



Your assignment:

❑ **Get tickets to the Friday, February 23, 2018 show, at the Venus de Milo in Swansea.**

(Plan to arrive around 7 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. and the show starting at 9 p.m.)

❑ **Please indicate how many tickets you want and enclose payment for all tickets ordered.** *(We will assign you seats and mail the tickets to you.)*

❑ **We cannot guarantee you will be seated with your friends unless you order your tickets together.** *(We recommend going for a table! No seats will be reserved without full payment.)*

❑ **If you wish to reserve a table (seating 10), send in the full amount (\$650) with the order form.** *(Extort the money at your leisure from your fellow guests.)*

❑ **Send in the ticket order and your money and we will send you the tickets and hold your seats.** *(The Guild has designated the 9 ring-side tables as premium tables. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis for an additional \$150 per table. You must purchase a full table to qualify. Tables seat 10.)*

❑ **The sooner you buy, the better your seat. Don't delay, order today!** *(Make deadline!)*

❑ **Proceeds from the Follies benefit the Providence Newspaper Guild Scholarship Fund.** *(Follies tickets are not deductible as charitable contributions, but in limited circumstances may qualify for a business expense deduction. Please consult your tax advisor.)*

The Venus Song

(sung to the tune of YMCA)

People, I was once in your shoes
I was hung up on those
Rocky Point blues
I got ptomaine at the 1025
And the Biltmore's still a cheap dive

That's when Smokey came up to me
And said newsboy,
There's a place in Swansea
It's got plastic statues from Italy
And the humor's always sleazy

It's Follies time at the Venus de Milo
Veeeeeeenus de Milo
By the big neon sign,
At the old bowl-a-drome
We will sing you the news
People feel right at home,
Venus de Milo, Venus de Milo...

THE
FOLLIES



STEP 1:

TICKETS

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Who?

YOU are hereby cordially invited to attend one of the most anticipated and exclusive events of the year:
The Providence Newspaper Guild Follies.

What?

THE 45TH EDITION OF THE PROVIDENCE NEWSPAPER GUILD FOLLIES is the infamous musical and stage send-up of all things Rhode Island, especially our state's political culture.

The Follies is presented by the Guild, the union representing over 150 employees of The Providence Journal, Brockton Enterprise, Pawtucket Times/Woonsocket Call, Worcester Telegram & Gazette - advertising salespeople, copy editors, reporters, photographers and others who produce the newspaper that lands on your doorstep and computer each morning.

For 45 years, the Providence Newspaper Guild has been putting on a musical review of the news events of the previous year. The cast is made up of Guild members and ringers who have snuck in. The audience includes Rhode Island's top political leaders. Profits from the Follies benefit the Guild's scholarship fund.



Where?

THE VENUS DE MILO IN SWANSEA, MASSACHUSETTS.

75 Grand Army Highway (Rt.6)
(401) 861-2780 or (508) 678-3901

When?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018, 7 PM

The Follies is always held on the last Friday evening in February. Neither sleet nor snow - nor economic crisis nor federal indictment - has ever kept the Follies from enlivening both the New England winter and the state's political landscape.

Why?

THE FOLLIES WAS CONCEIVED IN THE AFTERMATH OF A BITTER LABOR DISPUTE between the Guild and Journal management that led to a 12-day strike in 1973. Its organizers saw the show as a way to heal the leftover wounds, and to bring the state's political, labor and business elite together for a good bash, and raise money for the Guild scholarship fund.

Our union is alive today because we have done what great Guild locals have always done - stuck together in both good times and difficult ones and worked collectively with management to deliver a distinguished newspaper and website to the readers of Southeastern New England.

How?

THE FOLLIES TICKET ORDER FORM:

Name: _____

Address we should send tickets to: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets at \$65 each: _____

Premium table additional fee \$150: _____

Total: _____

To pay by credit card: Visa _____

MasterCard _____ **American Express** _____

Account

_____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Security Code: _____

Name as it appears on card

(PLEASE PRINT)

Signature _____

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

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