



## Your assignment:

❑ **Get tickets to the Friday, February 27th 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.)*

❑ **There are only 1,030 tickets available. 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



*"Just got back from the Providence Writer's Guild #Follies. It's kind of like the "Dundies" but with jokes about Cranston and Michelle Kwan."*

—tweeted Andy MacMannis, director of enrichment and remediation at Trinity Academy for Performing Arts.  
3/1/14 12:33 am

*"A show featuring more boobs than a Foxy Lady reunion."*

—Walter Grabensnatch, critic,  
DoesThisLookInfected.com

# 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 42ND 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 130 employees of The Providence Journal - advertising salespeople, copy editors, reporters, photographers and others who produce the newspaper that lands on Rhode Island's doorstep each morning.

For 42 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 27, 2015, 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 #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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)**

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:**  
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