

CLASSIC MUSICAL *FOLLIES* BROADCAST LIVE FROM NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE THIS NOVEMBER

"A stupendous Sondheim revival"

The Guardian

"Razzmatazz, poignancy and cracking songs in this unmissable Sondheim revival"

The Daily Telegraph

"A smart, sexy package featuring a dizzying series of bravura, showstopping tunes and performances"

The Hollywood Reporter



- Landmark musical will be broadcast live from the National Theatre this
November

- Cast includes triple Olivier award winning and Academy Award nominated actress Imelda Staunton
- National Theatre Live currently screens to 2500 venues across 60 countries including 700 in the UK

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Classic Stephen Sondheim musical **Follies** will be broadcast live to cinemas across the UK and internationally on Thursday November 16th as part of [National Theatre Live](#).

Set in 1971, New York, the production follows the reunion of a group of showgirls at the theatre where they used to perform which is about to be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves.

Including such classic songs as *Broadway Baby*, *I'm Still Here* and *Losing My Mind*, **Stephen Sondheim's** legendary musical is staged for the first time at the National Theatre. The cast of 37 includes Olivier Award winning actresses **Imelda Staunton** (*Harry Potter*, *Who's Afraid Virginia Woolf*, *Sweeney Todd*) **Tracie Bennett** (*Hairspray*, *High Society*), **Janie Dee** (*Carousel*, *Hello Dolly*) and triple Olivier award winning actor **Philip Quast** (*Les Miserables*, *South Pacific*) and **Peter Forbes** (*Singin in the Rain*, *The James Plays*) who are joined by an orchestra of 21. The production is directed by **Dominic Cooke** (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*).

Since launching in 2009, **National Theatre Live** broadcasts have been seen by an audience of over 7 million people at 2500 venues in 60 countries. The first season began in June 2009 with the acclaimed production of *Phédre* starring Oscar winner Helen Mirren. Recent broadcasts include *Angels in America* with Andrew Garfield and Russell Tovey, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* with Imelda Staunton and Conleth Hill, *Rosentcrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* with Daniel Radcliffe, *Hedda Gabler* with Ruth Wilson and Sir Ian McKellen and Sir Patrick Stewart in *No Man's Land*, Sky Arts is the UK sponsor for National Theatre Live.

Follies will be broadcast live to cinemas across The UK from The National Theatre on Thursday 16th November as part of National Theatre Live. To find your nearest cinema go to <http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk>

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