



# EFFORTLESS EXCURSIONS

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## **"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" – Commonweal Theatre**

In this charming musical, quirky sixth-graders battle for the ultimate title: spelling champ of Putnam Valley Middle School! With each new word, the earnest combatants reveal their passions, fears, and dreams through hilarious and touching tunes. (And it's not just about the spelling: the adult cast is ultra geek-chic in their middle school costumes!) Alan Bailey, director of such audience favorites as *Souvenir* and *Sylvia*, returns for this Tony Award-winning musical about friendship, sacrifice, and valuable lessons in fair play.

- Fee includes coach transportation and theatre ticket
- 12 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 1

9001.131    Sa    Sep 15    12-5 PM    \$59

## **"Rodgers and Hammerstein: Broadway Masters" – Ives Auditorium in Bloomington**

This new production from Raymond Berg pays tribute to one of the most successful duos in Broadway musical history: Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. The show will include history about these Broadway Masters as well as songs from some of their most well-loved musicals—including "Oklahoma!," "South Pacific," "Carousel," "The Sound of Music," "The King and I," and "Cinderella." A six-piece orchestra will set the mood.

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and lunch at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center (Creamy Chicken breast with roasted red potatoes and sides to match along with a dessert and beverage)
- 10 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5 PM approximate return
- No refunds after Sep 10

9125.131    W    Sep 19    10 AM-5 PM    \$85

## **"The Gin Game" – A Pulitzer Prize Winning Play – Ives Auditorium in Bloomington**

Two sharp-witted residents of a retirement home are drawn together over a game of gin. A very funny and touching play that features Candace Barrett and Raye Birk, two of the finest actors in the Twin Cities who have appeared in many productions at the Guthrie, as well as movies and TV shows. (Please note: The show contains limited strong language.)

- Lunch includes: Roast Beef served with Au Gratin Potatoes and seasonal roasted vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, and coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and hot tea.
- Fee includes: Coach transportation, theatre tickets, and lunch at the Masonic Heritage Center dining room.
- 10 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 1

9010.131    F    Sep 21    10 AM-5 PM    \$85

## **Destination St. Paul: Minnesota History Center and the Minnesota State Capitol**

**Minnesota History Center** - The 1968 Exhibit returns for a final run after an acclaimed nationwide tour. From the darkest hours to the incredible highs, see the year come alive in this mind-blowing exhibit.

**Minnesota State Capitol** - A 1905 Masterpiece returned to its Original Grandeur. Take a guided tour to see the restoration effort up close and get an overview of Capitol history, art, architecture and state government. Highlights include: The largest self-supported marble dome in the world; exterior marble cleaned and repaired; decorative art, murals and paintings restored to original 1905 patterns and colors; exposed limestone foundation walls and new public spaces in basement; stories about the Capitol's history, art and architecture; the chambers where government decisions are made; and weather permitting, walk to the Quadriga (golden horses) on the roof.

- Fee includes coach bus transportation and guided tours of both the MN History Center and the MN State Capitol.
- Lunch is on your own at the MN History Center
- 8 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center
- 4:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 20

9222.131    Tu    Oct 9    8 AM-4:30 PM    \$69

## **"The Great Society" – St. Paul History Theatre**

Robert Schenkkan's Tony Award-winning play *All the Way* set the stage for President Lyndon Baines Johnson's sudden ascent to the White House. In its D.C. premiere, *The Great Society* brings the second half of Schenkkan's epic story to its harrowing conclusion. As America is divided by civil rights protests and the anguish of the Vietnam War, LBJ struggles to maintain his relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., keep his political opponents in check and complete a raft of impossibly ambitious social policy projects. This is a political thrill ride that explores the America of our past to better understand the America of today. "Shines a bright, clear light on a pivotal moment in American history." - New York Times

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and lunch at Great Waters Brewing Company
- 8 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 4 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 15

9730.131    Th    Oct 11    8 AM-4 PM    \$85



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## "Lunch and Lock" Cruise on the Mississippi

You will take in the beautiful sights along this historically narrated cruise, which travels through the Ford Lock and Dam, Lock #1, from St. Paul into Minneapolis and returning to Harriet Island. Delight in live Dixieland music while you feast on a lunch buffet of BBQ chicken pieces, mild red chili pulled pork with pickled vegetable condiment and buns, spoonbread, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon wedges, cookies, and coffee that is sure to leave you satisfied!

