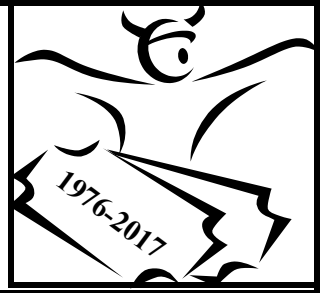




THEATER BUS

For the "Over 55s"



Jan – Feb 2017

Theater Bus, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the quality of life for adults over 55 residing in the greater Madison community by providing safe, affordable, escorted outings to theatrical, cultural and social events.



Bring on the New Year



Happy New Year! We will kick off our 2017 events locally with lunch at Rex's Inkeeper in Waunakee followed by the matinee performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's 1949 hit musical, South Pacific at the Verona Area Community Theater. You will be amazed by the talent of our local area citizens.

Our second pick for January is, Wonder Bread Years, starring Milwaukee's own funny man, John McGivern at the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford, WI. John is also the star of his own show, "Around the Corner" on Wisconsin Public Television. John will take you back in time laughing all the way, "reminding us there is still a kid inside each of us". Before the show, we will have lunch at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center in Oconomowoc.

Then "Let's Go Dorfin". Get out your ladyhosen and lederhosen. Come along for our favorite February event, the great Fasching Dinner Celebration at Laack's Ballroom in Johnsonville, WI. where you are guaranteed a lively afternoon of entertainment by the Dorf Kapelle band as they perform authentic folk music of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Czech

Republic. Bring your appetite and good cheer for the hearty buffet of German dishes and the tapping of the Fasching Keg. "Zicke, zake, Zicke, zake, hoi, hoi, hoi!" There will be door prizes too! Good Luck!

Never mind old man winter. It's Mardi Gras time. Get on the bus for our trip to hear New Orleans hottest jazz band, the Dukes of Dixieland at the beautiful Sharon Lynne Wilson Center in Brookfield WI. The Dukes will bring you the music of Dr. John, Fats Domino, Huey Smith, Lois Prima and many of their own tunes. This trip includes lunch at Alioto's.

We hope that you enjoy great health and happiness in the year to come. We look forward to seeing you on the bus ready to make new friends, enjoy the scenic ride and support the wonderful community theaters in Wisconsin and beyond.

~ Bonnie Knuppel

Please note: The Theater Bus office will be closed December 26, 2016 through January 3, 2017.

2016 Fundraising Appeal

Every year at this time we ask you, our participants and our friends to make a contribution in support of Theater Bus. Enclosed with this bulletin is our year end appeal. Your tax deductible donation will brighten the life of an older adult and support the arts! We hope that you will be generous!



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November 2016

Dear Friends,

In the past 40 years, Theater Bus hosted 1,134 trips. We have enjoyed plays, musicals, comedies, boat cruises and dining together. These events provided area seniors with avenues for social and cultural enjoyment that would not have been possible without your support.

For forty years, Theater Bus has operated with only one paid employee and countless hours of service from dedicated volunteers! From our small beginnings of hosting 13 trips in 1976, we have increased our selections so that we are now offering 35 or more trips a year. We are able to do this at a *minimum* charge, thanks to the generosity of time and effort by volunteers and through gifts from participants and people like you.

Please continue to support this unique organization. Every gift, no matter the size, helps to provide amazing benefits to area seniors and the arts community. On behalf of the Theater Bus Board of Directors, thank you. Your involvement and support means so much.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Knuppel

Bonnie Knuppel
Executive Director

Theater Bus, Inc. is a nonprofit
501 (c) (3) organization. Your
gift is tax-deductible.

I love Theater Bus!

- I am enclosing my 2016 gift of \$ _____.
- I am enclosing \$ _____ as a memory of _____.
- I am enclosing \$ _____ in honor of _____.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State: _____ Zip code: _____

**Please return this form
with your gift to:**

**Theater Bus, Inc.
517 N. Segoe Rd. Suite 200A
Madison, WI 53705**

1 South Pacific & Lunch

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017

Price: \$ 59

Place: Verona Community Theater

Time: Lunch/Show-11:30/2:00

Deadline: Dec. 11

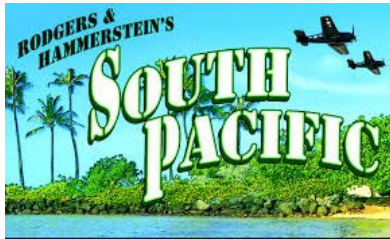
Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):

10:15 a.m. —West (Oakwood Village)

10:30 a.m. —West (Theater Bus office)

11:00 a.m. —East (East Towne Shopko)

Estim. Return to West side: 5:00 p.m.



