



# THEATER BUS

For the "Over 55s"

Established 1976



January-February 2012

*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.*



## Winter Memories!



Mittens steaming on the heater...snowflakes glistening on the windowpanes...ice skating on a starlit night...the soft glow and crackling sound of logs burning in the fireplace...whatever your special memories, we hope that some of the best of them will come to your mind this winter season.

And we hope that you will make new ones with us as we begin the new year. We'll start off by going to see the hysterically funny play *Noises Off*, featuring lively exchanges and crazy mix-ups, romance and revenge. Then we'll head to the Fireside to experience the great music of show business legends, with all the glitz, glamour and pizzazz, in their *Viva Vegas* show.

If drama is your "cup of tea," then please join us as we go to see the Pulitzer Prize –winning play *Lost in Younkers*. This poignant and touching story will have you examining your own life story, along with the characters, as they search for acceptance and love.

Speaking of love, how about a little romance this Valentine season? We'll be treated to a beautiful array of love songs, from Vienna to Broadway, at the Florentine Opera in Milwaukee. Then we'll finish with fun and folly as we cheer on the gang at *Fasching* this year. This German festival is complete with good friends, authentic German food and lively music. Special memories are in the making! *Betty Lefebvre-Hill*



*Celebrating our  
35th  
Anniversary!*

## 2011 Annual Fundraising Appeal

Here we are, celebrating our 35th year of providing enjoyable, interesting and enriching experiences for older adults in our community! We succeed because of you—our wonderful and loyal participants, our committed volunteers and generous community sponsors. What started out as a pilot project in 1976 has grown over the last 35 years into a thriving nonprofit organization serving 1400 area seniors. We fulfill our mission to provide affordable outings to a nice variety of events because of your generous response to our annual appeal. We hope that you will keep us in mind again this year and we sincerely thank you!

## Future Events

*Gypsy  
Nine to Five  
The Odd Couple  
Veronica's Position*

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL  
The Fireside, Ft. Atkinson, WI  
Memories Ballroom, Pt. Washington, WI  
In Tandem Theatre, Milwaukee, WI

Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012  
Saturday, April 28, 2012  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

## 1 *Noises Off & Brunch*

**Date:** Sunday, January 22, 2012

**Price:** \$ 49.00

**Place:** Verona Area Community Theater

**Time:** Brunch/Show-12:00 p.m./2:00 p.m.

**Deadline:** December 30, 2011

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

10:45 a.m. --East (East Towne Shopko)

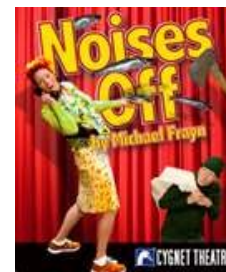
11:00 a.m.—Downtown (Cap. Lakes)

11:15 a.m. --West (Theater Bus Office)

11:30 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

**Estim. Return to West side:** 5:15 p.m.

Join us for this hilarious “play within a play.” Michael Caine, a beleaguered director, and his stage manager, Julie, try to corral a collection of stage and movie actors on both sides of the career loop. Throughout early rehearsals and performances the cast conspires with and against each other in matters of romance, revenge and professional expression—all to hilarious effect. It culminates in a fateful performance that we view from backstage as conflicts of love and stage presence boil over in mid-show. Prior to this performance, we’ll be dining at Fitzgerald’s in Middleton, featuring a brunch of eggs, sausage, bacon, waffles, omelets, chicken, turkey, ribs, potatoes, desserts and more. Come hungry!



## 2 *Viva Vegas & Lunch*

**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2012

**Price:** \$ 95.00

**Place:** Fireside Dinner Theatre

**Time:** Lunch/Show: 11:15 am./1:30 pm

**Deadline:** December 30, 2011

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

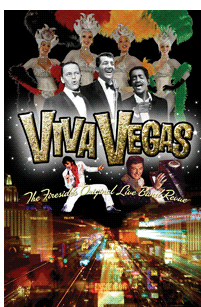
9:00 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

9:15 a.m. --West (Cov. Presb. Church)

9:30 a.m.—Downtown (Cap. Lakes)

9:45 a.m. --East (East Towne Shopko)

**Estim. Return to East side:** 5:00 p.m.



From the swinging years of the 50’s and 60’s to the breathtaking spectacle of today, Las Vegas has been home to the world’s greatest entertainers and the most exciting shows. The Rat Pack, Elvis Presley, Liberace, Bette Midler, Celine Dion and more! Join us for a sparkling tribute to the ultimate center of music, laughter, glitz and glamour with a stunning cast and Fireside’s own live band. We’ll be treated to a luscious lunch of French onion soup, freshly baked breads and roast boneless pork loin served with dressing, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots and apple sauce. Dessert consists of vanilla ice cream with pecans in a warm chocolate sauce and a shortbread cookie.

