

# November 6, 2014: CBS Sues Over Fashion Rocks Special, Train Strike Threatens Berlin Wall Anniversary Events, Hollywood Christmas Parade Welcomes Hotel Guests

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**1. CBS SUES OVER FASHION ROCKS SPECIAL:** CBS is suing the producer of Fashion Rocks, Three Lions Entertainment, for \$2.4 million over claims that producers breached the contract and owes money. Deadline Hollywood: “At the time the new venture was announced, [Richard] Beckman—described in the complaint as ‘a former magazine executive who has attempted to reinvent himself as a live entertainment impresario’—and Three Lions said they intended to bring Fashion Rocks back after a five-year absence from TV. But the Ryan Seacrest-hosted special starring Jennifer Lopez, Usher and Justin Bieber tanked on September 9 with an embarrassingly low 0.6/2 and 2.28 million viewers. That was the lowest-rated show of the night among the Big 4.”

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**2. TRAIN STRIKE THREATENS BERLIN WALL ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:** Germany’s plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall may be stymied by a strike by train drivers who have already disrupted commutes and travel. Fortune: “To get the maximum effect, the strike has been timed to disrupt the planned celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall back in 1989, and many in the formerly Communist-run eastern Germany (and beyond) are acutely aware that free association and the right to strike were two basic rights that they thought would be guaranteed in the Federal Republic.” <http://for.tn/1tgFFGo> (<http://for.tn/1tgFFGo>)

**3. HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE WELCOMES HOTEL GUESTS:** A two-night package at the Hollywood Hotel in East Hollywood is offering an unusual perk: Guests can march in the 3.5-mile Hollywood Christmas Parade on November 30. Los Angeles Times: “Stevie Wonder is the grand marshal this year in the annual parade, which benefits the Toys for Tots program. The Hollywood Hotel team will be carrying Elf on the Shelf balloons this year. The parade also will include balloons

of the Minions from *Despicable Me* films and children's book characters Caillou and Archibald Mouse." <http://lat.ms/1tgglpl> (<http://lat.ms/1tgglpl>)

**\* LOCAL NEWS \***

**BOSTON:** Dav El I BostonCoach Chauffeured Transportation Network has added a line of Mercedes Sprinters vans. The luxury vehicles each seat 14 passengers and can be configured in coach or limousine-style arrangements.

**CHICAGO:** Flight, a benefit for Children's Oncology Services, will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel on November 14. Inspired by a tour of Italy, the night will include a cocktail reception, dinner, a seated program, musical entertainment, and live and silent auctions.

Producers of the second annual Assembly Show, which focuses on assembly products and services, held October 28-30 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, reported a 41 percent increase in exhibit space and a 36 percent increase in attendance over 2013.

**DENVER:** The Inverness Hotel and Conference Center, A Destination Hotel, is undergoing a \$1.3 million renovation that will refresh its lobby, entrance, food and beverage outlets, and event corridors. The project is expected to finish in January.

**LAS VEGAS:** The Lili Claire "Live Your Passion" Celebrity Benefit and Concert is November 15 and will include a poker tournament chaired by actor Jason Alexander, a concert hosted by comedians Caroline Rhea and Aisha Tyler, and entertainment from Bob Saget.

Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill at Downtown Summerlin has opened. The restaurant, designed by longtime Puck collaborator EDG, seats 200 and has private dining space and two patio seating areas.

**LOS ANGELES:** Using technology from Hologram USA, Jimmy Kimmel hosted his show Wednesday from his Hollywood studio and also appeared via hologram to a live audience at the CMA Theater in the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville for the 48th annual CMAs.

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**MIAMI/SOUTH FLORIDA:** Hank Lane Music, the New York-based provider of dance bands, DJs, and headline talent, has opened an office in Boca Raton. Senior vice president and managing partner

Michael Herman will direct the office.

**NEW YORK:** NYCCreates will host its 11th Holiday Craft Fair December 6-7 in the Brooklyn Historical Society's Great Hall.

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(<http://www.masterplanneronline.com/newyork>)

**SAN DIEGO:** To mark the 25th anniversary of the San Diego Convention Center, officials will host a luncheon Friday in Ballroom 20. The event will serve as a fund-raiser to benefit the Downtown San Diego Partnership's "Make Change Count" program, which provides assistance to the city's homeless population; Mayor Kevin Faulconer is scheduled to speak.

**TORONTO:** Canfar's Bloor Street Entertains, a fund-raiser for H.I.V. and AIDS research, will take place on November 25. More than 20 shops and galleries along the Bloor-Yorkville corridor will host dinners, and the evening will wrap with an after-party at the Royal Ontario Museum.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Reggie Cooper is the new general manager of Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, Virginia.

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