South Pacific is considered one of the greatest musicals of all time. Based on James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific, the story follows U.S. nurse Nellie Forbush, who falls in love with a French plantation owner. The legendary score includes "A Cockeyed Optimist",

"Some Enchanted Evening", "Younger Than Springtime", "A Wonderful Guy" and the haunting "Bali Ha'i."

Lunch at Rex's Innkeeper is your choice of:

- * Chicken Cordon Bleu or * Deep Fried Shrimp or * Prime Rib or
- *Vegetable Stir Fry over rice. Dessert is chef's choice.

2 Wonder Bread Years & Lunch

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017

Price: \$ 84

Place: Schauer Arts Center

Hartford, WI

Time: Lunch/Show-11:30/2:00

Deadline: Dec 9

Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):

9:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

10:00 a.m. —West (Theater Bus office)

10:30 a.m. —East (East Towne Shopko)

Estim. Return to East side: 5:30 p.m.

A fresh and funny salute to Americana, The Wonder Bread Years, starring John McGivern of Wisconsin Public Television fame, is a fast-paced, hilarious production that gracefully walks the line between standup and theater.

Audiences across the country are enjoying a show that not only restores a much-needed sense of wonder, but leaves audiences laughing and savoring the past like never before. From sitting at the kids table to riding in the way back of the Country Squire Wagon, The Wonder Bread Years is a comic bullseye for Baby Boomers everywhere.



- Lunch at the Olympia Resort is your choice of :
- *Chicken Cordon Bleu or
 - *Sliced Roast Beef or
 - * Vegetable Pasta Primavera. Dessert is chef's choice.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Our volunteers make Theater Bus possible. They are our CPA, Office Staff, Committees, Trip Leaders, Escorts, and the Board of Directors. And they pay the same price for our trips that participants pay.

Thanks to all of you, Theater Bus succeeds!

The Theater Bus mission is supported by Oakwood Village University Woods.

We thank them for their belief in our organization.



3 Fasching Celebration Dinner Show

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Price: \$ 67

Place: Laack's Ballroom

Johnsonville, WI

Time: Lunch: Noon / Show :1:00 p.m.

Deadline: Jan 26

Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):

8:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

9:00 a.m. —West (Theater Bus Office)

9:30 a.m.—East (East Towne Shopko)

Estim. Return to East side: 5:30 p.m.

No matter what you call it, many cultures throughout the world celebrate the pre-lenten season with elaborate celebrations and revelry. Whether intended as one last fling before the fasting and austerity of lent or just to scare away the evil spirits of winter, we gather together at Laack's Hall in Johnsonville. The performance begins with the tapping of the Fasching keg (Look Out For The Spray). Sit back and enjoy as the Dorf Kapelle band entertains you with more than two hours of great music. There will be door prizes too!



Buffet menu: Smoked Pork Chops, Goulash, German Potato Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Sour Red Cabbage, Mixed Vegetables, dessert and beverage.

4 Dukes of Dixieland & Lunch

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Price: \$ 77

Place: Sharon Lynne Wilson Center
Brookfield, WI

Time: Lunch/ Show:11:00 /1:00 p.m.

Deadline: Jan 17

Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):

9:00 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

9:15 a.m. —West (Cov. Pres. Church)

9:45 a.m. —East (East Towne Shopko)

Estim. Return to East side: 5:30 p.m.

It's Mardi Gras at the Wilson Center with the Grammy-nominated DUKES of Dixieland! In two matinee performances, audiences will be transported to New Orleans with the music of Dr. John and Fats Domino, Huey Smith and Louis Prima, and many of the group's own tunes.



Before the show, lunch at Alioto's is your choice of: *6 oz Tenderloin or *BBQ Ribs or *Orange Roughy or * 5 pc. Deep Fried Shrimp. Ice Cream dessert.

TO A VERY SPECIAL PERSON-THANKS A MILLION!

We want to thank Robin Alexander for generously donating his time, expertise and talent to designing and building our new website, theaterbus.org.



We thank the Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation for their generous donation to underwrite the cost of printing this newsletter.

