

## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024

Theater Bus, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the quality of life for all adults over 55 by providing safe, affordable, volunteer led outings to theatrical, cultural and social events.

### Winter Weather Policy

(Effective Nov—March)

Our winter office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-1pm. If the weather is bad and/or driving conditions poor, our volunteers will **not** open the office. My hours, working remotely, will continue to be Monday- Thursday from 9am-3pm. You can leave a voicemail or email and it will be returned.

In the RARE event that we must cancel a trip due to weather or other unforeseen last minute circumstances, we will make every effort to reschedule. Typically, Theater Bus does not receive refunds from our venues or bus companies for last minute cancelled trips, so please understand we are not able to offer refunds to our attendees. If you cannot go on the rescheduled date, or if we are unable to reschedule a cancelled trip, refunds will not be issued. Thank you!

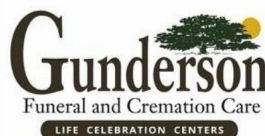
Happy Holidays! ~*Ruth*

**Coming to your mailbox soon!**  
**Our annual fundraising campaign is about to begin. Watch your mailbox for your donation form or you can use the donation button on [www.theaterbus.org](http://www.theaterbus.org)**

### Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few more **GROUP LEADERS** and a couple of participants to join the **50th Anniversary Committee!** Please call RUTH at 608-257-0003 or e-mail [info@theaterbus.org](mailto:info@theaterbus.org) for more information.

A very SPECIAL Thank you to the **Pleasant T Rowland Foundation** for their continued support.



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### 33. Miss Magnolia's Senior Center Beauty Pageant

Date: Saturday, Nov. 9th, 2024

Price: \$121

Place: Memories Ballroom, Port Washington

Time: Lunch/Show 12:30/1:45

10:00am—(West) Theater Bus

10:15am—(Monona) South Towne Mall

10:30am— (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

The Four Old Broads are back, with some wacky new friends, in an all-new comedy. Against her better judgment, Lurleen Dupree is throwing the seventh annual Miss Magnolia Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant. Martha Parcell is certain that it is finally her year to win. But Beatrice, Imogene and Eaddy have other plans. Throw in a tambourine-playing squirrel, dueling Elvis's, and an unfortunate spray-tanning incident... and you're in for a knee-slapping, side-splitting night of live theater.

Lunch will be Beef Tips with Mushrooms in Wine Sauce (GF) Mashed Potatoes (GF) Vegetable Blend (GF) Dinner Salad, Biscuits, Memories Famous Fluff, Spice Cake and Coffee, tea and milk.

### 34. Christmas in the Dells

Date: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Price: \$124

Place: Legacy Dinner Theater, Wis. Dells

Time: Lunch/Show 1:00/2:30

Approx. return to Theater Bus 5:30pm.

11:15am—(West) Covenant Church

11:45am—(Monona) South Towne Mall

12:00pm (East) Marshall's

Approx. Return time to Madison 5:30pm

**Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show** is the LARGEST and MOST SPECTACULAR Christmas show in the Mid-West! It's a BRAND NEW multi-million dollar Christmas production in Wisconsin Dells that features sugar plum fairies, soaring angels, dancing elves, enchanted reindeer, Jolly ol' Saint Nick, and the celebration of the birth of Christ with the area's largest living nativity! Enjoy an incredible cast that includes talented singers, dancers, comedians, variety acts, pyrotechnics, laser lights, giant video screens, and a huge live band.

Four-Course Dinner Feast includes tender, oven-roasted turkey, honey glazed ham, creamy vegetable soup, mashed potatoes, mac n cheese, fruit salad, seasoned green beans, warm buns, pumpkin pie and chocolate brownie dessert. Coffee, tea and milk.

