

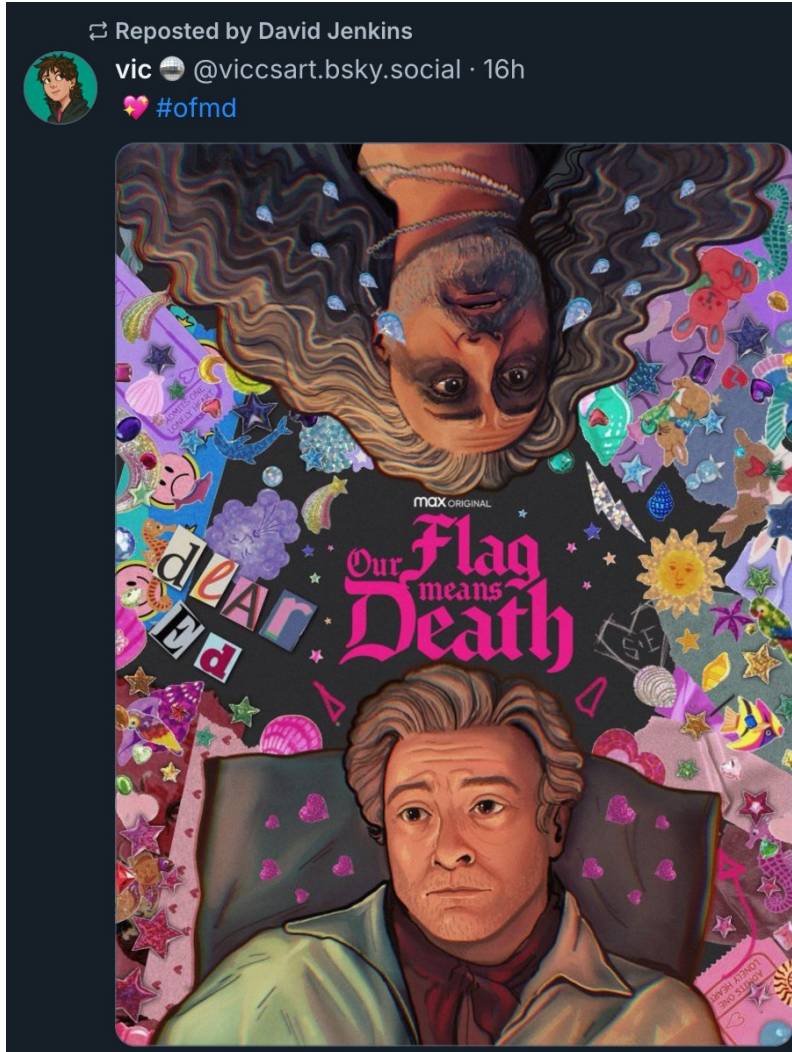
# 12/21/2024 - 12/22/2024 Daily OFMD Recap

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TLDR: David Jenkins; Rhys Darby; Taika Waititi; Kristian Nairn; Samba Schutte; Vico Ortiz; Ruibo Qian; Anapela Polata'ivao; Tim Heidecker; Dominic Burgess; Christopher Corbin; Hugo Pierre Martin; Fan Spotlight: Tiny Crew Big Raffle Results Part 3; Our Flag Means Fanfiction Holiday Episode; OFMD Advent Calendar; Love Notes;

= David Jenkins =

David shared some gorgeous artwork from our crewmate [@viccsart!](#)



Source: David Jenkins Bsky

= Rhys Darby =

Our Captain sent us a lovely message <3



Source: Rhys Instagram Stories

They interviewed Rhys for the new Bad Jelly TV show!

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The fabulous @catski22 was kind enough to share the interview text from TV Guide's article on Badjelly!



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Make sure to check out [@rhysiedarby](#) chatting about Badjelly in this week's TV Guide!



## Bonkers Badjelly

As a fan of the absurd, the ridiculous, the downright silly, Rhys Darby is tickled to be playing tree goblin Binkle-bonk (right) in *Badjelly*, a TV series based on Spike Milligan's memorable fairytale, writes Bess Manson.

It's the scream that does it. That terrifying, bloodcurdling shriek that made children want to hide under the covers: Spike Milligan's *Badjelly the Witch* was scary as hell.

That's Kiwi actor Rhys Darby's take on the baddest witch who liked to eat children with peanut butter.

Darby voices Binkle-bonk, a cantankerous tree goblin, in a 13-part animated TV series of Milligan's evergreen tale, produced by Auckland's Mukpuddy Animation with UK and Canadian production partners.

