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Follies going 'Ho-Ho Hollywood'



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Mike Smith as the elf "Sarge" with members of Santa's merry band of elves will be part of this year's Holly Jolly Follies being held Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at the Florence Events Center.

Sarge Elf (Played by Mike Smith) isn't amused by all of the shenanigans in this year's Holly Jolly Follies.

Santa (Dorland Neale) has been kidnapped by the Grinch (Mike Jacobson), and Sarge has no qualms about telling you exactly how he feels about that. Of course, he does so in such a charming way that you can't help but love him anyway.

It's a frantic race in the "back up sleigh" to Los Angeles to rescue Santa,

reform the Grinch (again), and see if Christmas can be saved before too much craziness ensues.

This year's hilarious show was penned by local author, Rose Ellen Jacobson, of Poison Pen Players, and directed by CROW artistic director Melanie Heard.

An army of incredible volunteers has been collecting props, painting scenery, arranging music and assembling all of the red and green costumes that are located in the immediate vicinity.

The Follies features some old

favorites (like "Sarge") as well as some new surprises, such as a not-to-be missed commercial message featuring Florence's own Mayor Joe Henry. Rumor has it that Siuslaw News editor-in-chief Ned Hickson has his mind made up to "Thank you very much" as "Elfis," and that Betty Dumbauld's Encore Tappers are ready to share some Shirley Temple sweetness.

The FloTones and Siuslaw High School girls choir will be singing holiday favorites, and Buck and a Quarter

Band will make an appearance.

And then there's those adorable CROW kids, ready to entertain you with a Tarzan-themed dance, and some pretty snazzy holiday characters.

The 2016 Holly Jolly Follies will be presented at the Florence Events Center, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults or \$10 for kids ages 12 and under.

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