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**KEN JEONG AND JOEL McHALE COUNT DOWN TO 2021**

**ON THE ALL-NEW SPECIAL “FOX’S NEW YEAR’S EVE TOAST & ROAST 2021”**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, ON FOX**

**Featuring** **the First Performance From the Newly Crowned Winner of THE MASKED SINGER, LeAnn Rimes,**

**An Intimate Studio Performance by Global Superstar Gloria Estefan and a Special Tribute to Health Care Workers From 2020 Quarantine’s Fan-Favorite Singer, Doctor Elvis!**

**Along With Epic iHeartRadio Musical Performances by Some of 2020’s Top Artists,**

**Including Ava Max, Gabby Barrett, Green Day and John Legend, as well as**

**Celebrity Appearances by** **Cheyenne Jackson, Jane Krakowski, Leslie Jordan, Mayim Bialik, Morris Chestnut, Randy Jackson, Tim Allen and Tom Payne**

**Viewers Also Will Get a Sneak Peek** **at FOX’s All-New**

**Celebrity Guessing Game, THE MASKED DANCER**

Ken Jeong and Joel McHale are teaming up to “Toast & Roast” all that was 2020 during the most anticipated New Year’s Eve of all time! Ken Jeong, from FOX’s THE MASKED SINGER, I CAN SEE YOUR VOICE and THE MASKED DANCER, and comedian and actor Joel McHale kiss 2020 goodbye as they co-host FOX’S NEW YEAR’S EVE TOAST & ROAST 2021. Jeong and McHale will commemorate the past year from coast-to-coast with a live, three-and-a-half-hour “Toast & Roast” to 2020. FOX’S NEW YEAR’S EVE TOAST & ROAST 2021, PART ONE airs Thursday, Dec. 31 (8:00-10:00 PM ET/CT live MT/PT tape-delayed), and FOX’S NEW YEAR’S EVE TOAST & ROAST 2021, PART TWO airs Thursday, Dec. 31 (11:00 PM-12:30 AM ET live, CT/MT/PT tape-delayed).

Live from Los Angeles, CA, Jeong and McHale will bring their signature comedic hosting style, as the former “Community” stars, hosts of “The Darkest Timeline”podcastand longtime friends reunite to help ring in the New Year with a special dedicated to the highs and lows of 2020, specifically celebrating those that helped to make the world a better place this past year. To help Jeong and McHale wrap up 2020 and kick off the New Year with a show unlike any other, the newly crowned winner of THE MASKED SINGER, LeAnn Rimes, will perform for the first time since winning, as will seven-time Grammy Award winner Gloria Estefan and Instagram favorite Doctor Elvis. The special also will feature iHeartRadio performances from some of the year’s top music artists, such as John Legend, Ava Max, Green Day and Gabby Barrett, with celebrity guest appearances by Leslie Jordan, Morris Chestnut and Tom Payne, among others. From FOX’s new comedy, CALL ME KAT, stars Mayim Bialik and Cheyenne Jackson will perform a musical number. From FOX’s all-new version of the classic music game show NAME THAT TUNE, host Jane Krakowski and band leader Randy Jackson also will turn in a musical performance. Additionally, LAST MAN STANDING’s Tim Allen, who stars as “Mike Baxter” on the hit comedy, will offer viewers a special New Year’s vlog.

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FOX’S NEW YEAR’S EVE TOAST & ROAST 2021 will be produced by FOX Alternative Entertainment with some performances in collaboration with iHeartRadio. Carol Donovan will serve as executive producer. This is the first year that FOX’s New Year’s Eve special will be produced entirely by FOX Alternative Entertainment.

**About Ken Jeong**

Actor, producer and writer Ken Jeong has established himself as one of today’s top comedic stars. He is a panelist on television’s #1 series, FOX’s THE MASKED SINGER, host of FOX’s I CAN SEE YOUR VOICE and a panelist on THE MASKED DANCER. He appeared in the smash hit comedy “Crazy Rich Asians” and, in 2019, he reteamed with the award-winning film’s director, John M. Chu, on his first-ever comedy special, “Ken Jeong: You Complete Me, Ho.” Jeong is best known for his roles on “Dr. Ken,” for which he also served as the creator, writer and executive producer; the network comedy “Community”; and “The Hangover” franchise. He recently was seen in the 2019 action comedy “My Spy” and will next appear in Warner Brother’s live-action/animation film “Tom and Jerry.”

**About Joel McHale**

Joel McHale is an actor, comedian and television host. He currently can be seen as host of “Card Sharks” and he also co-hosts the podcast “The Darkest Timeline,” alongside his fellow “Community” co-star, Ken Jeong. Perhaps best known for his starring role on the hit comedy series “Community,” McHale’s other recent projects include the thriller “Becky,” alongside Kevin James and Lulu Wilson; “Stargirl,” in which he portrays “Starman/Sylvester Pemberton”; “Twilight Zone”; and voicing “Johnny Cage” in “Mortal Kombats Legends: Scorpion’s Revenge.” Upcoming projects include the dark romantic comedy “Happily,” alongside Kerry Bishe. McHale’s past projects include “The Happytime Murders,” as well as “A Futile & Stupid Gesture,” opposite Will Forte, in which he played Chevy Chase, his former “Community” co-star. McHale hosted “The Joel Mchale Show With Joel Mchale on Netflix,” a half-hour topical series that took a sharp, absurdist look at pop culture and news from across the globe. In 2015, he wrapped the 12th and final season of “The Soup,” in which he satirized pop culture and current events. McHale previously starred in “The Great Indoors”; “Santa Clarita Diet,” with Drew Barrymore and Timothy Olyphant; and FOX’s revival of THE X-FILES, in which he played a conservative news anchor. Other starring feature roles include “A Merry Friggin' Christmas,” opposite Robin Williams; the Jerry Bruckheimer-produced supernatural thriller “Deliver Us From Evil”; the romantic comedy “Blended,” alongside Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore; Seth MacFarlane's comedy smash, “Ted”; David Frankel’s “The Big Year”; and Steven Soderbergh’s “The Informant”; as well as “What’s Your Number?,” starring Chris Evans and Anna Faris. In 2014, McHale hosted the annual White House Correspondents' Association Dinner in Washington D.C. He also hosted the 2015 ESPY Awards on ABC. In the fall of 2016, McHale released his first book through Putnam Penguin, “Thanks For The Money: How to Use My Life Story To Become The Best Joel McHale You Can Be,” which is part memoir, part self-help guide. Born in Rome and raised in Seattle, WA, McHale was a history major at the University of Washington and a member of its championship football team. He also graduated with an M.F.A. from the Actor's Training Program.

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