

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

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.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the RARE event that we must cancel a trip due to weather or other unforeseen last minute circumstance, 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 can not go on the rescheduled date, or if we are unable to reschedule a cancelled trip, refunds will not be issued. *Thank you for your understanding.*

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Please join the Theater Bus Board of Directors for the annual meeting.

When: October 11th, 2023 9:30am

Where: 437 S Yellowstone Dr,
(2nd Floor Meeting Room across
from Theater Bus office)

Call to RSVP: 608-257-0003 or
e-mail info@theaterbus.org

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

November 28th, 2023

Giving Tuesday is on November 28th. We would love to test our donate button on our website by having you make a donation!

Visit www.theaterbus.org and scroll to the donate button and then follow the directions. It's secure and safe and easy!

You will receive a tax donation letter and acknowledgement of donation.

30. Scrooge the Musical

Date: Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
Price: \$130 tips included
Place: Fireside, Fort Atkinson
Time: Lunch/Show 11:00/1:00pm
8:45am - (West) Covenant Church
9:00 am - (Monona) South Towne Mall
9:15am - (East) Marshalls
5:00 pm approximate return to Marshall's

Join us for this merry, sparkling, tuneful, boisterous Broadway musical version of the world's most beloved Christmas story - Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Based on the popular musical movie starring Albert Finney, SCROOGE THE MUSICAL tells this time honored tale of redemption and love as only The Fireside can - with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, beautiful period costumes, uproarious comedy, and heart-warming drama. Entree Choices: Supreme Cut Chicken, Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Salmon.

31. Christmas in the Dells

Date: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023
Price: \$120 tips included
Place: Former Palace Theater, Wis. Dells
Time: Lunch/Show 11:00/1:00pm
8:45am - (West) Covenant Church
9:00 am - (Monona) South Towne Mall
9:15am - (East) Marshalls
5:00 pm approximate return to Marshall's

Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show is a BRAND NEW multi-million dollar Christmas production 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, figure skaters, pyrotechnics, laser lights, giant video screens, and a huge band spotlighting the orchestral sounds of an amazing brass section.

The Four Course dinner fest includes tender roasted turkey, honey-glazed ham, mashed potatoes, cheesy macaroni & cheese, a tangy cranberry fruit salad, fresh bread, bowl of creamy vegetable soup, seasoned green beans, And option of indulging in a slice of homemade pumpkin pie or a decadent chocolate brownie. Coffee, Tea and Milk included.

30. Scrooge the Musical

Date: Thurs. Nov. 2nd, 2023 Cost: \$130

Deadline: October 12th, 2023

Check # _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address _____

2. Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-Mail _____

3. Pick-up location:

___ West—Covenant Church Mineral Pt & Segoe Rd

___ Monona - South Towne Mall (near McDonald's)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number _____

6. ___ This is my 1st trip with Theater Bus

7. Circle one meal choice per person:

Chicken Tenderloin Salmon

31. Christmas in the Dells

Date: Nov. 14th Cost: \$120

Deadline: 10/27/23

Check # _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address _____

2. Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-Mail _____

3. Pick-up location:

___ West—Covenant Church Mineral pt & Segoe Rd

___ Monona - South Towne Mall (near McDonald's)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

32. Danny O'Donnell

Date: Sunday, November 19th, 2023
 Price: \$130 includes transportation, driver tip and ticket
 Place: Crystal Grand, Wis. Dells
 Time: Show 3:00pm
 Pickup Points & Times (Bus Pickup):
 12:45PM - (West) Theater Bus
 1:00PM - (Monona) South Towne Mall
 1:15PM - (East) Marshall's
 6:00pm approx. return to Marshalls

The Donegal (Ireland) based singer, who is one of the most prolific and successful recording artists in the UK charts, is the only artist in the world to score a hit in the UK album charts every year since 1988, an unprecedented and unbroken 35-year span, and in doing so, he has outshone everyone from Michael Jackson and Madonna, to U2 and the Rolling Stones.

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. Must be ok using steps.

NO MEAL. This is bus and show only.

33. East Troy Train Ride

Date: Tuesday, Dec 5th, 2023
 Price: \$118 tips included
 Place: East Troy Railroad Museum
 Time: Lunch/Ride 11:30/1:30pm
 9:00am - (West) Covenant Church
 9:15am - South Towne Mall
 9:30am - (East) Marshall's
 4:00pm approximate return time

Celebrate the holidays with a ride on the train. We will be dining in the dining cars and watching the wintery scenery on a 2 hour rail trip.

Lunch will be a House Salad, Chicken with Garlic Roasted Parmesan Cream Sauce, Smashed Red Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable and dinner rolls, with Spice Cake for Dessert. Coffee and Tea included.

