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Holiday History Lesson

Ride an elevator to each scene of this funny and fact-filled play.

Minneapolis' Mill City Museum shows off its interactive style this season with *An Eventually Christmas: Holidays at the Mill*. During this hourlong play, attendees ride the museum's Flour Tower elevator from floor to floor, experiencing a scene at each stop. The Ghost of Mill City Past accompanies the 35-member audience as employees of the Washburn Crosby Mill get ready for their holiday party, set in 1920. True mill trivia and stories come to life amid a fictional plot mixing danger, romance and comedy. The play runs Dec. 15–17, with three showings a day. Tickets are \$14 for adults and include museum admission on the day of the show and post-performance refreshments. mncs.org/calendar

Highlights: 1st Floor: The Ghost of Mill City Past introduces the audience to the stories he is about to tell. 5th Floor: Two "mill girls" discuss the upcoming holiday party and which of their co-workers will be leaving their job due to a marriage proposal. 7th Floor (mill office): Washburn Crosby marketing mastermind Benjamin S. Bull accidentally discovers the slogan "Eventually, Why Not Now," which became a phenomenon in the 1920s. 8th Floor: The audience exits the Flour Tower for the final scene, which takes place at the 1920 Washburn Crosby Holiday party.



More events that revive holidays past:

▲ See how food-rationing and other effects of World War I impacted holiday celebrations at the Lindbergh home in Little Falls and beyond during **Christmas on the Home Front**, Nov. 25–Dec. 4. Make a decoration and write to a Minnesota soldier, too.

■ Hang with the logging crew, warm yourself by the barrel stove, ride a horse-drawn sleigh and otherwise experience the holiday season, 1900s Northwoods style, during **Christmas in the Logging Camp** at the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids, Dec. 3.

■ Tour the modest home where the founder of the Mayo Clinic lived—and learn about late-1800s Christmas traditions—at the **W. W. Mayo House** in Le Sueur. Linger over cider, cookies and music in the parlor, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 9 and 10. mnh.org/calendar

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“Thank you for sending the copies of AAA Living with the Eventually Christmas article. And thank you so much for featuring it! I wanted to let you know that it had an enormous impact, with tickets selling very quickly when the magazine must have been delivered (last week), and we sold out all performances by Monday morning. We are thinking of adding an additional performance or two to accommodate demand.

I also want to tell you about all of the compliments the illustration has received from Mill City Museum staff and the Minnesota Historical Society marketing team. Everyone is very impressed with how well you captured the Flour Tower and the Eventually Christmas program!

Would you ever be willing to let us use the illustration to market the program in future years?”

David Stevens
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