Yes, *Badjelly* was a frightening character, perfectly portrayed by Milligan himself on the recording of the tale, but it was the silliness of the story that stuck with Darby.

"Stinky-poo stinky-poo, knickers knickers knickers." Milligan's *Badjelly* cornered the market on absurdity alright.

Speaking from Los Angeles, where he is based, Darby says he, like most Kiwi kids, grew up listening to the story on the regular Sunday morning radio shows.

"I was blown away by it. I loved the funny voices. I had never come across a story that was so imaginative. It's weird how in New Zealand it became so iconic and I think it helped shape our sense of humour because we thought, 'oh, yeah, we're bonkers'. It's always had a special place in my heart."

Darby, best known for playing incompetent manager Murray Hewitt in *Flight of the Conchords* alongside Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement and more recently the would-be pirate Stede Bonnet in *Our Flag Means Death* with Taika Waititi, says it was the madness of Milligan's story that made it so exciting - and so popular here in Aotearoa.

"I think it's because it's out of the ordinary - we are out of the ordinary. What Spike Milligan was doing spoke to us and I think it was the 'other' and that's how we feel we are. We are unique - and that's what that story is."

Made with the blessing of the Milligan family, *Badjelly* is a fresh, modern take on 1973 story which follows children Rose and Tim, who, while searching for their cow Lucy, encounter an entourage of magical characters, before being captured by the witch.

Darby was honoured to get a role in the show, he says. He's long been a fan of Milligan's work.

You don't have to look too closely to see how the writer's absurdity has bled into Darby's own style of comedy.

"I got his books and poetry. I listened to *Badjelly*. I listened to *The Goon Show*. It was his writing, his doing these funny voices, being really silly and clever. Everything he has done has influenced me. I think he's really special. I've given my kids his books and they have in turn felt the love of his work."

As well as live-action roles, including his Kiwi-accented character in the *Jumanji* movie series, Darby has been in demand for voice work, with parts in shows like *SpongeBob SquarePants* and *The Simpsons*. He can also be heard in Richard Curtis' animated movie *That Christmas*, released on Netflix earlier this month.

Animation voice work is a treat for an actor, he says. It allows the imagination to run wild. Plus, there's the added bonus of getting a break from all the faff that comes with live-action roles.

"You're there with a microphone and nothing else. There's no faffing about with hair and makeup and sets. Don't get me wrong, I love all that sort of thing, that's why I love acting. I love putting on outfits. But it takes so long to do anything.

"Half the time, you're sitting in your trailer and you've learned your lines and then you think, 'God, what am I going to do now?' But with voice work, you just drive to the studio, you go straight in, you've got your script and you just enter this imaginary world."

His animation roles began with *Jake and the Neverland Pirates* in which he played Percy the Penguin - he was a penguin from Antarctica so, of course, he had Darby's accent.

"That was just the start of it and the door kind of opened and I started playing other weird creatures and insects. The big breakthrough was getting *Voltron: Legendary Defender*, where I got to play Coran, this iconic space character from another world.

"So I do play alien voices and things that are the 'other'. That's what I am, I am an alien living in America."

= Taika Waititi =

The video behind my favorite picture of the interview Taika and Jimmy O Yang!

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Source: [TV Insider's Instagram](#)

= Kristian Nairn =

Kristian is going to be joining the EM-CON in Nottingham on June 7-8! [To learn more and get tickets, visit here!](#)

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Source: Em-Con's Instagram

= Samba Schutte =

Samba sent us some selfies, and festive IG Stories for the holidays!



Source: Samba Schutte's Instagram Stories

= Vico Ortiz =

More pictures of Vico's new Project - Today in Gay! It's going live January 1st, 2025!!

