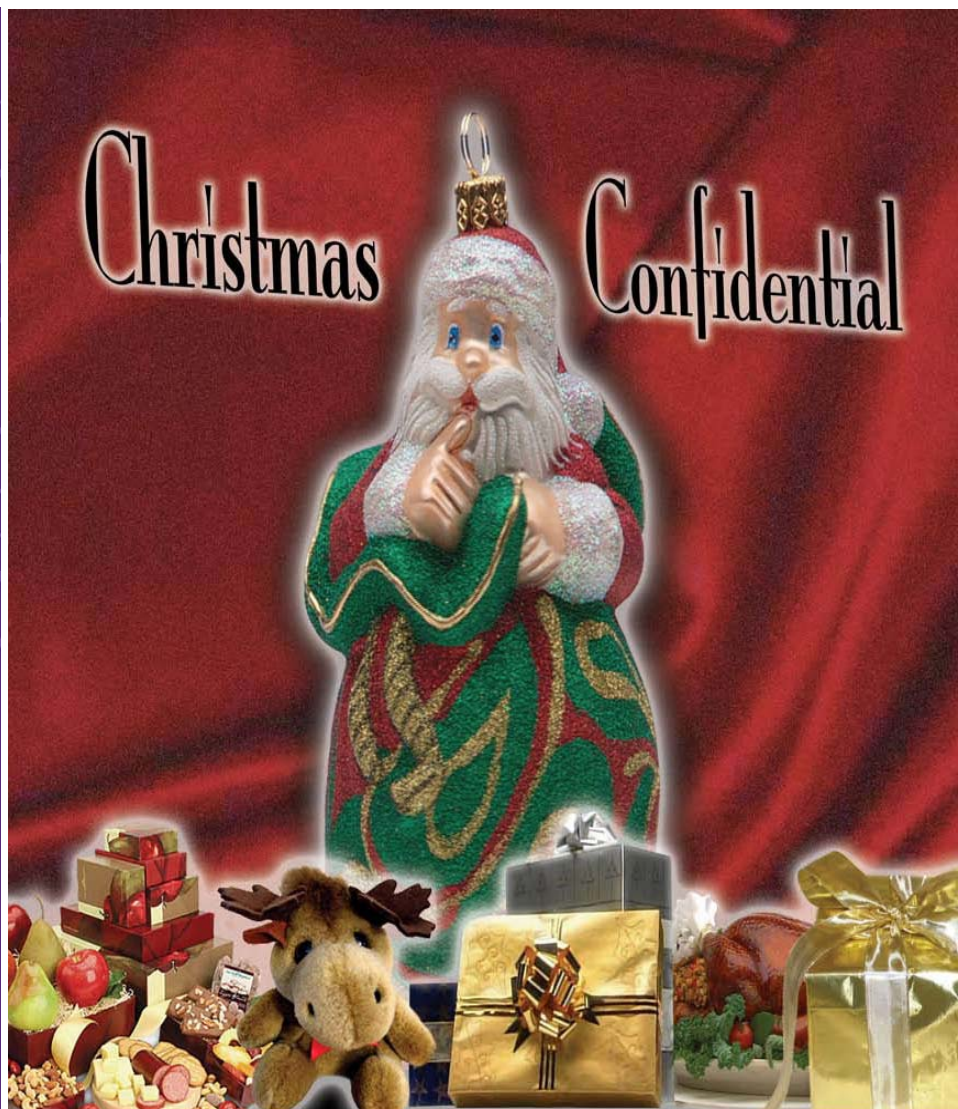
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**DURATION**

60 minutes



## The secret history of the world's most loved holiday!

### SYNOPSIS

Do you dream about Christmas all year round? Want to run with 5,000 Santas in Liverpool? Seen a macaw get ready for its close-up...in a red velvet furry hat? To find out more, this December instead of eggnog, try CHRISTMAS CONFIDENTIAL.

In the annals of recorded human civilization, no event in history has marshalled so many people, so much money, so many raw emotions, and so much industry to celebrate just one day. This is a tribute to those people who are passionate, engrossed, infatuated, obsessive and unabashedly in love with all things festive.

CHRISTMAS CONFIDENTIAL will take you on a journey to meet the most compelling aficionados of the season's celebration on the planet. For them it is not just a holiday...it's a way of life. And their Christmas season is a 365-day commitment.

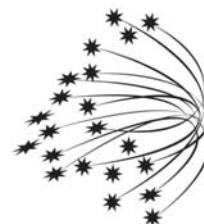
We will take you to the kitchen of sexy celebrity chef Nigella Lawson in London, and give you a sneak peek into her Christmas pudding and family fights. Meet the turkey therapists who man the world-famous Butterball hotline in Chicago. They're the professionals who talk people down from their Christmas dinner hysteria.

Travel to Sweden for the Father Christmas Olympics, where over 100 international Santas compete for a Gold Medal. Meet the King of Clauses in a small British town.

See the cutthroat competition to have the most over-the-top house decoration in one Brooklyn neighbourhood. There, owners spend hundreds of thousands on dancing penguins, lights and towering animated toy soldiers. And go behind the scenes with real life Geppetto who brings those Christmas fantasies to life.

Find out why a filmmaker in Paris was obsessed with making a movie about the Christmas Truce of the great world war. His passion earned him an Oscar nomination. Eavesdrop on the backroom deals in the nerve centre of the giant Christmas business in Atlanta. Check out the artist who paints nativity figures, and muscle cars. Visit the largest retail outlet in the world in Michigan where you can shop for stealth bomber Christmas ornaments in the heat of summer. And meet the movers and shakers of the multi-billion-dollar Christmas industry.

So, get a jump on the holiday spirit, take a break from wrapping gifts, and find out the secret history of the world's most loved holiday on CHRISTMAS CONFIDENTIAL.



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