- Fee includes coach transportation, lunch, cruise, and tour guide
- 9 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 4:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 1

9240.131 F Oct 12 9 AM-4:30 PM \$85

## "The Clean House" – Commonweal Theatre

Is there anything more fulfilling than finally getting your house truly, deeply clean? We may never know because *The Clean House* is a side-splitting comedy about a cleaning lady who'd rather perfect her stand-up routine than clean the house. As she spends her days not cleaning, she befriends her boss's sister—who lives only to clean. Toss in a love triangle and some sibling rivalries and you get a whimsical and moving portrait of humanity, reminding us that the messes and disappointments of life can be the most unexpectedly fulfilling times of all.

- Fee includes coach transportation and theatre ticket
- 12 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 28

9003.131 Sa Oct 13 12-5 PM \$59

## The Church Basement Ladies in "You Smell Barn" – Ames Center in Bloomington

From the basement to the barn, your beloved Church Basement Ladies are back and getting busy with life outside the kitchen. After the last of the hotdish is served, the coffee pot is emptied, and the Jello molds are put away, these steadfast, sturdy women head to their farms, peel off their good girdles, and get on with their daily chores. In between picking eggs, milking cows, and dusting knickknacks, they congregate with some of the other lovable folks who inhabit this rural community: Earl, who delivers the mail; Fergus, the hired man; and Tillie, who chronicles the action for the Fish County Weekly. With plenty of crazy antics, loads of fresh laughs, and spanking new original songs, *You Smell Barn* celebrates rural life in the 1950's. Whether you've seen several versions, or are new to the world of the basement in the series is a musical treat for all. Inspired by the new book "GROWING UP RURAL, YOU SMELL BARN" by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson.

- Fee includes lunch (Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Full Soup and Salad Bar, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Pies, Dessert, Coffee, Lemonade, and Water), coach transportation, and theatre ticket
- 10 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 10

9262.131 W Oct 17 10 AM-5:30 PM \$89

9262.132 W Nov 7 10 AM-5:30 PM \$89

## "Radio Gals" - A Razzamatuzz Musical Comedy – Ives Auditorium in Bloomington

Set in the 1920's when radio ruled the airwaves and small stations thrived, *Radio Gals* is a charming musical about Hazel Hunt from Cedar Ridge, Arkansas, who broadcasts from her front parlor with her "all-girl" orchestra, "The Hazelnuts," as radio WGAL. However, Hazel's broadcasts are not always so local due to her habit of impinging on other frequencies, like NBC's, attracting the attention of a federal radio inspector who's intent on shutting down WGAL. It turns out though, he has a fine tenor voice, plays a mean accordion and quickly becomes enchanted by the "Hazelnuts."

- Lunch includes: Pork Chops & Stuffing in a Mushroom Cream Sauce with Scalloped Potatoes and Vegetable du jour, cold salad, dinner rolls, dessert, and coffee, decaffeinated coffee and hot tea.
- Fee includes: Coach transportation, theatre tickets, and lunch at the Masonic Heritage Center dining room.
- 10 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Oct 1

9050.131 W Oct 31 10 AM-5 PM \$85

## Consignment Fashion Bus Trip

It's a day of shopping, saving, and styling. Jill's Fashion Bus through Twin Cities top consignment shops is not to be missed! On the trip up, enjoy a seminar on "How to Shop" that will get you geared up with savvy shopping tips and trends. During store stops, Jill gives advice to help you determine what to buy and what to put back on the rack. Come for the fun and go home with the deals. Door prizes and store surprises for everyone! Bring your lunch; snacks and water will be supplied. [www.jillswanson.com](http://www.jillswanson.com)

- Fee includes coach bus transportation and Style Consultant Jill Krieger Swanson
- 8 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Oct 1

9226.131 Th Nov 1 8 AM-5 PM \$65

## Autumn Festival: An Arts & Crafts Affair in Shakopee

We're off to the Award Winning Autumn Festival Arts and Crafts Affair at Canterbury Park! Voted one of the TOP 100 SHOWS in the country by Sunshine Artist Magazine! Over 500 Artists & Crafters from 30 states! Each show is brimming with row after row of Handcrafted, One-of-a-Kind Home Decor & Gifts. Entertainment and Plenty of Food and Drink.

