

## Raggedy Ann & Andy, Peanuts dress for holidays

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Classic American icons Raggedy Ann & Andy and the Peanuts gang continue to be perennial holiday favorites. Brass Key has introduced a collector's Christmas edition of Raggedy Ann & Andy. The holiday dolls are made of porcelain with hand-painted features.

Christmas Raggedy Ann (\$24.95) is dressed in white blouse, green velvet skirt and a red sweater with holiday motif. Her accessories include white faux fur ear muffs.

"Raggedy Ann is an ageless attraction that represents friendship and love," said Joni Gruelle-Wannamaker, granddaughter of Raggedy Ann and Andy creator Johnny Gruelle.

The 90-year-old Raggedy Ann was voted into the Toy Hall of Fame in 2002 and is one of the most recognized American toys.

"Andy isn't quite as popular as Ann, but we're making a big push to keep him in the spotlight, and with support from our fans we're hopeful that he'll join his sister in the Toy Hall of Fame," said Gruelle-Wannamaker.

Brass Key's Christmas Raggedy Andy (\$24.95), dressed in holiday gear, complements big sis perfectly. He wears a white sweater accented with green buttons and a candy cane design on its pocket and black velvet knee pants. Andy's outfit is accessorized with a red, white and green striped neck scarf and stocking hat. A gift-wrapped package is attached to his hand.

It wouldn't be Christmas without the Peanuts gang, and Playing Mantis has introduced a Charlie Brown action figure. The 13-inch Charlie Brown Ultimate Action Figure (\$24.99) comes with an additional set of winter clothing that includes the character's trademark brown hat and red coat. Push his left hand and he says more than 10 familiar Charlie Brown phrases.

Playing Mantis also has introduced a line of mini clip-on Peanuts gang figures. The 3-inch articulated figures are dressed in winter gear and come with a holiday accessory. Mini clip-on figures (\$3.99) include Charlie Brown, Lucy, Santa Snoopy, Dancing Snoopy, Linus, Sally, Pig Pen and Franklin. An eight-piece packaged set is available (\$19.99).

USAopoly's 550-piece jigsaw puzzles feature the Peanuts gang in various vignettes. The puzzles (\$16.99) come packaged in tin containers and were created by artist Tom Everhart.