*We saw this show last year and our bus sold out fast!*

### 33. Miss Magnolia's

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 9th Cost: \$121

**Deadline:** October 21st, 2024

**Check:** # \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount encl** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

**1. Name/address**

**2. Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Pick-up Location:**

\_\_\_ West—Theater Bus

\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

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

**5. Emergency Contact/number** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. \_\_\_ I need vegetarian.**

### 34. Christmas in the Dells

**Date:** Tues. Nov. 12th, 2024

**Cost:** \$124

**Deadline:** Oct. 25th, 2024

**Check:** # \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount encl** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

**1. Name/address**

**2. Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Pick-up Location:**

\_\_\_ West—Covenant Church corner of Segoe & Mineral Pt

\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

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

**5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## 35. Miracle on 34th Street

Date: Friday, November 15th, 2024

Price: \$150

Place: Fireside Dinner Theater, Fort Atkinson

Time: 11:15/1:30pm

8:30am — (West) Covenant Presby Church

8:45am — South Towne Monona

9:00am — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 6:00pm

Based on the beloved Christmas movie, MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Written by Meredith Willson, the creator of THE MUSIC MAN, this is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale.

Lunch choices: Our Signature Lean Pork Back Ribs glazed with our special Barbecue sauce, slowly roasted until the tender meat falls from the bone, accompanied by our Buttermilk Marinated Southern Fried Baked Chicken Breast OR Medallions of Roast Beef Tenderloin in the Classic Sauce OR Tender Duck Breast seared until crisp and blushing, sliced and served with a reduction of Port Wine and Tart Red Cherries. All Served with Garlic Whipped Potatoes and Romanesco, Farm Fresh Vegetables, Butternut Squash Soup. Fresh baked breads, Mississippi Mud cake, and coffee, milk and tea.

## 36. Rosewood Christmas

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 2024

Price: \$136

Place: Delevan, WI

Time: 12:30-3:30pm

9:30am — (West) Covenant Presby. Church

9:45am — South Towne Monona

10:00am — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS REMEMBERED has become a Wisconsin Tradition, continuing to celebrate many of the most well-loved hymns, carols, and holiday songs. The joy of Christmas is portrayed in poignant and touching vignettes, introducing each holiday classic song. So, gather with us once more as we recall the treasured moments of each Christmas Remembered.

Lunch choices are Roasted Citrus crusted chicken w/ vegetables and rice pilaf OR Pistachio crusted Atlantic Salmon with vegetable OR Braised Burgandy Beef Tips with onion, carrots and sweet potato puree OR Grilled Seasonal Vegetables with arugula, quinoa and cous cous pilaf. All meals include soup or salad, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee.

## 35. Miracle on 34th Street

Date: Fri. Nov. 15th, 2024 Cost: \$150

Deadline: Oct. 15th, 2024

Check: # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount encl \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up Location:

\_\_\_ West—Covenant Church (Mineral Point and Segoe)

\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

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

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

6. Circle one per person:

Chicken and Ribs

Beef Medallions

Duck

Vegetarian

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\_\_\_ East- Marshall's 2117 Zeier Rd

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

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

6. Circle one per person: chicken beef tips

Salmon

Vegetarian

## 37. Mystery Trip!

Date: Sunday, Dec 8th, 2024

Price: \$65

Place: It's a Mystery

What can we tell you?

There is no meal or Snack Pack.

There are only 36 tickets available.

It's not a Christmas theme.

12:15 pm — (East) Marshall's

12:30am — South Towne Monona

12:45—(West) Theater Bus

Approx. return to Madison 5:30pm

Our Mystery Trips sell out fast and this one is a small group, so don't delay!

## 37. Mystery Trip

Date: Sunday, Dec 8th, 2024      Cost: \$65

Deadline: Nov. 15th, 2024

Check: # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount encl \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

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2. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up Location:

\_\_\_ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ West—Covenant Pres. Church corner of Segoe & Mineral Point

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

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

**NO MEAL on this trip!**

## 38. Seasonal Allergies

Date: Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2024

Price: \$131

Place: Belle Tower, Dubuque

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

9:00am — (East) Marshall's

9:15am — South Towne Monona

9:30am — (West) Theater Bus

10:00—Mt Horeb Cenex

Estimated return to Madison 5:00pm

What are the holidays without a little chaos? Julia's life is turned upside down when her soon-to-be-divorced brother shows up unexpectedly and stays from Thanksgiving through New Year's. Don't miss this funny, heartwarming comedy about friends, family and holiday stresses.

Sunday Brunch at Timmerman's in East Dubuque. What doesn't this brunch buffet have? An omelete bar, a taco bar or pasta bar, fried chicken, eggs benedict, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, bacon, carving beef and ham, pastries, salads, potatoes of various kinds, fruits... the list goes on and on. Included is coffee and tea.

