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Too cool for christmas two versions

This week, a tweet about the 2004 Christmas movies Too Cool for Christmas and Very Cool Christmas started to go viral after people discovered the movies were the same exact story, but one version featured a same-sex couple and the other version featured a straight couple. The tweets were a pleasant surprise for film director Sam Irvin, who told BuzzFeed News he was glad viewers were talking about them all those years later. Irvin, a 61-year-old veteran director, said that almost identical films about a teenage girl who wants to go skiing with her friends for Christmas instead of spending the holidays with her family were created in tandem because it was difficult to raise funds for these types of films. Back in those days, there was a little less open-mindedness to having gay characters, Irvin, who is based in Los Angeles, said. [Filmmakers thought] they would have a better chance of selling [direct versions] to the most lucrative markets, but also being able to make an alternative version. Earlier this week, Twitter users tweeted side-by-side videos of two films that aired 15 years ago. They were highlighted by different but similar film covers. One Twitter user also shared a screenshot of the description of the films, which reads: Other than the gender of the actor who plays the other parent, the two versions of the film are virtually identical to the same lines are supplied as the actors and actress and exactly the same camera footage is used for their scenes in both versions ... one for a more tolerant Canadian audience and the other for a arguably more conservative American audience at the time. But according to Irvin, the filmmakers did not create two versions of the same film for different audiences in Canada and the US. The director said that in the late 1990s and early 2000s, he worked closely with Here TV, an American television network for LGBTQ viewers, on original content and projects. According to Irvin, Tu TV did not have the funds to fund the entire TV movie in the same way a channel as Lifetime could because their subscriber base was still in its infancy. They created two versions of the film to help the financially viable project. Executives at these companies decided if we could have some gay content in the film that could run on Here TV, that would satisfy our subscribers that expect gay content, but we could also repurpose it and do a quote-unquote straight version and try to sell it to Lifetime or these types of networks, which would be beneficial, he said. Both films were shot at the same time, back-to-back on the same set. On these lower-budget films, we don't always do a lot of takes, and we're moving on pretty quickly because it's such a tight schedule, Irvin said. Actor Barclay Hope played the main character (Brooke Nevin) dad in both movies. While filming the scenes, they would replace Ingrid Torrance, who played Lindsay's mom in one version, and Adam J. Harrington, who played Lindsay's second father in the second version. We should shoot a scene with mom and dad, and if we had a good take I'd say, 'Okay, let's get mom canceled and bring in an alternating dad' and we'd shoot another take, Irvin said. The director said he was approached by producers to change some of the dialogue between the two dads so that it differed from the dialogue in the film between mom and dad, but he pushed back. Irvin said he wanted everything exactly the same in both films. I'm an openly gay director and they said, 'Why don't you tweak the dialogue for dads to make it more gay or what?' And I said, 'Absolutely not. The point is that there is no difference and it should not matter. I wouldn't do that. As planned, Too Cool For Christmas ended up airing on Here TV and Very Cool Christmas was sold to Lifetime. Now, movies are streaming on Amazon Prime Video and Hulu, respectively. Some people have been critical of the fact that the two films mirror each other in every way except the parents. However, Irvin said in 2004, the entertainment landscape was not favorable for LGBTQ representation. Simultaneously making both films was a way to help sort of guarantee that the movie would get sold in those markets, Irvin said. It's such a highly competitive market and some channels like Lifetime and Hallmark weren't open to it back then. Hallmark even now is still quite conservative and somewhat formulated, Irvin said. We just felt it, let's not try to change the world when we're just trying