

BLIZZARD BEACH FOREVER

(Not affiliated with The Disney Company, just a passion project)

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PURPOSE

To create an all-new nighttime spectacular for arguably the most important Disney anniversary coming within the next five years or so: the 25th anniversary of Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park (April 1st, 2020.)

CONCEPT

The magic of Blizzard Beach is the underlying message that glistens ever so slightly in the melting snow. This nighttime spectacular takes Guests on a thrilling journey through the rise and fall of Florida's first ski resort and the unforeseen magic it resulted in. From the freak snowfall that prompted the creation of a ski resort ...to the unexpected return of the scorching Florida sun, the story of Blizzard Beach shows us how one little splash from an Ice Gator can turn a failed (and melting) ski resort into a *really fun* water park!

The story of Blizzard Beach is one of triumph through adversity, filled with meaning and purpose... For it teaches us that snow may melt, but opportunity and hope will never.

SHOW TREATMENT

Freak Snowfall (Opening)

As the twinkling stars reveal themselves to the passionate crowd around Melt Away Bay, the whisper of steel drums echo throughout the space. The drums grow louder and louder as hums of Florida news reporters speak of a "Freak Snowfall."

With each "newsflash," beams of light dance around the bay, and the collective pulse of the steel drums quicken. All this builds up to a blinding boom, punctuated by profuse fireworks. Stark silence fills the air as Melt Away Bay goes dark, emphasizing the Floridian fear of an element unknown. Then, lit with a single spotlight, a beautiful, sparkling snowflake flurries from the heavens. With a magical swell of zesty orchestration, more flurries fall, and the scene quickly becomes a blundering blizzard.

Strong winds overtake the bay, blasting the crowd with snoop, as projections and special effects bring this intense snowfall to life. With a reggae flair, upbeat songs such as “Let It Snow” and “Sleigh Ride” soar as we see Floridian necessities like flip flops, sunscreen, and pool toys get swept up into the storm.

Building the Ski Resort

The scene settles, and we experience the calm after the storm – it is filled with a sense of wonder. Breaking the quiet, a news reporter questions:

REPORTER

Florida, you’ve just had a freak snowfall. What are you doing next?

FLORIDIAN VOICES

We’re building a ski resort!

The sky explodes and a medley of Bob Gibson skiing songs, such as “Skiin’ In The Morning,” “Super Skier,” and “Bend In His Knees” play as the ski resort is built before our very eyes. Projections reveal the iconic Blizzard Beach attractions in their intended ski resort states. In this montage of days gone by, struggling Floridians attempting and failing at winter activities are showcased. The section ends in tranquil nightfall as the Floridians cozy up and enjoy their new winter world.

The Big Melt

As the scene transitions from night to day, it is clear that something has changed. Haunting echoes of The Merryman’s title lyrics from their song “Feeling Hot Hot Hot” invade our ears as we watch the scorching Florida sun make a triumphant return. With a burst of energy, the song goes into full swing, and the fiery sun dances to the beat as snow begins to melt.

The chaos is realized, and the song transitions to “Heat Wave” sung by Ella Fitzgerald. As sparks fill the sky, projections depict the fast melting snow as the wave pool activates, heightening the intensity. A montage of snow goes getting swept up by the growing wave plays as we watch this monstrous force gush over the resort, taking some winter essentials with it.

The scene swipes with a final wash down, and we are left with an almost snowless landscape. We experience the calm after the storm, once again, but this time it is filled with sorrow. A maraca made heartbeat underscores the moment.

REPORTER

Florida, the sun just melted your ski resort! What are you doing next?

The heartbeat shakes get faster and faster as harrowing and morphed news questions overwhelm the space... all emphasizing the hopelessness of the situation.

Ice Gator Redemption

Suddenly, with climactic zeal, an Ice Gator water skis across the wave pool, letting out a large and meaningful “YAHOO!”

“The River of Dreams” by Billy Joel fills the air with hope. With that, a dreamlike sequence of Ice Gators splashing and sliding in the warm summer dusk commences. As the sky twinkles with glittering light, projections and Ice Gator Water Dancers command Melt Away Bay as we watch the gators play and inspire the very water park we are celebrating.

After this moment, an important question returns:

REPORTER

Florida, what are you doing next?

FLORIDIAN VOICES

We’re making a water park! YAHOO!

Finale

Elton John’s “Crocodile Rock” rings out and brings us into our fun-filled finale. With amazing special effects, we watch the Ice Gators and Floridians come together to turn Blizzard Beach into the marvel that it is today. We see, through projections, the public enjoying a Blizzard Beach bash as the music transitions into a mash-up of “Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini,” and “Walking on Sunshine.”

With a final montage, we see families from all climates watching this epic water park party on the news. With pure excitement, we hear them proclaim a beloved phrase:

VOICE OVER

We're going to Disney World!

In a blaze of vibrant color and summertime fun, Melt Away Bay erupts in an even more enthusiastic celebration as everyone joins the booming Blizzard Beach bash!

[Playlist Link](#)