32. Danny O'Donnell

Date: Sunday, November 19th, 2023 Cost: \$130
 Deadline: Oct 25th, 2023

Check # _____
 Additional contribution: \$ _____
 Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people
 1. Name/address

2. Home phone: _____
 Cell phone: _____
 E-Mail _____

3. Pick-up location:
 ___ West—Theater Bus 437 S Yellowstone Dr
 ___ Monona - South Towne Mall (near
 McDonald's)
 ___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____
 5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number

 6. ___ This is my 1st trip with Theater Bus

33. East Troy Train Ride

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 2023 Cost :\$118
 Deadline: Nov. 13th, 2023

Check # _____
 Additional contribution: \$ _____
 Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people
 1. Name/address

2. Home phone: _____
 Cell phone: _____
 E-Mail _____

3. ___ West- Covenant Church Mineral Pt &
 Segoe Rd Pick-up location:
 ___ Monona - South Towne Mall (Near
 McDonald's)
 ___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____
 5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number

 6. _ ___ This is my 1st trip with Theater Bus

34. Clausen Family Christmas

Date: Friday, December 8th, 2023

Price: \$112 tips included

Place: Coloma, WI

Time: Lunch/Show 12:00/2:00pm

9:45am - (West) Covenant Church

10:00am - (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:15am - (East) Marshall's

5:00pm approximate return to Marshall's

Enjoy a delectable dinner, browse in the gift shoppes, pick up a treat from the Coffee Shoppe and then enjoy a spectacular show filled with holiday music sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

The delectable dinner is served buffet style and includes three meat entrées, potato selections, vegetable selections, dinner rolls, fruit salad, dessert and coffee, milk or water. All of the meals are made fresh from our kitchen, with menus themed to match the style of the current show.

34. Clausen Family Christmas

Date: Friday, December 8th 2023 Cost: \$112

Deadline: Nov. 17th, 2023

Check # _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name/Address

2. Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

3. Pick-up location:

___ West -Covenant Church (Mineral Pt & Zeier Rd)

___ Monona - South Towne Mall (near McDonalds)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number

35. Dial "M" For Murder

Date: Sunday, December 10th 2023 Cost: \$130

Deadline: Nov. 21th, 2023

Check # _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name/Address

2. Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

3. Pick-up location:

___ West -Covenant Church (Mineral Pt & Zeier Rd)

___ Monona - South Towne Mall (near McDonalds)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number

6. circle one meal choice: Grilled Chicken

Rueben Vegetarian chef's choice

35. Dial "M" For Murder

Date: Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Price: \$130 tips included

Place: Milwaukee Rep Theater

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

9:45 am - (West) Theater Bus

10:00am - (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:15am - (East) Marshalls

10:45am - Johnson Creek Park N Ride

5:30 pm approximate return to Marshall's

Passion, blackmail and revenge combine into a breathtaking, edge-of-your-seat murder mystery. Jealous suspicion gives way to cold-blooded vengeance when a gold-digging husband's perfect crime misfires, trapping all parties in a sinister and dangerous web of lies. This classic, which inspired Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece, has been newly adapted by acclaimed playwright Jeffrey Hatcher (Holmes and Watson) and is brimming with shocking surprises that will keep you guessing until the end.

Lunch at Mader's in Milwaukee. Choice of Grilled Chicken Breast Sand on a pretzel bun w/German Potato Salad or Rueben Sandwich w/French Fries. Includes: Salad, bread, Apple Strudel and coffee and soda.

36. Nuncrackers

Date: Saturday, December 16th, 2023
 Price: \$126 tips included
 Place: Milwaukee Rep Theater
 Time: Lunch/Show 11:30/2:00pm
 9:45 am - (West) Theater Bus
 10:00am - (Monona) South Towne Mall
 10:15am - (East) Marshalls
 10:45am - Johnson Creek Park N Ride
 5:30 pm approximate return to Marshall's

The hilarious sisters of Nunsense are back, spreading yuletide laughs, cheerful carols and the gift of festive mischief with a new Christmas special for cable access. Complete with (mostly) traditional holiday songs, a silly secret Santa contest, and a not-so-graceful take on Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet that will have you laughing all the way through New Year's.

Please note: This is in the Cabaret and there are a few steps. We will be seated at tables for the show.

Buffet Lunch at Machine Shed in Pewaukee.