to sell some movies. What we're really trying to do is fund movies that can be exclusive to gay networks and the surest way to get that source of income to get a gay movie out was also a project that doesn't color too far off the line and very fits into the formula that has worked in the past. While he was disappointed by the state of the entertainment industry and the rest of the world's lack of acceptance at the time, Irvin said he focused on the fact that he was able to make a Christmas movie featuring an LGBTQ couple for a gay network. As a gay man, I'm always frustrated that the world and society isn't more evolved in accepting it, Irvin said. But I was really jazzed that we were given the opportunity to make a movie with two gay dads, and it was exciting that there could be another project that I could work on that would be LGBTQ representation. The two-for-one film format didn't seem to catch on and was not a regular occurrence in Irvin's career. However, too cool for Christmas! very cool was considered successful enough that he went on to direct one more similar project: Deadly Sky and The Force of Impact, asteroid thrillers that aired on television in 2006.Irvin said he loves that movies have been rediscovered now in the light of streaming and the internet, despite some negative comments. He said when the films came out in 2004 there was no social media and there wasn't a really big way to discuss it. As amused as he is at the interviews triggered by the rediscovered films, Irvin acknowledged how far the entertainment industry has come in the past 15 years. He hopes there will be even more progress in the future. I hope things evolve where LGBTQ characters are represented fully, Irvin said. There's always more work to be done, and I'm hoping it will continue and that we'll look back at these films as a kind of archaic solution. 1 All I Want for Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey This track-which is the best-selling modern Christmas song of all time-won Mariah Carey's title Queen of Christmas. 2 Last Christmas from Wham! This pop tune is the kind of Christmas song you can sing in the shower. Fun fact: Released in 1984, it wasn't at the top of the charts until 2017. 3 I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus in Jackson 5 Jimmy Boyd the original version of this song is great, but Jackson 5's catchy cover will have everyone dancing and singing along to funky beats. 4 Rudolph Red-Nosed Reindeer Harry Connick Jr. There are so many versions of this Christmas classic, but we think Harry Connick Jr. is doing his best. 5 It's starting to look like Christmas Michael Bublé Michael Bublé did it again. Listening to this Christmas hit is the best way to start the season. 6 Please come home for Christmas by Jon Bon Jovi This soulful ballad is not your typical merry tune, but it has nevertheless become a classic. The video stars Cindy Crawford as Jon Bon Jovi's love interest. 7 The Little Drummer Boy (Peace on Earth) by Bing Crosby & David Bowie Unlikely Pair, Bing and Bowie strike just the right message to marry traditional and contemporary. 8 (Not a place like) Home For the Holidays by Carpenters Karen Carpenter's pure voice makes any song, especially this happy holiday tune, sound like home sweet home. 9 Sane Ride from ronettes ronettes' version of this Christmas hit is the most popular and regularly makes the charts. 10 Pretty Paper by Willie Nelson For country music lovers, no Christmas song is more classic than this twangy Willie tune. 11 Santa Claus is comin' to the city Bruce Springsteen Say Bruce Springsteen Boss for a reason-and this version of Santa Claus is comin' to the city makes it easier to understand why. 12 Winter Wonderland by Ella Fitzgerald One of the smoothest voices ever, Ella Fitzgerald brings Unique sound of this Christmas classic. 13 Carol of the Bells by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra We like this intense and exciting musical performance with an equally exciting light show. 14 The most beautiful day of the year since Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer This diddy is sung by the inhabitants of the island of Misfit Toys in the 1964 stop-motion Christmas film Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. 15 Believe Josh Groban This song was written for the film Polar Express and quickly became a Christmas favorite. 