- Fee includes coach transportation and entrance fee
- Lunch is on your own at Canterbury
- 9:30 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center-Parking Lot
- 4:30 PM Approximate return
- No refunds after Oct 15

9224.131 Th Nov 8 9:30 AM-4:30 PM \$55

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## **"The Book of Mormon" – Orpheum Theatre**

The Tony Award-winning musical sensation, *The Book of Mormon*, is coming to a stage near you! From Trey Parker and Matt Stone, four-time Emmy Award-winning creators of South Park comes this hilarious Broadway musical about a pair of mismatched Mormon boys sent on a mission to a place that's about as far from Salt Lake City as you can get, set to 19 original songs, ranging from filthy, to obscene, to sweet and full of heart!

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 4:30 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 11 PM Approximate return arrival at Northrop
- No refunds after Sep 15

9335.131 Su Nov 18 4:30-11 PM \$95

## **"Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn" – Chanhassen Dinner Theatre**

*Holiday Inn* tells the story of Jim who leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down in his farmhouse in Connecticut...but life just isn't the same without a bit of song and dance. Jim's luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda, a spirited school teacher with talent to spare. Together they turn the farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday, from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. But when Jim's best friend tries to lure Linda away to be his new dance partner in Hollywood, will Jim be able to salvage his latest chance at love? Based on the classic film, this joyous musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Heat Wave," "White Christmas," "Shaking the Blues Away" and many more.

- Fee includes coach bus transportation, lunch (choice of seven entrees), and theatre ticket (front and center!)
- 9:30 AM Depart from RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Oct 15

9725.131 W Nov 28 9:30 AM-5:30 PM \$99

## **"Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story" – St. Paul History Theatre**

The day the music died – when a plane carrying Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson crashed in Clearlake, Iowa – was also the day that a new young performer from Fargo would begin his rise to fame. That night, 15-year-old Bobby Vee replaced the lost stars in their scheduled performance, and subsequently would go on to put 38 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 charts – including well-known hits like "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" and "Rubber Ball" – achieve two gold albums, and help put the Midwest music scene on the map. "An audience can expect to come and see the story of his life," – from Vee's early work as a 1960s teen idol to a "consummate performer and writer in his later years."

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and lunch at Mancini's Char House
- 8 AM Depart RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 4 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Nov 1

9710.131 Th Nov 29 8 AM-4 PM \$85

## **"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" – Commonweal Theatre**

A holiday favorite as you've never seen or heard it before. The timeless tale of George Bailey is given a clever twist when we stage it as a live, 1940s radio broadcast. Five actors give voice to all of Bedford Falls' memorable residents, accompanied by sound effects created live onstage. Bring the whole family to relive this timeless tale of a likeable fellow down on his luck and ready to end it all—until an Angel Second Class shows him life's true value.

- Fee includes coach transportation and theatre ticket
- 12 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Nov 15

9005.131 Su Dec 2 12-5 PM \$59

## **"Ain't Retirement Grand"-A Musical-Comedy – DayTrippers Theatre in Bloomington**

A hilarious musical that confirms retirement is grand! The show is for and about retirees, those about to retire, baby boomers, seniors and ANYONE who wants a FUN time at the theater! A funny and delightful look at our retirement years with a cast of four singing twenty original songs. Written by Gil Perloth, this musical has been receiving standing ovations while playing to packed theaters for years. It is a spoof of the subject of retirement and explores those golden years in song and comedy. Upbeat characters sing catchy songs about early bird specials, the silver cord, pets, and much, much more...an audience favorite!

- Lunch includes: Chicken Kiev, Roast Loin of Pork, Country Sausage with sauerkraut; salad bar; red potatoes; cut green beans; dinner rolls and butter; dessert; and coffee/tea.
- Fee includes: coach transportation, buffet luncheon, and theatre ticket
- 10 AM Depart from RCTC Sports Center Parking Lot
- 5 PM Approximate return
- No refunds after Nov 5

9120.131 W Dec 5 10 AM-5 PM \$85

## **"Disney On Ice Celebrates 100 Years of Magic" – Xcel Energy Center**

Be a part of the magic of Disney as Mouse-ter of Ceremonies Mickey Mouse leads a parade of more than 50 beloved characters starring Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and featuring an ensemble of Disney Princesses. The wintry wonderland of Disney's Frozen also comes to life with Anna, Elsa, and the hilarious Olaf, as they discover that true love is the greatest magic of all. Exciting moments from Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo, Disney's Aladdin and Beauty and the Beast will leave the whole family with memories to last a lifetime.

