

# TV NEWS ALERT: BEHIND-THE-SCENES AND LIVE TIMES SQUARE NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT COVERAGE

# **BEHIND-THE-SCENES, PRE-EVENT COVERAGE OF TIMES SQUARE 2021**

Pre-New Year's Eve footage featuring the arrival and installation of the "2021" numerals atop of One Times Square; the assembly and lighting of the New Year's Eve Ball; Good Riddance Day; Confetti Test; the Wishing Wall and other preparations.

Pre-event coverage will be available via download, featuring 16 x 9 HD broadcast quality video, B-Roll footage (encoded as H.264), broadcast and web quality pre-packaged EPKs, photos and press releases.

Video content will be uploaded mid-afternoon or evening (EST) on the following dates: December 3 (Wishing Wall), December 21 (Numeral Arrival), December 26 (Numeral Installation atop One Times Square), December 27 (Crystal Installation), December 28 (Good Riddance Day), December 29 (Confetti Test) and December 30 (Ball Test and Balloon Preparation).

Download access at: https://timessquareball.net/press/.

# BROADCAST LIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE COVERAGE OF TIMES SQUARE 2021

Live coverage of the Times Square New Year's Eve festivities with exclusive panoramic views from proprietary camera locations with the ambient and natural sounds. Highlights include the lighting and raising of the New Year's Eve Ball at 6 p.m. EST, hourly countdowns, live musical performances from 2x Grammy winner and global music legend Gloria Gaynor ("I Will Survive," "Joy Comes in the Morning," "Never Can Say Goodbye"), singer-songwriter Andra Day ("Rise Up," "Forever Mine" and John Lennon's "Imagine" just before midnight), Brazilian singer-songwriter Anitta and singer-songwriter Pitbull, a Military Salute medley by the USO Show Troupe, a dance performance by The Waffle Crew, additional special guests and the pushing of the Waterford Crystal button that signals the Ball Drop at midnight.

This clean, uninterrupted feed will be provided <u>free of charge</u> to media organizations around the world on a non-exclusive basis solely for their use in creating television programming relating to the event. Additional information, including a schedule of events and talent, is available at: <u>http://www.timessguarenyc.org/events/new-years-eve/index.aspx</u>.

#### NORTH AMERICAN TIMES AND COORDINATES:

### 1) VIA FIBER IN HD 1080i/59.94: Thursday, December 31, 2020; 4:00pm to 12:15am EST

The New York Switch HD: NY POOL 1. Please note that from 4:00pm – 5:55pm you will see color bars and tone with a times square identifier. Program will begin at 6:00pm.

### 2) VIA SATELLITE IN HD 1080i/59.94: Thursday, December 31, 2020; 10:00pm to 12:15am EST

C Band: SES 2 Transponder C24 SLOT A; Orbital Position 87' West; Downlink Frequency 4165 VERTICAL, Bandwidth 6 MEG, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 5.0, DVB S2, 8PSK

KU Band: SES 2, Transponder K1 SLOT E, Orbital Position 87' West, Downlink Frequency 11705 HORIZONTAL Bandwidth 6 MEG, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 5.0, DVB S2, 8PSK

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TIMES AND COORDINATES:**

1) VIA FIBER IN HD 1080i/50: Thursday, December 31, 2020; 11:45pm to 12:15am EST (Friday, January 1, 2021; 0445-0515 GMT)

BT Tower London HD/RR 1

2) VIA SATELLITE IN HD 1080i/50: Thursday, December 31, 2020; 11:45pm to 12:15am EST (Friday, January 1, 2021; 0445-0515 GMT)

EUROPE: E10A Transponder B03 Slot EF Orbital Slot 10' East; Downlink Frequency 11060.2 Horizontal, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 7.2, DVB S2, 8PSK

LATIN AMERICA: IS 21 2C, Slot A, Orbital Slot 302' East; Downlink Frequency 3706.5225 Horizontal, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 7.2, DVB S2 , 8PSK

<u>ASIA:</u> AS5 TXP C7H CH 9B, Orbital Slot 100.5' East; Downlink Frequency 3866.5 Horizontal, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 7.2, DVB S2 , 8PSK

AFRICA/MIDEAST: IS 20 LM01C, Slot A, Orbital Slot 68.5' East; Downlink Frequency 3707.5 Horizontal, MPEG 4, FEC 3 / 4, SYMBOL RATE 7.2, DVB S2 , 8PSK

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### EMBED LIVE COMMERCIAL-FREE NEW YEAR'S EVE WEBCAST OF TIMES SQUARE 2021

Times Square New Year's Eve host Jonathan Bennett and street correspondents will provide live, commercial-free, webcast coverage of the festivities leading up to the Ball Drop at midnight including the lighting and raising of the New Year's Eve Ball at 6 p.m. EST, hourly countdowns, live musical performances from 2x Grammy winner and global music legend Gloria Gaynor ("I Will Survive," "Joy Comes in the Morning," "Never Can Say Goodbye"), singer-songwriter Andra Day ("Rise Up," "Forever Mine" and John Lennon's "Imagine" just before midnight), Brazilian singer-songwriter Anitta and singer-songwriter Pitbull, a Military Salute medley by the USO Show Troupe, a dance performance by The Waffle Crew, additional special guests and the pushing of the Waterford Crystal button that signals the Ball Drop at midnight.

Additional information about this commercial-free webcast, including a schedule of events and talent, is available at: <a href="http://www.timessquarenyc.org/events/new-years-eve/index.aspx">http://www.timessquarenyc.org/events/new-years-eve/index.aspx</a>.

The Webcast will begin at 6:00 p.m. EST on December 31, 2020 and end at 12:15 a.m. EST on January 1, 2021. The show, which also offers mobile friendly viewing, will be available at <u>TimesSquareNYC.org</u>, <u>TimesSquareBall.net</u> and <u>livestream.com/2021.</u>

Additionally, the event organizers are inviting digital media outlets, bloggers and webmasters to embed the live, commercial-free Times Square 2021 webcast to enhance New Year's Eve content on their own websites and social media channels.

Additional information, including embedding details, is available on the Web at <u>livestream.com/2021</u> or <u>http://timessquarenyc.org/events/new-years-eve/webcast/index.aspx</u>.

Please note – the webcast will also be streamed via Facebook Live video at <u>facebook.com/timessquarenyc</u>. Digital media outlets, bloggers and webmasters are invited to share this video stream, crediting Countdown Entertainment/Times Square Alliance.

For more information on satellite/fiber feeds, please contact Shelley Kapitulik at 203-898-1501 (<u>shelley@splashpr.us</u>). Media and Press information on the event is at: <u>https://www.timessquarenyc.org/times-square-new-years-eve/media-press</u>.