16 Christmas in New Orleans Louis Armstrong Perhaps best known for What a Wonderful World, Louis's ode to New Orleans during the holidays captures his signature sound with a large brass band backing him up. 17 Nutcracker by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Yes, we mean the whole Nutcracker! When you hear The Nutcracker: March, Waltz of Flowers and Dancing of the Sugar Plum Fairy, you know, Christmas is just around the corner. 18 Happy Holiday by Peggy Lee Happy is right! This swingin' song makes you feel like a martini at a fancy-dress holiday party. 19 Christmas pack from the Spice Girls It's virtually impossible to dance along to the Spice Girls' 1998 cover of this fun Christmas song. 20 We Need a Little Christmas by Angela Lansbury This tune was written for the Broadway musical Mom in 1966 and was originally sung by Angela Lansbury. 21 Step Into Christmas since Elton John Elton John released his Christmas single in 1973, and it hit Number 1 on the Billboard Christmas singles chart. 22 The Merriest to June Christy This 1961 jazz piece might just be the coldest song we've ever heard. 23 I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday by Wizzard '70s Christmas song glam rock band Wizzard hit number 4 on the British charts when it was first released. 24 What does Christmas mean to me from Stevie Wonder Who doesn't like this positive Christmas hit? Stevie Wonder released his album Someday at Christmas, which featured this song, in 1967. 25 Merry Christmas (I Don't Want to Fight Tonight) by Ramones Punk meets Christmas in this festive-inspired tune that wasn't charted when it was first released, but has since become a rock Christmas favorite. 26 You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch by Thurl Ravenscroft Dr. Seuss himself wrote the lyrics for this Christmas song from 1966, when it premiered in a TV special, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas. 27 Please come home for Christmas since the Eagles Bluesy Christmas ballad was first released in 1960 by Charles Brown before the Eagles recorded and released this version as a single in 1978. 28 Merry Christmas Darling by Carpenters Carpenters put out this song in 1970, and it hit number 1 on billboard Christmas singles charts for three years. 29 Do they know it's Christmas? by band aid British supergroup Band Aid uploaded it song as the only benefit to the fight against famine in Ethiopia. It features mega stars including Duran Duran, Phil Collins, Sting, and Boy George. 30 River by Joni Mitchell A Christmas folk song from a Canadian singer-songwriter has become one of Joni Mitchell's most recorded songs. 31 Mele Kalikimaka by Bing Crosby Every fan of the National Lampoon Christmas holiday will be familiar with this Hawaiian-inspired Christmas song. 32 Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer by Elmo & Patsy While this novelty Christmas song is sure to get a laugh, it's so popular that both the movie and Grey's Anatomy episode bear the same title. 33 The Twelve Days of Christmas by John Denver & The Muppets Muppets version of this classic Christmas carol from the 1700s has become a classic in its own right. 34 When My Heart Finds Christmas Harry Connick Jr. This song is one of the original tracks that appears on Harry Connick Jr.'s album of the same name, which went triple platinum. 35 Christmas Waltz by Frank Sinatra This song was written for Frank Sinatra in 1954, where he first appeared as a B-side recording on his cover of White Christmas. 36 Fairy tale of New York from Pogues Although the tune has faced controversy throughout its life, the English Celtic punk band's Christmas song is still inevitably a catchy hit for many. 37 Up on the House Top by The Jackson 5 38 Silver Bells by She & Him Bing Crosby's cover of this song made it a popular Christmas staple, and She & Him's cover gives it a contemporary twist. You'll recognize the earthy sound of Zooey Deschanel. 39 Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late) by Chipmunks The creator of this song, Ross Bagdasarian Sr., won three Grammy Awards for this song in 1958. 40 My Favorite Things by Julie Andrews Although originally not to be a Christmas song, this tune has gone on to be featured on several holiday albums, including those by Kelly Clarkson and Rod Stewart. 41 Under the Tree by Kelly Clarkson Featured on her Christmas album Wrapped in Red, this single quickly became a top holiday hit. 42 Merry Christmas, Merry Holidays by *NSYNC This was the only single from the *NSYNC Christmas album, Home for Christmas, which was the band's second album ever. 43 Santa Tell Me by Ariana Grande Ariana Grande's Christmas original, which was first released on the Japanese reissue of her Christmas EP Christmas Kisses, has become a modern favorite. 