## 3 *Lost in Yonkers & Lunch*

**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2012

**Price:** \$ 54.00

**Place:** Beloit Civic Theatre

**Time:** Lunch/Show-1:00 p.m./3:00 p.m.

**Deadline:** January 13, 2012

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

10:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)

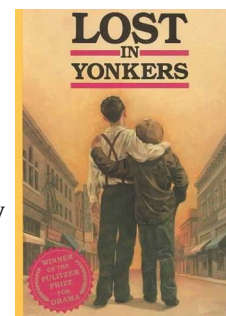
11:00a.m. --West (Theater Bus Office)

11:15 a.m.—Downtown (Cap. Lakes)

11:30 a.m. --East (East Towne Shopko)

**Estim. Return to East side:** 6:45 p.m.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play is set in New York in the summer of 1942. A father leaves his two teenage boys with their grandmother, who runs a candy store in Yonkers. She cold-heartedly attempts to control not only their lives but also that of her mentally challenged daughter, Bella. Then one night, their gangster uncle, Louie, comes to town and goes into hiding in the family home. Uncle Louie ends up helping the boys and Bella understand their aging grandmother and realize the importance of acceptance and love, despite the hardship of life in Yonkers. Back by popular demand, we’ll be lunching at the Butterfly Club in Beloit. You’ll have your choice of prime rib or chicken Monterey, salad, baked potato and ice cream for dessert.



### **Cancellation Policy**

A minimum of three days notice is required to be eligible for any refund and 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.

## 4 *Isn't it Romantic?* & Lunch

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2012  
**Price:** \$ 82.00  
**Place:** Marcus Center, Milwaukee, WI  
**Time:** Lunch/Show-11:30 a.m./2:30 p.m.  
**Deadline:** January 13, 2012  
**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**  
9:45 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)  
10:00 a.m. --West (Theater Bus Office)  
10:15 a.m.—Downtown (Cap. Lakes)  
10:30 a.m. --East (East Towne Shopko)  
**Estim. Return to East side:** 6:00 p.m.



We will be heading to Milwaukee to listen to love songs from Vienna to Broadway! The Florentine Opera Company will be presenting a program of popular love songs. This entertaining concert includes songs such as “Merry Widow Waltz” (Lehar), “If I Loved You” (Rodgers & Hammerstein), “If Ever I Would Leave You” (Lerner & Loewe), “And This Is My Beloved”(Wright & Forrest), “You are Love” (Kern), “My Funny Valentine” (Rodgers & Hart) and many more. We will be dining at the beautiful Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc. You will have your choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu with garlic mashed potatoes or tenderloin tip stroganoff with buttered noodles. We'll also enjoy a salad, roll, veggies and chocolate lava cake for dessert.

## 5 *Fasching* & Lunch

**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2012  
**Price:** \$ 65.00  
**Place:** Laack's Ballroom,  
Sheboygan Falls, WI  
**Time:** Lunch/Show-1:00 p.m./2:00 p.m.  
**Deadline:** January 27, 2012  
**Pickup Points & Times (Bus pickup):**  
9:15 a.m.—West (Oakwood Village)  
9:30 a.m. --West (Theater Bus Office)  
9:45 a.m.—Downtown (Cap. Lakes)  
10:00 a.m. --East (East Towne Shopko)  
**Estim. Return to East side:** 6:30 p.m.

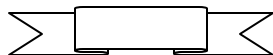
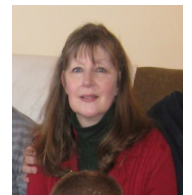


Come along with us as we head to Sheboygan Falls to celebrate Fasching! This is a German celebration with festive costumes, fantastic music performed by the Dorf Kapelle, great food and merriment all around! Experience the tapping of the Fasching keg and enjoy your favorite German dishes to include kassler rippchen (smoked pork chops), goulash (tenderloin tips), German potato salad, rot hohl (sweet sour red cabbage), mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, brodt (fresh bread) and dessert. Please register early so as not to miss the fun!