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Participant Policy

In order to assure a safe and pleasant experience for all participants, those attending our trips must be mobile and able to perform, without assistance, activities of daily living which include boarding and exiting the bus as well as navigating the venues, restaurants, bathrooms, boat docks etc. We cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Some trips may not be advisable for those with mobility issues requiring a walker. All coach buses have storage space and one seat for each passenger. If you take up more than one seat, you must pay for a second seat. We retain the right to refuse service to anyone exhibiting what we consider to be unacceptable behavior.

Cancellation Policy

Your request for a refund must be received prior to the deadline date for the trip. Refunds will be issued for refundable expenses only, less a \$15 administrative fee. After the deadline date, you may find a replacement to fill your spot. Please let us know who that person will be. If you are unable to find a replacement and there is a wait list for the event, Theater Bus may be able to assign a substitute and issue you a refund less the administrative fee. There are no exceptions.

Instructions for Completing the Reservation Forms

Note: Some events fill well before the deadline. If more than two weeks have gone by after the bulletin mailing, please call the office before registering to ensure that there is still space available. Register early to ensure that you have a space. Registrations will not be taken over the telephone or spaces held unless payment has been received.

1. Select the form for the event you wish to attend. Please complete providing the following information:
 - **Name and address**—Please use a return address label if you have one to ensure that we capture your information accurately. Otherwise, print your name and address clearly.
 - **Telephone number**—Your phone number is necessary in case we have questions. Our volunteers will call you prior to the event to confirm your attendance, pickup location and time. Please specify Home (H) or Cell (C).
 - **Number attending**—If you are registering just yourself, enter “1.” If you are registering more than one person, write the number attending and then write the name, address, phone number, pickup location, and meal choice, if required, of any others attending on the reverse side of the form.
 - **Additional contribution**—As a nonprofit organization, we provide scholarships and reduced-cost rides for participants in need. We depend upon donations to keep costs down and to include everyone. Thank you so much!
 - Indicate your preferred **pickup location**. Please be at the pickup location 15 minutes prior to the designated time.
 - If you wish to sit with a **friend** or group of friends, indicate the name(s) on line 4.
 - If you have special dietary needs, please call the office **in advance** to make accommodations.
 - If **meal selections** need to be made prior to the event, please indicate your meal preference on the form.
2. Theater Bus accepts checks, but not credit cards, as **payment**. Separate checks should be written for **each event**, although you may include registration fees for more than one person attending a single event on a single check. Checks should be made payable to **Theater Bus**.
3. **Mail** your registration form(s) and payment to: **Theater Bus, Inc., 517 N. Segoe Road, Suite 200A, Madison, WI 53705**. (Please note that we do not notify you of our receiving your reservation, but you can call to verify. Your cancelled check is your confirmation.)

Note: All tips are included in the cost of the trip, to include a tip for the bus driver and wait staff.

South Pacific & Lunch 1

Date: **Sun., Jan. 22, 2017** Cost : \$59 Deadline: Dec 11
Check # _____ Additional contribution: \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)

- 2. Telephone: _____
- 3. Pick-up location:
 - West- Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
 - West- Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
 - East- (East Towne Shopko)
- 4. I wish to sit with: _____
- 5. See back of form for additional information.
- 6. Meal Choice: Chicken Cordon Bleu Prime Rib
 Deep fried Shrimp Vegetable Stir Fry

Fasching Celebration Dinner Show 3

Date: **Sat., Feb. 11, 2017** Cost: \$67 Deadline: Jan 26
Check # _____ Additional contribution: \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)

- 2. Telephone: _____
- 3. Pick-up location:
 - West- Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
 - West- Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
 - East- (East Towne Shopko)
- 4. I wish to sit with: _____
- 5. See back of form for additional information.

Wonder Bread Years & Lunch 2

Date: **Sat., Jan. 28, 2017** Cost: \$ 84 Deadline: Dec 9
Check # _____ Additional contribution: \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)

