



# THEATER BUS

For the "Over 55s"



**November-December 2017**

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



Let the Holidays Begin!



Don't let shopping be the only way you observe the holidays. Save some time on your holiday calendar for some Theater Bus trips! Treat yourself to our festive line up of holiday shows and fine dining.

Once again, it's time for the Theater Bus fan favorite, Swing Out Big Band Show! The Grand Opera House in Dubuque, IA is ready to whisk you back to the big band era with the sounds of Hunter Fuerste's 14 piece Vintage Orchestra. We will have lunch before the show at Timmerman's Supper Club overlooking the Mississippi River valley.

We have the perfect holiday opener, Christmas at the Palace. This original musical Revue in the style of the New York City Christmas Spectacular features holiday favorites from around the world, from traditional to contemporary. Complete with the "Broadway Girls", singing elves, dancing toys, and Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Don't miss the only live nativity on stage in the Midwest!

Then let's head to the Dorf Haus in Roxbury for their Dinner Theater. At the time of printing this bulletin the play is "yet to be determined", but we can tell you we

will have a scrumptious lunch in the Dorf Haus's old world atmosphere. Decorated with authentic antiques, paintings of famous German castles and Kings, and breathtaking stained glass, the Dorf Haus will enchant you.

Let music put you in the holiday mood. Come along with us to the beautiful Sharon Lynne Wilson Center to hear jazz dynamo, Elaine Dame's Holiday G.I. Jukebox show. This trip includes lunch at Alioto's.

For our final and funniest trip of 2017, we are going to downtown Milwaukee to the In Tandem Theatre, which resides in the lower level of the "big red church" (Calvary Church) on the corner of 10th and Wisconsin, for Scrooge in the Rouge. This is a fun refreshing take on the classic Dickens tale set in a Victorian music hall. This fast paced comedy contains dozens of songs with catchy lyrics, lively dance steps and ingenious costume changes. It's a show that will give your funny bone a workout! We will have lunch at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center in Oconomowoc before the show. Enjoy!

~Bonnie

## 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!**

## 29 Swing Out Big Band Show & Lunch

**Date:** Saturday, November 4, 2017  
**Price:** \$76  
**Place:** Grand Opera House, Dubuque, IA  
**Time:** Lunch/Show: 12:00/2:00 p.m.  
**Deadline:** Oct. 16  
**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**  
9:00 a.m. — East (East Towne Shopko)  
9:30 a.m. — West (Theater Bus Office)  
9:45 a.m. — West (Oakwood Village)  
**Estim. Return to West side:** 6:00 p.m.

Hunter Fuerste and his 14 piece American Vintage Orchestra presents the big band music hits of Glen Miller, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and many more. The two hour program will also feature singers, dancers and the vocal group, The Penthouse Serenaders.

Lunch before the show at Timmerman's Supper Club, will be a tossed salad, 2 pc. Fried Chicken & Roast Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and Strawberry Topped Cheesecake for dessert.



## 30 Christmas at the Palace & Lunch

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2017  
**Price:** \$82  
**Place:** Palace Theater, Wisconsin Dells  
**Time:** Lunch/Show: 12:00/2:00 p.m.  
**Deadline:** Oct. 6  
**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**  
9:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)  
10:00 a.m.—West (Cov. Pres. Church)  
10:30 a.m.—East (East Towne Shopko)  
**Estim. Return to East side:** 4:30 p.m.

This original musical revue, in the style of the New York City Christmas Spectacular, features holiday favorites from around the world from traditional to contemporary—complete with the “Broadway Girls”, singing elves, dancing toys and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Don't miss the only live nativity on stage in the Midwest!

Lunch before the show at the Palace Theater will be Holiday Ham with Tender Roasted Turkey Breast, Seasonal Stuffing with Sausage, Celery and Apples. Twice Baked Potato stuffed with Sweet Potato, Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese and Bacon, Chef's Choice Steamed Mixed Vegetables. Santa's White Chocolate Raspberry Cream Cake dessert filled with luscious raspberry preserve and fresh whipped cream with accents of white chocolate.



## 31 Dorf Haus Dinner Theater & Lunch

**Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2017  
**Price:** \$74  
**Place:** Dorf Haus, Roxbury, WI  
**Time:** Lunch/Show: 12:30/1:30 p.m.  
**Deadline:** October 31  
**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**  
11:00 a.m. —East (East Towne Shopko)  
11:30 a.m. —West (Theater Bus Office)  
11:45 a.m. —West (Oakwood Village)  
**Estim. Return to West side:** 4:30 p.m.