- Fee includes coach transportation and show ticket (100-level, mid-rows)
- 3 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 8 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Nov 20

9000.131 Su Dec 9 3-8 PM \$59

## “Les Miserables” – Orpheum Theatre

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France and the aftermath of the French Revolution, this timeless story of intertwined destinies reveals the power of compassion and the quiet evil of indifference to human suffering. As Valjean’s quest for a new life carries him into Paris and to the barricades of the Student Revolution, he is hunted by Inspector Javert and the ghosts of his past. Amidst a battle for the soul of Paris, he discovers the true meaning of love and salvation. Performed in over 40 countries and 22 languages, and with a lush, swelling score that features such famed songs as “I Dreamed a Dream,” “On My Own,” and “Bring Him Home,” Les Mis brings Victor Hugo’s revolutionary novel blazingly to life.

- 11 AM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Nov 10

9100.131 Th Dec 27 11 AM-5:30 PM \$90

## “On Your Feet! The Musical”– Orpheum Theatre

The inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent—and each other—to become an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan. Now their story has arrived on stage in an exhilarating original production that’s already won the hearts of critics and audiences alike. Directed by two-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (*Kinky Boots*), with choreography by Olivier Award winner Sergio Trujillo (*Jersey Boys*) and a book by Academy Award® winner Alexander Dinelaris (*Birdman*), *ON YOUR FEET!* features some of the most iconic songs of the past quarter-century. Prepare to be on your feet from start to finish!

- Fee includes coach transportation, main floor theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 4:30 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 11 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Sep 27

9888.131 Su Jan 27 4:30-11 PM \$95

## “Rock of Ages” – Orpheum Theatre

Aqua Net, Lycra, lace and liquor flow freely at one of the Sunset Strips last legendary venues, a place where sex machine Stacey Jaxx takes the stage and scantily clad groupies line up to turn their fantasies into reality. Amidst the madness, aspiring rock star (and resident toilet cleaner) Drew longs to take the stage as the next big thing (and longs for small-town girl Sherri, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes). But the rock and roll fairy-tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another capitalist strip mall. Can Drew, Sherri and the gang save the strip – and themselves – before it’s too late? The music of hit bands Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and more hold the answer.

- Fee includes coach transportation, main floor theatre ticket, and box lunch (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 11 AM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5:30 PM Approximate return arrival
- No refunds after Dec 15

9400.131 Su Feb 10 11 AM-5:30 PM \$95

## “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” – Orpheum Theatre

The classic musical is back – that’s right, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* returns to the stage in an all-new Broadway production! Based off the novel by Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will transport you and your family to Willy Wonka’s magical world full of candy, adventure, excitement – and a just dash of madness. Join Charlie and the rest at the Orpheum Theatre with a revival of the show by Jack O’Brien – you and your kids will love it!!

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 4:30 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 11 PM Approximate return arrival at Northrop
- No refunds after Jan 15

9955.131 Su Mar 17 4:30-11 PM \$95

## “Hello Dolly!”– Orpheum Theatre

*Hello, Dolly!*, the acclaimed show that won the award for Best Revival of a Musical at the 71st Tony Awards ceremony, is on a major national tour in 2019, and it’s coming to the Orpheum Theatre this April! So find out for yourself if fast-talking turn-of-the-century Dolly Gallagher Levi can get her irascible “half a millionaire” client Horace Vandergelder to propose to her!

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 11 AM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 5:30 PM Approximate return arrival at Northrop
- No refunds after Feb 15

9775.231 Su Apr 28 11 AM-5:30 PM \$95

## “Dear Evan Hansen” – Orpheum Theatre

A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he’s always wanted: a chance to finally fit in. *Dear Evan Hansen* is the deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it. “One of the most remarkable shows in musical theater history,” says The Washington Post. The New York Times calls *Dear Evan Hansen* “a gut-punching, breathtaking knockout of a musical” and NBC News says that the musical is “an inspiring anthem resonating on Broadway and beyond. *Dear Evan Hansen* features a book by Tony Award winner Steven Levenson, a score by Grammy, Tony, and Academy Award winners Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*La La Land*, *The Greatest Showman*), and direction by four-time Tony Award nominee Michael Greif (*Rent*, *Next to Normal*).

- Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water)
- 4:30 PM Depart Northrop Parking Lot
- 11 PM Approximate return arrival at Northrop
- No refunds after Feb 15

9835.131 Su Jun 9 4:30-11 PM \$110

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