

FOLLIES UPDATE, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Dear Touchstone Patrons,

Thank you to everyone who sent along well-wishes for a quick recovery this past week. As ever, you are a loving, supportive community, and we're so grateful for everyone's patience and understanding.

We're sad to announce that due to additional positive COVID tests, closing weekend of Follies is canceled as well. All patrons who purchased tickets for this weekend will be contacted shortly by the box office.

Please know that while this is a disappointment to everyone, our positive cases are on the mend; we're grateful to all be vaccinated, and that symptoms have been largely manageable and recovery time quick. We're going to continue doing our best to provide quality original theatre and performances that are COVID-conscious and as safe as possible, and we will always put safety of our patrons and ourselves first as we make decisions on how to proceed.

You might be wondering— how does this affect Touchstone? You'd be right to ask! We're in the process of looking at how we make up the lost income from only getting 4 of our planned 13 performances of our favorite show of the year. In the meantime, to help make up revenue— and to help keep the Christmas spirit alive— here are two ways you can get your Follies jollies:

- Enjoy **FOLLIES ON YOUTUBE!** We'll be releasing a two-for-one deal of the 2020 Follies movie AND (drumroll, please!) the only existing archival footage of Follies 2021! We know it's nothing like being in the actual audience, but it exists, and it's a show we're very proud of. No charge per ticket; please donate whatever you can, and snuggle up at home with some Follies cheer. Available [HERE](#).
- Save the date for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!** It's Christmas all-year round in Bethlehem, and Follies is just as merry and bright in the summer, so we'll be remounting the show on July 8 & 9 for an abbreviated run. Come for the show, stay for cookies, cider, and caroling on the Barrio Stage! Tickets available spring 2022.

As we reflected in [**this year's Follies closing number**](#), we can't wait to be there with you again, safely, in more peaceful times. This is the season of hope, and we had been hopeful to see more of our extended Touchstone family this December. But please know also that this isn't going to keep us down, and we hope it won't keep you down either!

With love, light, clown noses, and ukuleles,
The Touchstone Ensemble

