

Sutton Foster

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I'm not the kind of person who would fly to New York to get the 'Broadway experience,' not being a fan of airplanes or big cities. But my life would be less joyful if Broadway did not exist. Accordingly, I'm thankful for the folks who do attend in person, thus supporting the industry and making it possible for me to watch from afar. I do attend local productions, the occasional touring show in Seattle and of course, any show that features my daughter. But most of my participation in musical theatre is reliant on the Internet, even without a looming pandemic.

A favorite among the folks I can find performing via You Tube et al is Sutton Foster. She's become a big deal in the Broadway realm but long before she started winning Tony Awards my daughter had turned me on to her and she was a hit with me from the get go. Don't take my word for it – get with your friends at Google and seek her out. Whether you watch her performing or being interviewed, this is a person who lives to make an audience smile. And smiles are badly needed these days.

Before I started typing this, I found a quote from an article in Broadway.com that for me, says it all. So, when you're sick of snarky comments and self-important 'experts' in the news, perhaps you can find some respite in Ms. Foster's comments, reprinted below. I know they made me smile.

"At our house at the lake, we have a giant walk-in closet. I lock myself in there, and I dance." she laughed. "It's a big closet!" But to the star, simple joys like closet dancing are necessary for getting through rough times. "One of my mottos—whether or not this stuff is going on—is to do something creative every day," said Foster. "I don't wait for the phone to ring to tell me to be creative." Perseverance means knowing you have the power to be imaginative, she said. "I'm constantly working on something or crafting something, especially when you're not relying on an audience applauding you for your happiness or your identity."

Quoted by Michael Appler in *Sutton Foster Says She's Dancing in Her Closet Right Now – And You should Be, Too* at broadway.com, 20Mar2020