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## THE JINX & DELA HOLIDAY SHOW

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YOU BETTER WATCH OUT... YOU BETTER NOT CRY... BENDELACREME AND JINKX MONSOON ARE COMING TO YOUR TOWN! The Queens of Christmas are coming back to your town with the wildly successful, internationally acclaimed *Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show!* Another holiday season brings another year of fabulous spectacle, whip-smart comedy, brand new songs, and annual favorites. Join the sugary DeLa and spicy Jinx for an evening the New York Times says is "sure to lift your spirits and make you howl with laughter."

BenDeLaCreme says, "*The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show* is joyous, hilarious, surrealist, communal, and heartwarming. Nothing makes me feel more connected to the good in the world than the seas of people we get to celebrate the season with night after night - laughing, cheering, and being in our feelings together. I'm so lucky to get to experience that each year, and I hope you all will experience it with us."

Jinx Monsoon (who just won *All Stars -Season 7*) adds, "*The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show* will take everything you expect from a drag queen variety show, and spin it on its side. It will test the limits of stupidity, while being unexpectedly deep and reflective. We strive for entertainment while always proving that the holidays are for you to celebrate however you want to."

BenDeLaCreme and Jinx Monsoon are the sole writers of their holiday shows, a major achievement for two drag artists who tour at such a large scale each year. Jinx says, "I think it is important that the show is created BY us, so it's decidedly FOR us, and those like us. So often, queer and drag stories are written by outsiders, and lack an authenticity that queer audiences crave. Creating the show ourselves, from the ground up, ensures that that authenticity is infused in every aspect of the production."

Together, this pair is an unstoppable delight. Visit [www.jinxanddela.com](http://www.jinxanddela.com) for news, merchandise, tour dates and tickets.



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## GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY

DETECTIVE BENOIT BLANC (DANIEL CRAIG) IS AT IT AGAIN, WORKING TO SOLVE A MYSTERIOUS MURDER, THIS TIME ON A BEACH IN GREECE. The all-star cast includes Edward Norton, Janelle Monáe, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr., Jessica Henwick, Madelyn Cline, Kate Hudson, and Dave Bautista. The first *Knives Out* followed a squabbling family, but as in many other places, *Glass Onion* takes a different approach. Norton plays Miles Bron, a tech billionaire who invites his coterie of friends to a private island for a murder mystery party - all larger-than-life personalities. Smack in the middle of it is Detective Benoit Blanc and his signature accent, played by Daniel Craig.

"They're all performing," writer and director Rian Johnson told Netflix. "They're all operating in an elevated way. It's not a family in the middle of New England working their stuff out. These are people who are all making their living, whether it's as politicians or as rock star scientists, or as fashion magnates."

"It was a no-brainer, really, just to come and work with Rian again," Craig added. "We had such an amazing cast in the last one and I didn't know how we were going to top that, but we've equaled it. The working experience, just to come on set and make these movies, is such fun."

*Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* comes to Netflix on December 23. Get ready to laugh.



## JOSS STONE MERRY CHRISTMAS, LOVE

GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING SINGER AND SONGWRITER JOSS STONE'S DEBUT CHRISTMAS ALBUM *MERRY CHRISTMAS, LOVE* REPRESENTS A LIFELONG LOVE OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC, AND A QUEST TO PRESENT THE MUSIC IN A TIMELESS BUT AUTHENTIC WAY. "It was ambitious to do this, but it was such a joy to make my dream project come true," Joss enthuses.

Nearly two decades ago, Joss exploded on the music scene with her platinum-selling, breakout debut *The Soul Sessions* (also on S-Curve). Since then, she has won a Grammy (plus four additional nominations), released two platinum-certified albums, collaborated with everyone from Mick Jagger and Smokey Robinson to Raphael Saadiq and The Roots, and many more. Joss recently won *The Masked Singer UK* in 2021 and celebrated the ten-year anniversary for *Soul Sessions Vol. 2* this past July.

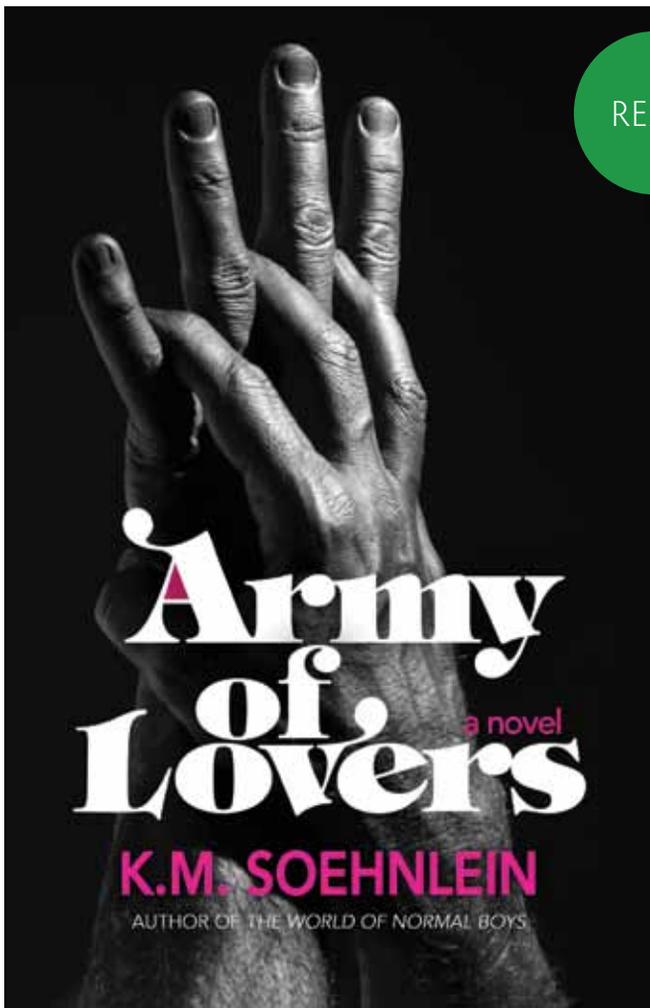
Inspired by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby and Michael Buble, *Merry Christmas, Love* celebrates the holiday season with fifteen classic Christmas tracks including favorites such as "Let It Snow," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" and more, plus two new original songs written by Joss, "If You Believe" and "Bring on Christmas Day" - a track celebrating her lifetime love for the joyful holiday.

