

On-Air Film Review: Merry NES! Review of ‘8 Bit Christmas’

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CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com appears on “The Morning Mess” with Ben Thompson on WBGR-FM (Monroe, Wisconsin) on December 2nd, 2021, reviewing a Christmas film currently streaming on HBO Max, a nostalgic look back on a 1980s childhood aptly entitled “8 Bit Christmas.”



Rating: **3.0/5.0**

The film is set in Chicagoland, and the obsession of the main character is for the latest video game console ... in this 1980s case an old school Nintendo NES. Jake is portrayed as an adult by Neal Patrick Harris, who forces his daughter to listen to the story of how he procured his Nintendo unit that remarkably still works. Young Jake is portrayed by Winslow Fegley in flashbacks, and the story makes references to lost things like Malls, Marshall Fields and Bears Championships.

“8 Bit Christmas” is currently streaming on HBO Max. Featuring Neal Patrick Harris, Steve Zahn, Winslow Fegley, June Diane Raphael and Bellaluna Resnick. Written by Kevin Jakubowski. Directed by Michael Dowse. Rated “PG”



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