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## FEC Centerstage November 2019 October 30, 2019

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### 'Find Joy at Christmastime' with Holly Jolly Follies

Joy finds you when you least expect it. At least that's the way it is for one of the Holly Jolly Follies' beloved elf characters.

This season, Sarge (Mike Smith) feels a bit melancholy as he goes about his elf-duties at the North Pole. Then, suddenly he meets the lovely Joy Merriweather (Polly Fleming), and their lives both take a sharp turn toward holiday love and companionship. This unexpected pair discover a storybook romance, as Sarge demonstrates once again that he is quite capable of saving Christmas.

Get ready for goosebumps and warm fuzzies, amidst adorable songs and dances ... and an ugly sweater or two.

This year's Follies is jam packed with joy!

The Follies' poignant central theme was penned by local author,



**Holly Jolly Follies returns to the FEC in December with the love story of Sarge, played by Mike Smith, and Joy, Polly Fleming.**

Rose Ellen Jacobson, and the show is directed by her daughter and CROW Artistic Director, Melanie

Heard. Local jazz diva Mary Beers musical directs, and Genevieve Shahan will be assistant Director.

A true variety show with performers of all ages, this year's Follies features many new and wonderful surprises, including vocal solos and duos, live musicians, comedic interludes, small and large group numbers, and of course, CROW's stellar Flight Dance Team, which will perform beautiful new dance choreography – including a Bob Fosse inspired number complete with Fedoras and Tux jackets, and an uplifting contemporary piece.

"There's lots of romance, comedy, and moments that make you go 'Aw!' in this year's production," said Heard.

In addition, rumor has it that the "Tutu Dads" will also shake their tailfeathers in a humorously choreographed piece that will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

"This is going to be the best Follies yet," Heard added. "Come support local arts and lose yourself in a really endearing story, just in time for the holidays!"

The 2019 Holly Jolly Follies will be presented Dec. 6, 7 and 8, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m., and Sunday's matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$10 for kids 12 and under.

Proceeds support scholarships for kids in the arts, and CROW's ongoing arts programming, including the Spring 2020 production of "Mary Poppins."

Tickets for "Finding Joy At Christmastime" can be purchased at the FEC Box office, by calling 541-997-1994 or visiting [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com) for more details.

### November Events in Florence

**Nov. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 & 10**

**LRP presents "Mamma Mia!"**

2 p.m. Sunday or 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
Tickets required | Florence Events Center  
[www.lrpproductions.org](http://www.lrpproductions.org) | [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org)

**Nov. 5**

**Florence Big Wave First Tuesday Open Mic Night**

7 p.m.; open to public  
Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St.

**Nov. 9**

**Peace Harbor Light Up A Life**

2 to 3:30 p.m.; open to public  
Florence Events Center | 541-997-3418

**2nd Saturday Gallery Tour**

3 to 5 p.m.; Open to public  
Various locations around Florence  
[2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com](http://2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com)

**Nov. 11**

**Veteran's Day Parade**

2019 Grand Marshals — World War II Veterans  
2 p.m.; open to public  
Historic Old Town Florence

**Nov. 13**

**SEACoast presents Texas Gypsies**

7 p.m.; tickets required | 6:15 p.m. pre-concert talk  
Florence Events Center | [seacoastea.org](http://seacoastea.org)

**Nov. 14**

**Bernie Herr & Wolfgang Emil Hofmann Art Reception**

Sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank and produced by  
BeauxArts Fine Art Materials and Cindy Wobbe Estate Sales  
5 to 7 p.m.; open to public | Florence Events Center

**Nov. 22**

**Wallflowers and Wine — "Holiday Bouquet"**

Presented by artist John Leasure  
6:30 p.m.; tickets required | Florence Events Center

**Nov. 26**

**Big Wave Poetry Workshop**

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; open to public  
Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St.

**Nov. 30**

**Florence Festival of Trees**

Benefitting Oregon Coast Military Museum  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; open to public  
Florence Events Center

**Fridays and Saturdays**

**Live Music at Three Rivers**

7 to 11 p.m.; 21+  
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