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## **'IT'S CHRISTMAS, EVE'** **Synopsis**

Thirty-two-year-old Eve Morgan (LeAnn Rimes) has been unable to settle down since her dad passed away 16 years ago. That's also when she began focusing on a career instead of her talent for singing. Working her way up to interim school superintendent, Eve travels the country troubleshooting school budget issues, but she never commits to a permanent position. Now just weeks before Christmas, Eve is assigned to tackle the school budget in her hometown of Franklin, Pennsylvania, and after studying the financials she's convinced the Arts and Music Programs must be cut. Her mother Nella (Gwyneth Walsh), who owns the town bakery, is surprised. Eve's father was a musician and Eve grew up in a house filled with music. Sitting in in her childhood bedroom, Eve crunches the numbers again, hoping for a better solution. If it wasn't for being able to celebrate her favorite holiday with her mom, getting to know her sweet stepdad John (Laurie Murdoch) a little better, and feeling a glimmer of something between her and the handsome new neighbor Liam Bailey (Tyler Hynes), Eve might not feel the holiday spirit at all.

Still worried about Franklin's budget, the next day Eve goes to Nella's bakery to commiserate with her childhood friend Darcy (Lara Gilchrist). There, Eve spots Liam, who has come to meet his pal Rick (Antonio Cayonne) to discuss rumors that Liam's job as a music teacher might be in danger. Unaware that Nella's cute daughter is the one who holds his fate in her hands, Liam begins flirting with Eve about a man and a woman who have just spilled drinks on one another. Liam calls it a "classic meet cute," a device in movies in which strangers bump into each other and can't help but fall in love. Eve is skeptical, but can't help finding Liam charming.

Later, Eve goes to see the principal at Franklin High, not knowing Liam teaches in a program she has set for the chopping block. While waiting for the principal, Eve wanders into the music room where she sees Abby (Eden Summer Gilmore) at the piano playing a Christmas tune. Abby explains that her dad wrote the song, a true coincidence since Eve's father had begun a Christmas song for her before he died. Soon Liam comes to collect Abby and Eve learns he is the girl's father. Suddenly cutting school programs is personal to Eve and she can't deny how essential Arts and Music are to a curriculum, so she pours over the budget once again. But it isn't until Eve visits Darcy and her husband Brad (Giles Pantan) that an idea comes to her. Brad has created a website where his family can register what they want for Christmas so Eve asks him to develop a similar site for the community to donate directly to Franklin's Art and Music Programs. Launching the site to coordinate with the town's tree lighting ceremony, where Liam's students will perform a Christmas Pageant, could be the fundraising push Franklin needs. It might take a Christmas miracle, and the Universe might have to cooperate, but it already has. After all, Eve came home to Franklin and solved the budget crisis, Liam and Abby happen to live across from her mother, and there's a permanent school superintendent job that needs filling.

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