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GWEN STEFANI

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS—WITH BLAKE!

AFTER A BUSY year of promoting a hit album, raising three young boys and dating the reigning Sexiest Man Alive, all Gwen Stefani wants for Christmas is some downtime. Or rather, some down-home time. The “Used to Love You” singer and proud city girl grew up with “strict” holiday traditions and formal family gatherings, but

Stefani, 48, says these days she and her sons Kingston, 11, Zuma, 9, and Apollo, 3 (with ex Gavin Rossdale), like to mix it up and escape to boyfriend Blake Shelton’s home in rural Tishomingo, Okla., for a real country Christmas. “Oklahoma has been really fun for the boys and for my family,” she tells *People* of spending time hanging out and

“[My boys and I] have incorporated Oklahoma into our Christmas,” says Stefani (inset, with Shelton on June 7).



RIGHT: JAMIE NELSON

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even fishing on the country star's ranch. "For me, it's weird when traditions change," says the Los Angeles native who fondly recalls her grandma's holiday cinnamon rolls and custom-made pj's. "But it's also fun to be flexible. Last year [the boys] had their dad's Christmas and then my Christmas, and then we went to Oklahoma, so they got to do three Christmases!" The pop star says turning a little bit country for her beau is easy. The pair, who first met on the judging panel for NBC's *The Voice*, began dating in 2015 after connecting over heartbreak from their respective divorces. "This bond that we formed when we found out what each other was going through, it's still there," Shelton, 41, told *People* in November. Add that to a shared love of music and family, and that connection has only grown. This holiday the pair took their love into the studio for the duet "You Make It Feel Like Christmas" from Stefani's debut holiday LP of the same name. "It's always been a fantasy to write with him," she says. After their first duet in 2016, "we had to be in a Christmas



Stefani (performing on *The Tonight Show* on Nov. 21) stars in an NBC holiday special airing Dec. 12 at 9 p.m. ET/PT and partnered with Hallmark this holiday season.

OUR FAMILY TRADITION

"We have a tradition in my family [where] we wake up in the morning and the entry hall where Santa leaves presents would be closed off with wrapping paper so you can't see in," Stefani says. "[The boys] say, 'One, two, three, and then crash through.'"

'[BEING SEXY IS] ALL ABOUT THE HEART, AND [BLAKE] HAS THAT BIG OLD GIGANTIC HEART IN THERE'

—STEFANI

song together." Still, the singer, set to star in the NBC special *Gwen Stefani's You Make It Feel Like Christmas*, says her holiday to-do list is far from done. "My oldest wants Gucci and Goyard for Christmas.

I'm like, 'Dude, how do you even know these things?' They're so spoiled I don't know what I'm going to do." —NICOLE SANDS

A rep says Fergie's behavior was misunderstood.



FERGIE

HER STRANGE BEHAVIOR

It wasn't the kind of performance Fergie usually gives. On Dec. 3 the singer attended an L.A. fund-raiser for the Trevor Project, a nonprofit that works to prevent suicides among LGBTQ youth, and surprised the audience with unscheduled antics. When Armie Hammer began introducing director and designer Tom Ford, the 42-year-old rushed the stage and interrupted him to promote her new album. "This is not a shameless promotion," she told startled onlookers before lapsing into verses from her song "A Little Work." "It got awkward fast when we realized this wasn't planned," says an observer. "Everyone in the room was uncomfortable." But a rep for Fergie, who split from husband Josh Duhamel in September, says it was simply "a gag that fell flat due to timing." The rep adds, "She's happy and healthy." —DANA ROSE FALCONE. Reporting by Jeff Nelson