

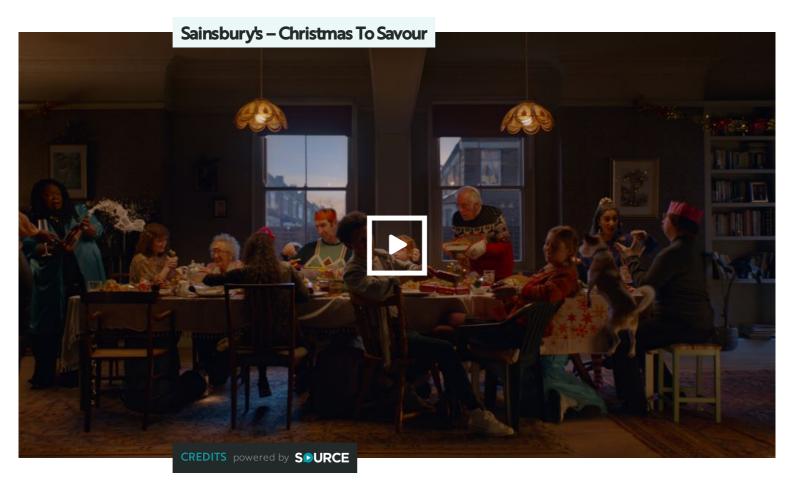


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Sainsbury's savoury surprise

Wieden+Kennedy London and Ninian Doff take us over, under and through a raucous festive scene in a celebratory spot that is both a technical and emotional masterclass.





o far this year we've had Christmas spots that give a shout-out to the return of relative normality, ads that pinpoint the need for kindness and some that just seem to be a celebration of 'stuff', but none so far have taken as deep a dive into the generation-spanning





madness that many of us have yearned for as Sainsbury's festive offering.



Titled A Christmas to Savour, Wieden+Kennedy

London's ambitious commercial takes aim at the combined joys that make the day's celebrations so heartwarming; literally freezing the action to swoop in and out of the variety of smiles on offer.

Backed by Etta James' iconic *At Last*, the camera passes Grandpa cracking an exploding nut, a bottle of Prosecco Rosé spewing forth and, entertainingly, Grandma sporting the name of a drag queen (Bimini Bon Boulash) scrawled on a post-it note for a cheeky round of *Who Am I?*.

A cracking concept is only as good as its execution, and the winning element here is **Pulse Films' Ninian Doff**; utilising his technical and comedic skills to delight with each passing moment, and garnishing it with witty flourishes (the little lad forgetting to freeze-frame) that are familiar to fans of his work.

Climaxing with the endline "It's been a long time coming, so let's make it a Christmas to savour" delivered by Stephen Fry, this jolly film is one that's set to be endlessly enjoyed.

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