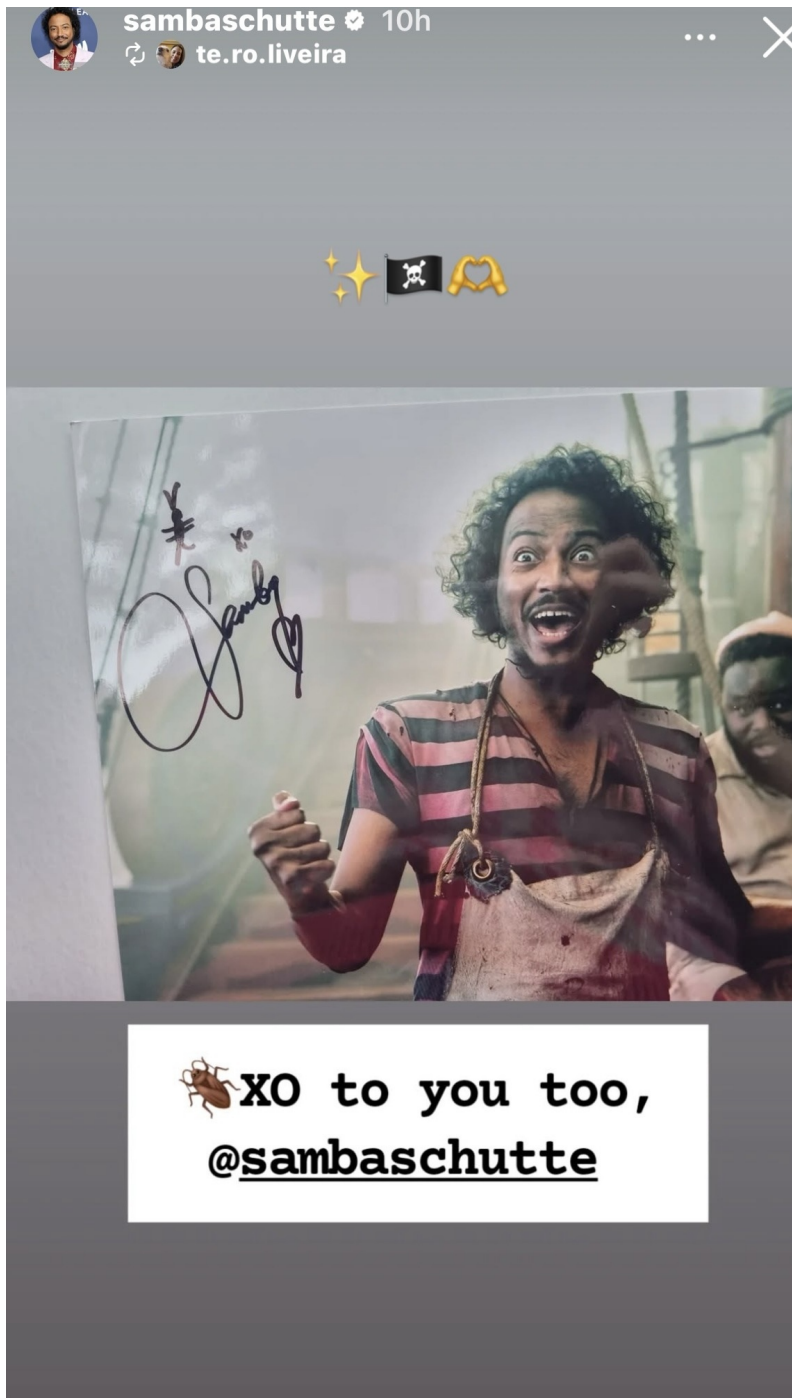
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Source: [Vico's Instagram](#)

= Ruibo Qian =

Ruibo's been really active this season, love to see her happy and feeling herself!

Source: [Ruibo Qian's Instagram](#)

= Anapela Polata'ivao =

Tinā is now showing at [@PerthFest](#) until December 29. Coming soon to Australian cinemas. Coming to NZ cinemas February 27.







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Source: [Anapela's Instagram](#)

= Tim Heidecker =

Our friend Doug, aka Tim Heidecker is out here interviewing--himself!

Source: [Tim Heidecker Bsky](#)

= Dominic Burgess =

I love that Dominic is still giving us cat content while in a completely different country!



Source: [Dominic's Bsky](#)

= Rachel House & David Fane =

More shots of the cast from Moana. Rachel and David look so darn cute.



Source: [PressPhotoG](#)  
[Instagram](#)

Christopher Corbin =

Remember "We could have made magic." man? Well Christopher Corbin is Santa in this new FOX NFL ad!

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Source: [Christopher Corbin's Instagram](#)

= Hugo Pierre Martin =

Speaking of commercials -- Our favorite attendant from the "The Best Revenge Is Dressing Well" and fellow crewmate, Hugo Pierre Martin, did the voiceover for a spicy commercial recently!



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Source: [HPM's Instagram](#)

## == Articles ==

Thank you to [@adoptourcrew](#) for sharing this article from Fandomwire!

<https://fandomwire.com/15-tv-shows-we-wish-did-not-get-canceled-in-2024/>



From beloved pirate comedies to groundbreaking dramas, this is a list of 15 shows that were canceled in 2024 and left us wondering...