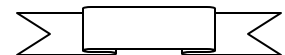


### Volunteer Spotlight

Barb McNallie is a top notch office volunteer and board member and we are most fortunate to have her! She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 36 years and have two children and three grandchildren, whom they delight in. Barb loves to travel, garden, sew, decorate and “play” on the computer. Barb is our board Secretary and helps us with our computer needs in the office. She is well qualified for this role as she taught Business Education and computer classes for 35 years. She is thoroughly enjoying her retirement and we're so glad that it includes volunteering at Theater Bus. Thanks Barb!



### Leaving a Legacy



*If you would like to make a difference in the lives of friends at Theater Bus well into the future, we have several ways of giving to suggest. We welcome gifts of cash and you may even consider making a gift in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. You could choose to give a gift of stock or securities, which might even provide significant tax advantages. Perhaps you'd like to put out a challenge to participants with a “Matching Gift” proposal. Be creative! Another possibility is that you denote Theater Bus as a recipient in your will or estate plan. Gifts of property such as real estate, art or collectibles would also be welcome. Whatever the gift, large or small, you can make a positive difference in the lives of our participants!*

### Noises Off & Brunch

1

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2012  
Deadline: Dec. 30, 2011 # Attending-Payment for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \$ 49 Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

3. Pick-up location:

- East—(East Towne Shopko)
- Downtown—333 W. Main St. (Capitol Lakes)
- West—Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
- West—Oakwood Village West (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)

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

5.  See back of form for additional information.

### Viva Vegas & Lunch

2

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2012  
Deadline: Dec. 30, 2011 # Attending-Payment for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \$ 95 Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

3. Pick-up location:

- West—Oakwood Village West (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
- West—Cov. Presb. Church (Mineral Point & Segoe)
- Downtown—333 W. Main St. (Capitol Lakes)
- East—(East Towne Shopko)

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

5.  See back of form for additional information.

### Lost in Younkers & Lunch

3

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2012  
Deadline: Jan. 13, 2012 # Attending-Payment for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \$ 54 Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

3. Pick-up location:

- West—Oakwood Village West (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
- West—Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
- Downtown—333 W. Main St. (Capitol Lakes)
- East—(East Towne Shopko)

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

5.  See back of form for additional information.

6. Meal Choice: Chicken Prime Rib

### Isn't It Romantic? & Lunch

4

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Deadline: Jan. 13, 2012 # Attending-Payment for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \$ 82 Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

3. Pick-up location:

- West—Oakwood Village West (6205 Mineral Point Rd.)
- West—Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
- Downtown—333 W. Main St. (Capitol Lakes)
- East—(East Towne Shopko)

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

5.  See back of form for additional information.

6. Meal Choice: Chicken Beef

### Fasching & Lunch

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Date: Sunday, February 19, 2012  
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Cost: \$ 65 Additional contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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- West—Theater Bus Office (517 N. Segoe Rd.)
- Downtown—333 W. Main St. (Capitol Lakes)
- East—(East Towne Shopko)

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

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## 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 and paying for just yourself, enter “1.” If you are registering and paying for 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 your plans change for any reason and you are not able to be at the pickup location as scheduled, please call the office and leave a message to that effect on our answering machine, as we do check messages prior to departing on the trip.
  - If you wish to sit with a **friend** or group of friends, indicate the name(s) on line 4.
  - If you have **special needs**, (i.e., difficulty walking, hearing, seeing), check the box on line 5 and indicate your needs on the back of the form. We can then make appropriate seating arrangements. And 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.)

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

### 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, etc. In the event that a person is not able to do so, that person is required to bring a caregiver on the trip who is capable of attending to all of their needs, at the participant's expense. 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.

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



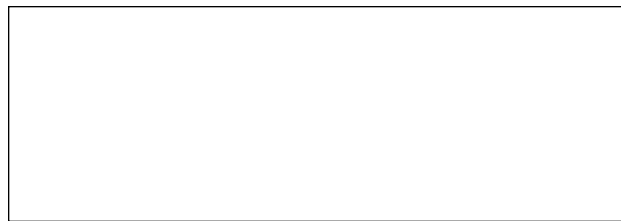
We would like to thank *Friends for Friends* at Meriter Hospital for their \$500 donation to our Scholarship Program. We appreciate your support, which helps those in need attend our trips.



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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.
- Trained Escorts**—Trained escorts will be at each event to provide direction and assistance.
- 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 West 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.)

**Downtown**—Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main St.

**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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Website: [www.theaterbus.org](http://www.theaterbus.org)  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned.