

= Frozen Fever =

Frozen Fever is a 2015 American computer @-@ animated musical fantasy short film produced by Walt Disney Animation Studios and released by Walt Disney Pictures . It is a sequel to the 2013 feature film Frozen , and tells the story of Anna 's birthday party given by Elsa with the help of Kristoff , Sven , and Olaf . Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee again served as the directors with Kristen Bell , Idina Menzel , Jonathan Groff , and Josh Gad providing the lead voices .

Frozen Fever was first announced in September 2014 by Disney Animation 's chief creative officer John Lasseter . The film debuted in theaters alongside Walt Disney Pictures ' Cinderella on March 13 , 2015 . It received positive reviews from critics , along with praise for its new song " Making Today a Perfect Day " by Kristen Anderson @-@ Lopez and Robert Lopez .

= = Plot = =

Elsa plans to give Anna a surprise birthday party with the help of Kristoff , Sven , and Olaf ; but while Anna is led on a " party treasure hunt " by a string that winds through the kingdom , Elsa has caught a cold , and unknowingly produces a group of small animated snowmen (" Snowgies ") with each sneeze , who begin to dismantle the birthday party 's decorations while Kristoff tries to stop them . While Elsa takes Anna on the hunt , Kristoff , Sven , and Olaf try to control the Snowgies and fix the decorations in time for Anna and Elsa 's return . After Elsa nearly falls off a clock tower , Anna convinces her to take rest . While Anna enjoys the party , Elsa sneezes a giant snowball through an alphorn , and stuns Hans overseas ; whereupon Elsa rests in bed under Anna 's care . Olaf , Kristoff , and Sven escort the Snowgies to Elsa 's ice palace , where they stay with her snow @-@ giant doorkeeper ' Marshmallow ' .

= = Cast = =

Kristen Bell as Anna
Idina Menzel as Elsa
Jonathan Groff as Kristoff
Josh Gad as Olaf
Chris Williams as Oaken
Santino Fontana as Hans
Paul Briggs as Marshmallow

= = Production = =

On September 2 , 2014 , during the ABC airing of The Story of Frozen : Making a Disney Animated Classic , Walt Disney Animation Studios ' chief creative officer John Lasseter announced that a Frozen short film with a new song would be released in the future . On the same day , Variety announced that the short would be released in early 2015 under the title Frozen Fever , with Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee returning as co @-@ directors , Peter Del Vecho returning as producer and a new song by Kristen Anderson @-@ Lopez and Robert Lopez . Olaf the snowman would also make an appearance in the short . On December 3 , 2014 , it was announced that Aimee Scribner would be a co @-@ producer and that Frozen Fever would debut in theaters alongside Walt Disney Pictures ' Cinderella on March 13 , 2015 . In late December , the co @-@ directors told the Associated Press " There is something magic about these characters and this cast and this music . Hopefully , the audiences will enjoy the short we 're doing , but we felt it again . It was really fun . " Around the same time , Dave Metzger , who worked on the orchestration for Frozen , disclosed he was already at work on Frozen Fever .

The short features the song " Making Today a Perfect Day " , by Anderson @-@ Lopez and Lopez . At the premiere of Cinderella and Frozen Fever at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood , California , on March 1 , 2015 , Josh Gad told USA Today , " I want to apologize to parents everywhere for the

fact that children are going to be singing a whole new Frozen song [.] "

The creators started brainstorming possibilities for the short film in June 2014 . After early discussions about Olaf , head story artist Marc Smith pitched the idea of what might happen if Elsa had a cold , which became the basis for the short 's plot . The directors began working on the short in June and by August were back in the recording studio with the cast to lay down vocal tracks . The production of Frozen Fever took six months . All of the animators from Frozen wanted to come back to animate at least one shot on Frozen Fever , resulting in a large number of animator credits for a short film . They struggled to squeeze the animation phase of the short 's production into a tight time slot in fall 2014 after animation wrapped on Big Hero 6 and before the studio 's animators had to start working on subsequent features .

= = Release and reception = =

Frozen Fever premiered in theaters alongside Walt Disney Pictures ' Cinderella on March 13 , 2015 . Frozen Fever was released on Digital HD and Disney Movies Anywhere on August 11 , 2015 . It was released on the Walt Disney Animation Studios Short Films Collection Blu @-@ ray Disc on August 18 , 2015 . It was also included on the Blu @-@ ray , DVD , and digital HD releases of Cinderella on September 15 , 2015 . On November 9 , 2015 , it released on an exclusive DVD copy of its own , courtesy of Tesco stores across the UK .

USA Today 's Claudia Puig rated the short three stars out of four , and described the new song (" Making Today a Perfect Day ") as " pleasant " . She concluded that although the short " is not as exhilarating and inventive as the original , it 's still a treat to see an abridged tale of these two sisters in a warmhearted spinoff . " Writing for BBC , Natalie Jamieson called the new song " catchy and fun " . Dan Kois of the Slate called the film " a real bummer , the first recent misfire from Disney 's shorts program , and thus the first serious misfire from the Lasseter @-@ led Disney . " The Daily Telegraph 's Robbie Collin praised the song " Making Today a Perfect Day " , stating that " it 's a lip @-@ smacking confection , dusted with pure icing sugar , and suggests that songwriters Kristen Anderson @-@ Lopez and Robert Lopez are capable of coming up with something special for the forthcoming feature @-@ length Frozen sequel . "

CraveOnline 's Witney Seibold wrote that the film " is a celebration of the very kind of conspicuous consumerism that Disney is always smearing the landscape with . " Mike Scott of The Times @-@ Picayune wrote that " with its blend of sweetness , silliness and tunefulness , this animated Disney short is satisfyingly consistent in vision and in spirit with the original Frozen . "