36. Nuncrackers

Date: Saturday, Dec. 16th, 2023 Cost: \$126

Deadline: Nov. 24th, 2023

Check # _____

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ # of people

1. Name/Address _____

2. Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

3. Pick-up location:

____ West - Theater Bus 437 S Yellowstone Dr

____ Monona - South Towne Mall (near McDonalds)

____ East - Marshall's Zeier Rd

____ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone number _____

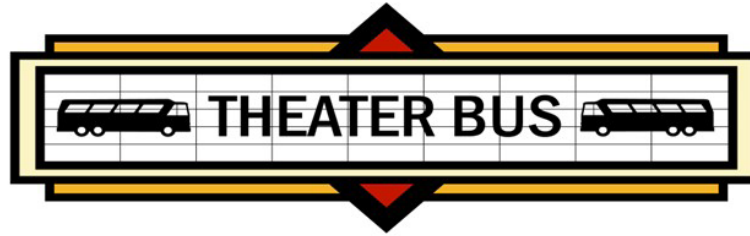
6. _____ This is my 1st trip w/Theater Bus

7. _____ I need Vegetarian Please

REMINDERS:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- All tips are included in the cost of the trip, including a tip for the bus driver and wait staff.
- **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.**

We cannot plan for all diets. We DO NOT offer gluten free options nor do we allow for ordering off a menu. If you do not like the food choices, please do not sign up for the trip. Thank you for understanding.

**Address**

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November 2023

Dear Friends of Theater Bus,

In 2023 we successfully made 35 trips and saw some fabulous shows. Thanks to all of our generous donors and sponsors in 2022, we continued to make a strong post-covid recovery.

Prices continue to rise and we too, continue to feel the pinch of inflation. Our event prices reflect the cost of the events, meals, transportation, plus an administrative fee. The administrative fee covers only a portion of our operating expenses. The remainder of our expenses must be covered through your support and the support of corporate sponsors.

We are asking you to partner with us in keeping trips at a minimum charge and help keep our operating expenses low. Your contribution helps us live out our mission of enriching the quality of life for all adults over 55 in the Dane County area by providing safe, affordable, escorted outings to theatrical and cultural events.

Please join us in our continued 48 year tradition of providing affordable trips to the best community theaters our area has to offer! Donate today by using the form below and also consider a planned gift. By including a charitable component in your estate and financial plans, you are ensuring the future of Theater Bus for many years to come.

On behalf of the Theater Bus Board of Directors,

Ruth

Ruth Hellenbrand, Director

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

I Support Theater Bus!

- I am enclosing my 2023 gift of \$ _____
- I am enclosing \$ _____ in memory of _____
- I am enclosing \$ _____ in honor of _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form with your gift.

A Letter from the Theater Bus, Inc Board of Directors

Dear Theater Bus Patrons,

The members of the Theater Bus Board of Directors want to express their sincere thanks to each and every one of you who support Theater Bus by either attending a Theater Bus event and/or by generously making donations. We are so grateful, as without your support, there would not be a "Theater Bus", providing entertainment opportunities for you all.

While we are still feeling some of the after-effects of Covid (some venues are no longer in operation, many restaurants and venues struggle to properly staff their operations, costs are increasing across the board), with your help, while we're maybe not thriving, we are still surviving. And surviving well.

As we're sure you've noticed when paying your own personal utility bills, food bills, auto care bills, etc., the costs have been going up – not down. The same is true with Theater Bus expenses. Ticket prices, restaurant prices, transportation costs and office expenses are all increasing. Theater Bus is a non-profit organization, but we still have bills to pay. With that thought in mind, you may see a slight increase in the cost of trips starting in January, 2024. We will do all we can to keep these increases to a minimum.

We are already looking into entertainment opportunities going into 2024, and we are very excited about our upcoming offerings. If you ever have a suggestion for something you would like to see Theater Bus attend, please let our Director, Ruth Hellenbrand know. She can investigate whether or not this would be something we could offer. If so, she can then present the idea to the Theater Bus Selection Committee, who are the ones that decide which shows we will attend.

Ruth does a wonderful job in trying to get tickets to afternoon matinees on various days of the week, but her hands can be tied if the venue only offers Sunday matinees. We understand that this can interfere with some people's church schedules, and for that we apologize. She truly does the best she can. Ruth also needs to be given kudos for the great job she does locating restaurants that can accommodate our large groups. This has become a lot more difficult since Covid, as many restaurants struggle to keep good help.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Theater Bus. As 2023 is starting to wind down, if you discover you need to find a worthy cause to donate to (to help with your 2023 tax burden) we hope you will consider donating to Theater Bus! To make it more convenient for you, we have added a "Donate" button to our website – theaterbus.org

October 11, 2023 will be our Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room across the hall from the Theater Bus office located at: 437 S. Yellowstone Drive; Madison. You are welcome to attend. We ask that you please call Ruth at 608-257-0003 if you plan to come, so she can ensure we have enough chairs in the room.

Theater Bus Board of Directors :

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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 the McDonalds.

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

Contact Info:

Ruth Hellenbrand

Director

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Madison, WI 53719

(608) 257-0003

Email: info@theaterbus.org

Website: www.theaterbus.org

Winter Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Office closed on Fridays!

Office open Mon - Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm.

Happy Holidays!