44 My Only Wish (This Year) by Britney Spears Britney Spears released this original Christmas song for the 2000 compilation album Platinum Christmas, which featured fellow artists Christina Aguilera and Whitney Houston. 45 I'd Like Your For Christmas by Julie London Although not a well-known song, it's one that you'll want to add to your playlist for a low-key evening v. 46 This Christmas by Donny Hathaway Though it To get great success when it was first released, This Christmas became the favorite of all time. 47 Run Rudolph Run by Chuck Berry's Blues-inspired rock song proves that rock and roll and Christmas really go hand in hand. 48 Wonderful Christmastime Paul McCartney Paul McCartney said the catchy, upbeat holiday jingle only took him 10 minutes to write. 49 A Christmas song from Nat King Cole the nostalgic tune of Nat King Cole's Christmas tune is bound to make you want nothing more than a crackling fire on a frosty winter's day. 50 Christmas (Baby Please Come Home) by Darlene Love Darlene Love performed this song live every year (except for one, due to a writer's strike) from 1986 to 2014 on Late Night with David Letterman. 51 Here comes Santa Claus (Down Santa Claus Lane) by Gene Autry A few other songs get kids as excited to see old St. Nick as Gene Autry's hilarious tune. 52 Winter Wonderland by Darlene Love all versions of this song, including Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and even Radiohead, we think Darlene Love will come out on top. 53 Bobby Helms' Jingle Bell Rock Although this song was released in 1957, it reached the Billboard Hot 100 top 10 in eighth place in January 2019. The song broke the record for the longest waiting time to reach the top 10 in more than 60 years since its release. 54 Feliz Navidad José Feliciano Everyone knows how to say Merry Christmas in Spanish thanks to this classic written by Puerto Rican musician and composer José Feliciano. 55 Blue Christmas Elvis Presley King made this song famous with his rock and roll take on it. 56 White Christmas by Bing Crosby We dream of a white, snowy Christmas every year thanks to this classic hit. 57 I'll Be Home For Christmas by Bing Crosby Another tunes Bing Crosby worthy of playing on repeat proves to be the unofficial king of Christmas. 58 Have Yourself a Merry Christmas from Judy Garland Judy Garland recorded it for the musical Meet Me in St. Louis, which should be viewing around the holidays. 59 Let it Snow! Let it snow! Let it Snow! Frank Sinatra Sing along to this jazzy holiday hit and remind yourself that snow is beautiful, even when your car stuck in it. 60 Frosty Snowman by Gene Autry Listening to this kid-friendly classic will instantly transport you back to childhood. 61 I'll be home for Christmas Michael Bublé Sorry, Bing! Sychu came first, but we love this version, too! 62 Jingle Bells by Dean Martin There are countless versions of Jingle Bells, but the Dean Martin edition is a holiday routine. 63 Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee It's hard to believe Brenda Lee was just a teenager when she recorded this song--and she's still a fan favorite today. 64 Happy Christmas (war is over) John Lennon and Yoko Ono John Lennon and Yoko Ono originally do a little controversial tune with the Harlem Community Choir to protest the Vietnam War. Somewhere along the way, it became a beloved Christmas song. 65 Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt This holiday tune is one of the most famous Eartha Kitt songs of all time. We recommend playing for your husband just before Christmas if you want a yacht. ☺ 66 Sane Ride by Leroy Anderson This famous instrumental tune by Leroy Anderson is the perfect background music for any holiday party. 67 It's the most beautiful time of the year Andy Williams This happy song reminds us of all the reasons Christmas is-you guessed it--the most beautiful time of the year. 68 Holly Jolly Christmas by Burl Ives This hilarious Burl Ives song is the lead track on his Christmas album for a reason. It's impossible to listen and not be in a good mood. 69 Merry Christmas, Baby by Otis Redding Otis Redding is a jazzy R&B version of this song will keep all your holiday party guests moving and grooving to the beat. This content is created and maintained by a third party and imported to this page to help users provide their email addresses. For more information about this and similar content, please visit piano.io piano.io