Joss returns to Nashville, her current hometown and the city where *Merry Christmas, Love* was recorded, for her debut performance at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry on Saturday December 10th.

Download and stream at

<https://hollywoodrecs.lnk.to/MerryChristmasLove>.





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## ARMY OF LOVERS (\$20.95)

BY K.M. SOEHNLEIN

SAN FRANCISCO AUTHOR AND LAMBDA AWARD WINNING NOVELIST K.M. SOEHNLEIN CREATES A POWERFUL NOVEL BORN OUT OF THE AUTHOR'S OWN ACTIVISM INSIDE THE VIBRANT QUEER COMMUNITY OF THE '80S AND '90S. *Army of Lovers* tells the story of Paul, who after arriving in New York full of idealism discovers the queer community gathering strength in the face of government inaction and social stigma associated with HIV. As he protests, parties, and makes a new home, he finds himself pulling away from his HIV-negative boyfriend to pursue an intense bond with a passionate, HIV-positive artist. Paul's awakening parallels ACT UP's rise, successes, and controversies. And then everything shifts again, as he and his family find themselves thrust into their own life-and-death struggle that tests their faith and their bonds even further.

With praise from fellow authors Armistead Maupin and Andrew Sean Greer among others, *Army of Lovers* was released with debut readings in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Palm Springs.

*"Soehnlein delivers a sprawling portrait of our darkest days, capturing all the anger and heartbreak and heroic love that forged who we are today. If you want to know how it felt, read this."* —Armistead Maupin, author of *Tales of the City*

"Sometimes, your personal history overlaps with actual history," says Soehnlein. "For me, that was the AIDS activist movement. I wanted to write this book because I lived through something historic: the queer community saving itself from extermination."

Applauding the fact that other writers and filmmakers have and still are documenting the history of AIDS activism, Soehnlein's aim with *Army of Lovers* is to "give readers an emotional, psychological, even spiritual experience of what it was like to live it. My generation of gay men came out into the early AIDS epidemic. There was no glorious 'before' time, and we weren't sure if there was any future for us either."

For those who did not live through the era, but especially for those who did, *Army of Lovers* might best be seen as a time machine conjuring up the music, media, fashion, and political arguments of 30 years ago. One that revisits the real joys and excitement of being young at a time when you could rent an apartment in New York for a couple hundred bucks a month on the one hand, yet also have to deal with the hovering specter of HIV descending on your inner circle on the other.

Visit [www.kmsoehnlein.com](http://www.kmsoehnlein.com) to purchase this, or the author's other works.

## 16TH ANNUAL SIN CITY CLASSIC SPORTS FESTIVAL

LAS VEGAS, NV - JANUARY 12-15, 2023

THE 2023 FESTIVAL, WHICH IS THE LARGEST ANNUAL LGBTQ+ SPORTING EVENT IN THE WORLD, will return to Las Vegas and include new competitions: pickleball and sand volleyball. Hosted at the Flamingo Las Vegas, the Sin City Classic now features a total of 24 sports consisting of approximately 10,000 LGBTQ+ athletes and allies from around the world.

"Now in our 16th year, the Sin City Classic continues to grow and evolve. This year we see the addition of pickleball, one of the fastest growing sports in the world, and sand volleyball, adding to the diverse lineup of competitions and events that the festival offers. We're excited that the festival continues to expand and offers ways for all members of our diverse community to participate," said GLASA Commissioner and Sin City Classic Co-Executive Director Dr. Jason Pehlinski.

Greater Los Angeles Softball Association (GLASA) created the Sin City Classic in 2008 as an LGBTQ+ softball tournament meant to provide a safe and competitive atmosphere for LGBTQ+ athletes. Over the past 16 years, the tournament has grown to include 24 sports and approximately 10,000 athletes and fans. GLASA remains committed to creating the best experience possible for a diverse roster of dedicated athletes who participate and the fans and allies to come to enjoy the festival.

For more information about the Sin City Classic or to register your team, please visit [www.sincityclassic.org](http://www.sincityclassic.org).

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