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Source: [Adopt Our Crew's Tumblr](#)

## == Fan Spotlight ==

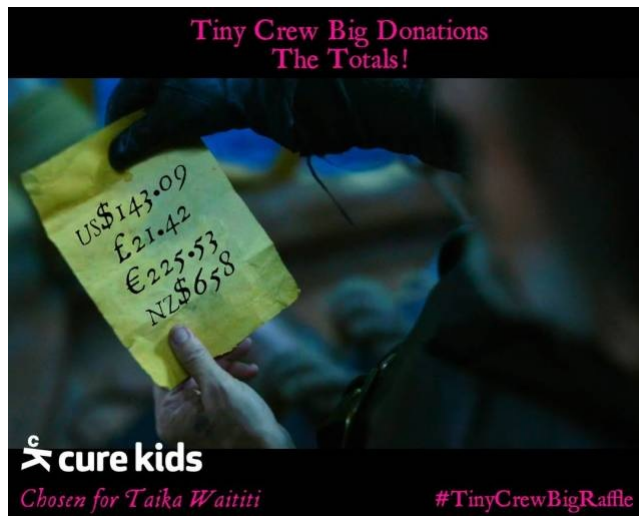
### = Tiny Crew Big Raffle =

More Donation results from our friends over [@ofmd-buys-boats](#) from the Tiny Boats Raffle.

- Cure Kids - Taika's Charity of Choice - US\$143.09, £21.42, €225.53, NZ\$658

- Kitten Rescue LA - Rhys' Charity of Choice - US\$ 1,198.12 , CAD \$7.20

One more charity to go and then some awesome BTS from Lindsey Cantrell (I ran out of photo room on this one sorry)!



Source: OFMD  
Buys Boats Taika  
/ Rhys

= Our  
Flag  
Means

Fanfiction =

New episode of Our Flag Means Fanfiction is out! It's a special holiday episode, and one of the co-hosts, [@ringasunn](#) was able to get several crew members to send some holiday messages (Lindsey Cantrell, Con O'Neill and more!) [You can listen in on spotify here](#) or choose your favorite listening platform [on their linktr.ee!](#)



Source: [Our Flag Means Fanfiction Instagram](#)

= OFMD Advent Calendar =

So close! Sorry I'm so behind on these! Thank you so much to [@tillychmo](#) for hosting these wonderful Advent Calendar event and putting together these adorable Doors for each day!

The 20th Door features a fluff fic by our dear crewmate [@politestmenace](#) aka gaypirateofficianado!



OFMD Advent Calendar 2024 @ofmdadventcalendar.bsky.social  
Happy 20th of December! ✨

Today's door hides a lovely fast burn, tooth rotting fluff of a fic from  
[@politestmenace.bsky.social](#) & art by Sailor! – both of whom kindly  
offered to do 2 doors for the calendar 🍪

[archiveofourown.org/works/61467280](https://archiveofourown.org/works/61467280)

#OFMDadventCalendar #OFMD #OurFlagMeansDeath #OFMDfic



The 21st Door features some lovely Winter Solstice artwork by the fabulous [@deanbird.bsky.social](#)!



The 22nd Door featured the brilliant [@blueberreads](#)! They made a innkeepers game for the occasion!!



The 23rd Door features an adorable drawing by the massively talented [@gleafer!](#)



Source: [OFMD Advent Calendar Bsky](#)

## == Love Notes ==

Hey there lovelies! Wow, two recaps in one night! That's overkill! (JK I'm so behind, lol).

I know we're deep into the holidays now, and some of the big ones have passed us by. I hope you've gotten a chance for some down time. I know this time of year can be tough for various reasons, and especially this year given the political climate around the world.

Please hear me when I say, you are so very loved. Whether you had a good holiday, or a rough one. Whether you were swamped and busy, or got a break finally and got some rest. You are SO very very loved, no matter what you accomplished today, or this month, or this year.

I am seeing so many new folks poking their heads out in the fandom-- which is absolutely lovely to see-- and if you're just joining us for the first time, or have been in the fandom since Day One of S1 or anywhere in between-- you too are loved.

We are Crew For Life, as Samba says, for a reason. This show brought so many of us together because of it's love, and it's light, and it's fond family. We all care about you so much crew, please remember that.

It's time for me to sneak off to bed, and hopefully I'll see you soon lovelies, going to be posting the David Christmas specials in the next edition.

Sending love your way <3

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