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UP PRESENTS THE EXCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

**“JOEL OSTEEN: A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION
WITH SUSAN BOYLE”**

AIRING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 9 P.M. EST

Susan Boyle Appears in Her First Live Solo Performance in the U.S.

ATLANTA – November 15, 2013 – UP, “America’s Christmas Channel,” and Pastor/Author Joel Osteen will present the exclusive Christmas special **“Joel Osteen: A Night of Inspiration with Susan Boyle,”** featuring international bestselling, Grammy-nominated vocalist Susan Boyle at Lakewood Church, American’s biggest church, for her first live solo performance in the U.S. The special will be taped before a live audience in Houston, TX. **“Joel Osteen: A Night of Inspiration with Susan Boyle,”** a night of inspirational messages and music, will premiere exclusively on UP on **Sunday, November 17 at 9 p.m. EST.**

Boyle will perform a number of new and classic songs, including:

- “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” her duet with Elvis Presley with all proceeds going towards Save The Children,

- “Miracle Hymn,” an original composition from the upcoming film, Max Lucado’s *The Christmas Candle*, in which Boyle makes her film debut, and
- “You Raise Me Up,” an inspirational, Boyle standard.

Both Christmas tracks are from Boyle’s recently-released holiday album, *Home for Christmas*.

“This one-hour event with the always-inspirational Joel Osteen and incomparable Susan Boyle will be a truly special way for UP and our viewers to kick off the Christmas season,” said Leslie Glenn Chesloff, UP’s EVP, programming. “**Joel Osteen: A Night of Inspiration with Susan Boyle**’ helps put the finishing touches on what will be UP’s biggest year as ‘America’s Christmas Channel’ with 40+ days and 400+ hours of entertaining and uplifting Christmas programming.”

Averaging 43,500 in weekly attendance, Lakewood is America’s largest church and the first stop on Boyle’s U.S. promo tour for her fifth album and her major motion picture debut in *The Christmas Candle*, a feature film based on a novella of the same name by best-selling author Max Lucado.

“**Joel Osteen: A Night of Inspiration with Susan Boyle**” adds another original music special to UP’s over 40 days and 400+ hours of holiday programming, joining the UP Christmas Special “**K-LOVE Music City Christmas**” as well as world premieres and UP Original Movies, including *Marry Me For Christmas*, *Guess Who’s Coming to Christmas*, *Silver Bells*, *3 Day Christmas*, *Angel in the House*, *Christmas For A Dollar*, *Thomas Kinkadee’s Christmas Miracle*. In addition, UP will bring back the popular, family-favorite “**My Big Fat Waltons Thanksgiving**” marathon followed by the exclusive network presentation of the classic family film that started it all – *The Homecoming: A Christmas Story*.

Follow the stars at:

- Joel Osteen on Twitter [@JoelOsteen](https://twitter.com/JoelOsteen) and online at joelosteen.com
- Susan on Twitter [@SusanBoyleHQ](https://twitter.com/SusanBoyleHQ) and online at susanboylemusic.com

ABOUT UP

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JOEL OSTEEN

Joel Osteen is a native Texan and the Pastor of Lakewood Church, which according to Church Growth Today is America's largest and fastest growing church. On July 16, 2005 after completing \$95 million dollars in renovations, Joel moved Lakewood Church into its new 16,000-seat home - the former Compaq Center. It is the largest regularly-used worship center in the United States. Each week Joel delivers God's message of hope and encouragement to more than 38,000 attendees. According to Nielsen Media Research, Joel is the most watched inspirational figure in America. His weekly sermon is broadcast into every U.S. television market where it is viewed by seven million Americans each week and more than 20 million each month. His weekly broadcast is also seen in almost 100 nations around the world.

In 2004, his first book, *Your Best Life Now*, was released by Time Warner debuting at the top of the New York Times Bestsellers List and quickly rising to #1. It remained on the New York Times Bestseller for more than 2 years and has sold more than 4 million copies. Most recently, Joel was named as one of Barbara Walters' "10 Most Fascinating People of 2006" and he was selected as the "Most Influential Christian in 2006" by the readers of Church Report Magazine.

SUSAN BOYLE

Susan Boyle gained worldwide attention with her appearance as a contestant on the TV program *Britain's Got Talent* in April 2009, singing "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Misérables*. Susan's debut album, *I Dreamed A Dream*, was the most pre-ordered album worldwide of all time on Amazon before its global release. She has gone on to become a top-selling artist, with more than 20 million albums sold worldwide, and has stormed to the top of the charts in more than 30 countries, garnered two Grammy nominations, and has seen her four albums go multiplatinum in more than 38 countries.

Adding to her myriad talents, Boyle will appear in her first acting role with the release of *The Christmas Candle*, in which she stars alongside Samantha Barks (*Les Misérables*) as Eleanor Hopewell, wife of the churchwarden in the enchanting village of Gladbury. The inspirational family film, produced by Impact Productions and Big Book Media and distributed by EchoLight Studios, releases in the U.S. on Friday, November 22.