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\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ West—Covenant Pres. Church corner of Segoe & Mineral Point

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

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

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## 39. Big Band Holiday Concert

Date: Thursday, Dec. 19th, 2024

Price: \$141

Place: Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, Brookfield

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

9:30am — (West) Covenant Presby. Church

9:45am — South Towne Monona

10:00am — (East) Marshall's

10:30am—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Estimated return to Madison 6:00pm

We welcome back the MJI Big Band for a holiday performance featuring their allstar line-up of the region's top jazz musicians. Feel the spirit of the season with this uplifting program of soulful and swingin' big band jazz versions of holiday classics. Hum along, dance in your seats, and celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Hear music from the songbooks of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, and Stan Kenton plus Ellington's Nutcracker Suite, Gordon Goodwin's Yo Tannenbaum, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, and many other holiday favorites.

Lunch Buffet at Machine Shed, Pewaukee.

**ONLY 36 TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THIS SHOW!**

## 39. Big Band Holiday Concert

Date: Thursday, Dec 19th, 2024

Cost: \$141

Deadline: Nov. 25th, 2024

Check: # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount encl \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

1. Name/address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pick-up Location:

\_\_\_ West—Covenant Pres. Church corner of Segoe & Mineral Point

\_\_\_ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

\_\_\_ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

\_\_\_ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

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

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please review these important tips:

- We will not contact you to tell you we have received your check. We will only contact you if the trip is full and you are on a waitlist or if the trip is cancelled.
- Checks are deposited after the deadline listed in the newsletter.
- You will get a reminder call from us 2-3 days before the trip.
- Sometimes we have to adjust trip pick up times/locations for construction, weather, etc. PLEASE pay attention when you get your reminder call so that you are aware of any changes. The volunteers that call have the most up to date info. Please listen to your phone messages. If we can't speak to you when we call, we will leave a message with all the information.
- It is **important** that you are able to get up and down the bus steps on your own. Our volunteers are not trained to give any care assistance.
- Registrations will **not** be taken over the telephone or spaces held unless payment has been received.
- Select the form for the event you wish to attend. Please complete all of the information. (Use a return address label if you have them) Otherwise, print your name and address and telephone number clearly. Please do not assume we will get your information from your check. Sometimes, checks get separated from the registration form. Please complete your name and address. Print CLEARLY.
- 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, for EACH person.
- The deadline listed on the registration form is the date all checks will be deposited and you no longer will get a refund for cancellation.
- Theater Bus accepts checks, but not credit cards, as payment. **Separate checks must be written for each event.** Checks should be made payable to Theater Bus.
- Mail or drop off your registration form(s) and payment to: Theater Bus, Inc., 437 S. Yellowstone Dr. #214, Madison, WI 53719. If you want to drop off your registration at the office, we do have a mail slot you can use.
- All tips are included in the cost of the trip, including a tip for the bus driver and wait staff.
- It is *very important* that you bring your cell phone on the trip and keep it with you.
- Please park away from the church and businesses. (Park at the far end of the church lot, etc) We do not want to disrupt funerals at the church or businesses that are open.

*Thank you!*



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## Pickup Locations

Theater Bus provides the following convenient Madison pickup locations. **Please arrive 15 minutes earlier than listed in the newsletter.**

**West** - *Covenant Presbyterian Church* located at the corner of Mineral Point & Segoe Roads (weekday events), Park at far end of lot *Theater Bus Office*, 437 S. Yellowstone Dr. (weekend events.)

**East** - *Marshalls*, 2117 Zeier Rd., park in stalls at far end of lot, away from the entrance of the store.

**Monona** - *South Towne Mall*, Broadway Dr, near Floor and Décor end of parking area.

**Note:** Before each trip, we check messages at (608) 257-0003. *Please let us know if your plans change.*



## Contact Info

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**Website:** [www.theaterbus.org](http://www.theaterbus.org)

After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned during regular business hours. After office hours, we do have a mail slot in the door for dropping off registrations.

### WINTER OFFICE HOURS:

Office closed on  
Thursdays and Fridays!  
Monday—Wednesdays  
10am-1:00pm