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'CHRISTMAS DUET' **Synopsis**

Inn owner Averie Davis (Chaley Rose) prepares to host both the fast approaching Yuletide Festival and a judge for the Top Winter Lodge award, Phyllis Selig (Teryl Rothery), at her inn. Her holiday frenzy is compounded when the doctor tells her very pregnant business partner Susie (Chiara Zanni) to take it easy, leaving just Averie and Susie's husband Marshall (Lane Edwards) to prepare for the festival. Susie and Marshall encourage Averie to perform at the festival, as she was once part of a successful duo with musician Jesse Collins (Rome Flynn). The pair was once romantically linked as well, making Averie all the more surprised when Jesse and his road manager, Dan (Mike Dopud), arrive at check in as part of their tour!

After an awkward reunion with Jesse, Averie sits down for an interview with the hard-nosed Phyllis. In the middle of the interview, Mayor Arnold (Alex Zahara) bursts in to tell her there is no longer funding for the festival and that it might be cancelled. Undeterred, Averie inspires everyone in town to pitch in and donate to keep the festival up and running. Later, Jesse leaves for the rest of his tour but a storm halts his journey and brings him back to the inn. Averie and Jesse spend more time together preparing for the festival, including making snowmen, shopping, decorating the Christmas tree, and baking...all under the watchful eye of Phyllis.

Jesse shares that he has been having trouble writing his next song and is saddened to learn Averie doesn't listen to their former hits anymore. After sharing Christmas memories while decorating the tree, Jesse explains to Averie that he no longer gets excited for Christmas because it was the time of year they separated. Averie reveals that the town where she opened her inn was once a stop on their tour, prompting Jesse to realize how much he missed while laser-focused on their music. While reminiscing, they kiss, only to be interrupted by the arrival of Averie's parents, Patti (Brenda M. Crichlow) and Rob (Reese Alexander)!

The day before the festival, Dan tells Averie he hasn't seen Jesse this happy in a while. Later, at Arnold's ugly sweater party, Averie finally works up the courage tell Jesse she has feelings for him but overhears him saying the weather has cleared and he can get back on tour. Jesse later clarifies that for the first time ever he wants to plant roots and spend Christmas with Averie. Meanwhile, Phyllis tells Averie that she loves traveling, because it honors her late husband's love of experiencing Christmas in new places each year.

When the festival carolers come down with an illness Jesse offers to sing in their place, but only if Averie sings with him. She eventually agrees and is then heartbroken when Jesse receives an offer for a coveted spot on a tour that starts right away. As Christmas approaches and Averie prepares for a special festival and a meaningful surprise for Phyllis, both she and Jesse must decide if they are meant to thrive in their lives solo, or to harmonize together.