



## ABOUT US

**“IT IS SAID THAT WHEN THE CONSCIENTIOUSNESS OF SEVERAL HOLD THE SAME THOUGHT, A MANIFESTATION TAKES PLACE, MAKING THE THOUGHT A REALITY.”**

**... and so it was with Ned Startzel and Mark Carroll.**

While reading the newspaper in 2006 Ned Startzel read about a local “music man,” entertainer Mark Carroll, who stated his desire to stage a Senior Follies showcase to highlight the talents of local seniors who love live theater and wanted to continue to perform. This too was Ned’s long-time dream but he had never had the opportunity to pursue it. Growing up in his father’s vaudeville theater and watching the performers from the wings left an indelible mark on Ned’s life; the love of entertaining an audience.



After a handshake and a lot of planning, the dream of both men became a reality in 2008 when the Spectacular Senior Follies debuted on stage at the Eisemann Theater. With a cast of 70, the Follies was an instant success and Ned and Mark never looked back. Now the Follies is a yearly theatrical event in Dallas featuring a cast of over 150 professional entertainers who happen to be over the age of 55. Featuring live music, beautiful stage sets and lighting, the Follies presents dancers, vocalists, comedians and the highlight of the Follies, the famous Follies Showgirls who appear in lavish, over the top costumes to the delight of the audience. Young and old, the Follies offers something for everyone to enjoy.

2018 marks the 10 year anniversary of the Follies entertaining audiences in the Dallas – Ft. Worth area and knowing that as more entertainers turn 55 each year, the board of directors plans on many more years to come for the Spectacular Senior Follies.

## **OUR VISION**

Provide safe, clean, ethical entertainment dedicated to providing the Dallas area with a world-class show. To enhance and enrich the vitality of the senior community through theater and the arts by producing a broad range of high quality theatrical and artistic productions that will be entertaining, educational, enriching and diverse.

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Spectacular Senior Follies is to preserve the traditions and legacy of the American performing arts for future generations, provide community outreach that inspires all age groups, educate by example and reinforce the vibrancy of seniors by presenting high quality performances with senior entertainers 55 and older.

## **OUR BOARD**

