

# Ornaments: JingleNog

In a very short period of time, the ornament artist and owner of the JingleNog® ([www.jinglenog.com](http://www.jinglenog.com)) line of ornaments, Melissa Byrne, has won many awards, including the coveted "Best in Show" at the spring market of the AmericasMart Atlanta show.

Looking at her special packaging, I am reminded of when the circus came to town during my childhood — they bring

back memories of the tents. When you see the green and cream boxes, you know that there is a JingleNog ornament inside with a jingle bell attached to its top. Each ornament comes with a story card containing a tale or poem written by Melissa for each design. You will also find a hang tag and an "Ornament Storage & Preservation Tips" card. ♦



"JingleNog": By now, you have guessed that "JingleNog is the snow capital of the Pole, replete with twinkling brightly-colored cottages, smiling stars, and the perfect snow-tipped pines." It's the place where Santa and his helpers work all year long, preparing for Santa's worldwide one-night Christmas delivery. Global warming will never touch this idyllic place!



One of my favorites is "Cupcake Cutie." "They pass from oven to counter, never a cabinet have they seen, our cherry-topped cupcake confections, perfectly paired, golden crusted, sprinkle dressed dreams." There is more to this poem, as you will find when you purchase it for yourself or as a gift.

This adorable teacup has its very own story, like all JingleNog ornaments: "Jasmine" is the sweetest cup in the tea room. Never will 'Jasmine' be just a plain cup of tea. She loves to kick it up with a dash of honey and milk or will often go for the zest of a lemon, exclaiming, 'It's svelte.' From the wee age of tee toddler to a teatotaler, our Jasmine has always been everyone's cup of tea."



Christmas is the perfect season for the "Ginger Tree" to hang from the boughs of your Christmas tree. Like all the other beautiful ornaments in this collection, they are all produced in Italy and Poland.





The man in the red suit is in action, sharing and caring, in this "On The Roof Top" ornament. I often wonder how he manages to fit down all those chimneys ... and how he manages to stay clean!



The story of "Zed": "Travelling across several time zones by zeppelin from Zambia each year, Zed steals the show by show by parachuting into the center ring as the zenith of Act I for JingleNog's Holiday Zoo Play. With a zeal and zest for life that is hard to match, our zany zebra Zed's zippy showmanship is un-paralleled. This xylophone-playing champion skater zigzags across the ice faster than any zam-boni or Ziegfeld folly ever could."



From the "Lady B. Goode" story card: "Oh, Lady B. Goode to me" is often heard at the sight of our dotty friend, who brings both good luck and fair weather to all that cross her path. If perchance Lady B. stops for a rest upon your shoulder or knee, make sure that she is free to fly away. For if captured and then released it is said our Lady B. will fly to your true love and whisper your name in their ear. Sweet words that all long to hear!"



Here is the background of "Winter's Night Dream": "Once upon a winter's night, in a snow-filled bright blue sky, I saw through the moon and the northern star a red-suited elf in a sleigh with eight reindeer in flight. Under the light of the moon it seemed to be a lovely dream. But when I woke, there under the tree was a present marked from Santa Claus to me!"



This, I should say, is really my favorite! "Michelle, My Bell" reminds me of my granddaughter, Michelle, whom I call "Michelle, My Bell." Here is part of this ornament's story: "Her sweet peals are heard every day throughout the land of JingleNog. Our Belle of the Bells — Michelle, sporting her peppy red stripes, chimes in at every sing-a-long in her sweet appealing way."

Melissa is an artist AND a poet — but you will have to purchase your own JingleNogs to find all the neat poetry. Here is an excerpt about "Peppochoo": "Just follow the tracks, / have faith in your smile, / your engine, / your wheels, / you too can make it happen, whatever it may be. / You can do it, you will now, you'll see!"



"Jingle House" is the "home of the Jingles ... where all 'catchy' holiday tune and hymn inspirations are created. The house rocks, grooves, beats, and sways (inside) morning, noon, and night. The house rocks, grooves, beats, and sways morning, noon, and night. Once a piece is unanimously approved it is sent up the chimney," for all to enjoy.