At the time of this printing, the play is “*yet to be determined*”, but we can tell you we will have a delicious meal in an old world atmosphere. Decorated with authentic antiques, paintings of famous German castles and Kings, and breathtaking stained glass, the Dorf Haus will enchant you.

Lunch is your choice of: \*Stuffed Porkchop with mashed potatoes or \*Baked Haddock with mashed potatoes or \*Chicken breast with wild rice or \*Rouladen with spaetzle and red cabbage. Chef's choice dessert.



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## 32 Holiday G. I. Jukebox & Lunch

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Price:** \$81

**Place:** Sharon Lynne Wilson Center  
Brookfield, WI

**Time:** Lunch/Show: 10:45/1:00

**Deadline:** Nov. 7

**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**

**8:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)**

**9:00 a.m. —West (Cov. Pres. Church)**

**9:30 a.m. —East (East Towne Shopko)**

**Estim. Return to East side: 4:30 p.m.**

Travel back in time this holiday season with “jazz dynamo” Elaine Dame for an afternoon of instant classics that shaped a generation. With beloved standards and Christmas tunes written during the time of World War II, such as “I’ll Be Seeing You,” “We’ll Meet Again,” “Let It Snow,” “White Christmas” and more, matinee audiences will delight in the endearing sentiments of home, tradition, and family. A mainstay of the Chicago jazz scene, Dame has been turning heads for the past 18 years.



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.

## 33 Scrooge in the Rouge & Lunch

**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2017

**Price:** \$79

**Place:** In Tandem Theater,  
Milwaukee, WI

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

**Deadline:** Oct. 31

**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: 5:45 p.m.**



A troupe of 23 players is about to embark on a musical adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* when 20 of them come down with food poisoning, leaving only three to put on the entire show! Fast paced and funny, this bawdy, raucous musical, set in a British Music Hall at the turn-of-the-century, features quick character changes and even quicker costume conversions!

Lunch at Olympia Resort is your choice of:

\*Chicken Cordon Bleu or \* Grilled Salmon or

\*Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

**The Theater Bus mission is supported by Oakwood Village University Woods.  
We thank them for their belief in our organization.**



## 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.

## 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.*

**Swing Out Big Band Show & Lunch 29**

Date: **Sat., Nov 4, 2017** Cost: **\$76** Deadline: Oct. 16  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)  
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2. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up location:
- East—East Towne Shopko
  - West—Theater Bus (517 N. Segoe)
  - West—Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)

4. I wish to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  See back of form for additional information

**Holiday G. I. Jukebox & Lunch 32**

Date: **Thurs., Dec. 7, 2017** Cost: **\$81** Deadline: Nov 7  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

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

**Christmas at the Palace & Lunch 30**

Date: **Thurs., Nov 9, 2017** Cost: **\$82** Deadline: Oct 6  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scrooge in the Rouge & Lunch 33**

Date: **Sun., Dec. 10, 2017** Cost: **\$79** Deadline: Oct 31  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

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2. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up location:
- West—Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
  - West—Theater Bus (517 N. Segoe)
  - East—East Towne Shopko

4. I wish to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  See back of form for additional information

6. Meal Choice:  Chicken Cordon Bleu  Grilled Salmon  
 Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

**Dorf Haus Dinner Theater & Lunch 31**

Date: **Sun., Nov. 19, 2017** Cost: **\$ 74** Deadline: Oct 31  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # of people

1. Name & Address (Use a return address label)  
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2. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up location:
- East—East Towne Shopko
  - West—Theater Bus (517 N. Segoe)
  - West—Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)

4. I wish to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  See back of form for additional information

6. Meal Choice:  Stuffed Pork Chop  Baked Haddock  
 Chicken Breast  Rouladen

**IT ALL ADDS UP!**

Our thanks to all of you who include an additional contribution with your trip reservation payments. The additional contributions you make add up to a considerable sum that makes a big difference to us!

Your additional contributions are tax deductible.

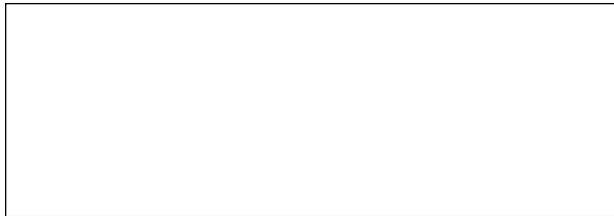


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reservation today!



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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.