

Fall 2018 LIFE Trips

(Cosponsored with Community Ed)

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

at the Commonweal Theatre

Saturday, Sep 15, 12-5 pm Member Fee: \$56

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



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. **No refunds after Sep 1.**

"Rodgers and Hammerstein: Broadway Masters"

at The Ives Auditorium in Bloomington

Wednesday, Sep 19, 10 am-5 pm Member Fee: \$82

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



This new production from Raymond Berg pays tribute to one of the most successful duos in Broadway 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). **No refunds after Sep 10.**

"The Gin Game" at Ives Auditorium - Bloomington

Friday, Sep 21, 10 am-5 pm Member Fee: \$82

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



Two sharp-witted residents of a retirement home are drawn together over a game of gin in this Pulitzer Prize winning play. Over time, their game passes from cordial to flirtatious to a battle of wills, as their vulnerabilities and secrets gradually bubble to the surface. 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 in movies and television shows. (Please note: The show contains limited strong language.) Lunch includes: Roast Beef served with Au Gratin Potatoes, seasonal roasted vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and hot tea. Fee includes: Coach transportation, theatre tickets, and lunch at the Masonic Heritage Center dining room. **No refunds after Sep 10.**

"The Great Society" at the History Theatre

Thursday, Oct 11, 8 am-4 pm Member Fee: \$82

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



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 his 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 America today. Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and lunch at Great Waters Brewing Company. **No refunds after Sep 15.**

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The Clean House” at the Commonweal Theatre

Saturday, Oct 13, 12-5 pm Member Fee: \$56

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



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. **No refunds after Sep 28.**

“Radio Gals” - A Razzamatazz Musical Comedy

at the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington

Wed, Oct 31, 10 am-5 pm Member Fee: \$82

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



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. What comes over the local airwaves is an array of hilarious toe-tapping songs. 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.” From the creators of "Pump Boys and Dinettes." Lunch includes: Pork chops, stuffing in a mushroom cream sauce, scalloped potatoes, vegetable du jour, cold salad, dinner roll, dessert, coffee, and hot tea. Fee includes coach transportation, theatre ticket, and lunch at Masonic Heritage Center. **No refunds after Oct 1.**

The Church Basement Ladies in "You Smell Barn"

at the Ames Center in Bloomington

Wed, Nov 7, 10 am-5:30 pm Member Fee: \$86

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



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 up and down Rural Route One; 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. And, at the center of it all, are your favorite Church Basement Ladies. Whether you've seen several versions, or are new to the world of the basement, the 7th in the Church Basement Ladies 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. **No refunds after Sep 10.**

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"Book of Mormon" at the Orpheum Theatre

Sunday, Nov 18, 4:30 pm-11 pm Member Fee: \$92

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



The Book of Mormon follows two young missionaries

who are sent to Uganda to try to convert citizens to the Mormon religion. One missionary, Elder Price, is an enthusiastic go-getter with a strong dedication to his faith, while his partner, Elder Cunningham, is a socially awkward but well-meaning nerd whose tendency to embroider the truth soon lands him in trouble. Upon their arrival in Africa, Elders Price and Cunningham learn that in a society plagued by AIDS, poverty and violence, a successful mission may not be as easy as expected. **No refunds after Nov 1.**

"A spectacular, rather perfect Broadway musical not only grounded in a serious love and understanding of the traditions that make a Broadway musical great but also filled with love for the very flawed, mortal characters who populate this romp." - Entertainment Weekly

"Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story"

at the History Theatre

Thursday, Nov 29, 8 am-4 pm Member Fee: \$82

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



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.

No refunds after Nov 1.

"Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn" at the Chanhassen

Wed, Nov 28, 9:30 am-5:30 pm Member Fee: \$96

Location: RCTC Regional Sports Center-Parking Lot



The new Irving Berlin Musical, 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 schoolteacher 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 Ted 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," "and many more. Fee includes coach transportation, lunch (choice of seven entrees), and theatre ticket (front and center!). **No refunds after Oct 15.**

**Check out the
LIFE Member Only Trip on
Tuesday, December 18th to
hear "Christmastide – The
Celtic Sounds of SimpleGifts
with Billy McLaughlin"
on LIFE catalog page 57!**



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"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" at the Commonweal Theatre

Sunday, Dec 2, 12-5 pm Member Fee: \$56

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



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. **No refunds after Nov 15.**

"Concordia Moorhead Christmas Concert" at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis

Thursday, Dec 6, 2:30-9 pm Member Fee: \$92

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



The Concordia Christmas Concert joins approximately 350 singers in four choral ensembles and a symphony orchestra to create the most beautiful collection of Christmas music you'll hear during the holiday season. Dinner will be a choice of The Elmo 6 oz Sirloin, Chicken MontAmore (both with a side of rosemary baby red potatoes and vegetable medley) or Butternut Squash Ravioli. All entrees will be served with an intermezzo as well as a Chocolate-Covered Strawberry and mini "Sin Of The Inn" dessert; coffee/tea included. Each guest may bring an ornament to decorate the Lake Elmo Inn Christmas tree to receive a complimentary non-alcoholic beverage. Fee includes coach transportation, main floor theatre ticket, and dinner at Lake Elmo Inn. **No refunds after Nov 1.**

"Les Miserables" at the Orpheum Theatre

Thursday, Dec 27, 11am-5:30pm Member Fee: \$87

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



One of the world's most iconic and longest-running musicals, Les Misérables tells the story of Jean Valjean, a former convict who spends a lifetime seeking redemption. 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. 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. **No refunds after Nov 10.**

A Bronx Tale at the Orpheum Theatre

Sunday, Feb 24, 4:30-11 pm Member Fee: \$92

Location: Northrop School Parking Lot



A Bronx Tale is a streetwise musical that takes you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s—where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. Bronx Tale tells the story of Calogero Anello, a young boy from a working class family who gets involved in the world of organized crime. Calogero's father is a bus driver who tries to instill working-class family values in his son. As Calogero comes of age, he must struggle with the choice of following his beloved father's values or submitting to the temptations of the life of organized crime. Featuring a doo-wop score, A Bronx Tale is a story about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family. Fee includes coach transportation, main floor theatre ticket, and box supper (1/2 turkey sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, water). **No refunds after Jan. 3.**

**TRIP Registration is on the LIFE Member
Registration Page inside the catalog.**