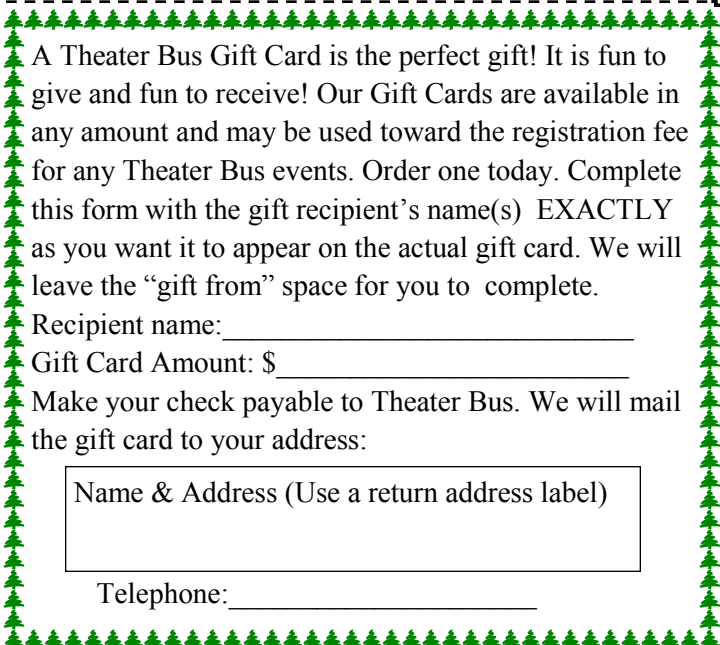
- 2. Telephone: _____
- 3. Pick-up location:
 - West- Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
 - West- Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
 - East- (East Towne Shopko)
- 4. I wish to sit with: _____
- 5. See back of form for additional information.
- 6. Meal Choice: Chicken Cordon Bleu Roast Beef
 Vegetable Pasta Primavera

Dukes of Dixieland & Lunch 4

Date: **Thurs., Feb. 23, 2017** Cost: \$77 Deadline: Jan 17
Check # _____ Additional contribution: \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)

- 2. Telephone: _____
- 3. Pick-up location:
 - West- (Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd)
 - West- Covenant Pres. Church (Mineral Point & Segoe)
 - East- (East Towne Shopko)
- 4. I wish to sit with: _____
- 5. See back of form for additional information.
- 6. Meal Choice: Tenderloin BBQ Ribs
 Orange Roughy Deep Fried Shrimp


 A Theater Bus Gift Card is the perfect gift! It is fun to give and fun to receive! Our Gift Cards are available in any amount and may be used toward the registration fee for any Theater Bus events. Order one today. Complete this form with the gift recipient's name(s) EXACTLY as you want it to appear on the actual gift card. We will leave the "gift from" space for you to complete.
 Recipient name: _____
 Gift Card Amount: \$ _____
 Make your check payable to Theater Bus. We will mail the gift card to your address:
 Name & Address (Use a return address label)
 Telephone: _____



Theater Bus Volunteer Opportunities Flexible Schedule

Volunteers with computer experience are needed in our office one or two mornings a week to help with data entry, processing registrations and event preparation.

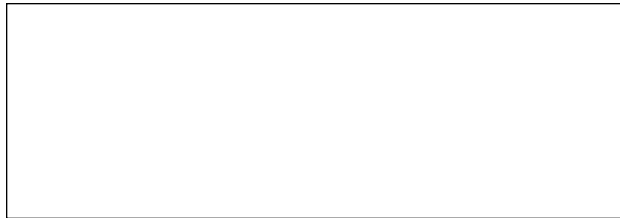
Please call Theater Bus (608) 257-0003 to discuss how you can help. Our office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.to 1 p.m.



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Reasons to Go with Theater Bus

Premier Seats: We obtain main floor seats whenever possible. **Round Trip Transportation:** We pick up from convenient Madison locations and return you to your car. **Escorts:** Escorts will be at each event to provide direction.

Reminder Call: We will call you with your pickup times and locations several days before each event.

Tickets: Escorts distribute tickets at all events.

Smoke-Free Events: Smoking is prohibited.

Fun: Great venues, great food and great people!

Pickup Locations

Theater Bus provides the following convenient Madison pickup locations. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

West-Oakwood Village University Woods at 6205 Mineral Point Road (enter at Island Drive, stay left, turn right at first stop sign, entrance on right), Covenant Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Mineral Point & Segoe Roads (weekday events), Theater Bus Office, 517 N. Segoe Rd (weekend events.)

East-East Towne Shopko, 2201 Zeier Road. Park in the Shopko lot furthest from the Shopko store, near East Towne Blvd., across from Firestone.

Note: Before each trip, our message at 257-0003 gives the pickup times and locations for each trip. Messages are checked the morning of our departure. Please let us know if your plans change.

Contact Info

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After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned.