



Milwaukee Rep Quadracci Powerhouse Theater
Sunday, May 5, 2024 2 pm Matinee

Fiery Anthems from "The High Priestess of Soul"

The creator of some of our nation's most powerful Civil Rights anthems, Nina Simone shook the world with her music. After the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Simone's tribute song "Four Women" transformed her from gifted pianist to trailblazing activist, charting a new course as an agent of change & healing. This play with music shines a light on how she found her true calling & gave voice to a movement through impactful & inspirational songs like "Everything Must Change," "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" & "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Born in 1933 in North Carolina, Ms. Simone became a singer, songwriter, piano prodigy, composer, arranger and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classic, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B and pop having attended Julliard School of Music in New York. She changed her name to "Nina Simone" to disguise herself from family members, having chosen to play "the devil's music" or so-called "cocktail piano" in the beginning of her music career.

In 1964, Nina Simone came out with her first album to include a song that addressed US racial inequality (triggered by the 1963 church in Birmingham). Civil Rights messages became the norm in her recordings and concerts. She aligned more with her neighbor Malcolm X than with Martin Luther King. As her activism rose, her release of new music slowed.

The four-time Grammy award nominee recorded more than 40 albums between 1958 and 1974 and was inducted into Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. In 2023, Rolling Stone ranked Simone at No. 21 on their list of the Top 200 Greatest Singers of All Time.

"Entertaining, enlightening, and educational... a stirring portrait of a tortured artist yearning to have her voice heard." – BroadwayWorld

Approximate Run Time: 1 hr & 40 mins -no intermission

Recommended Age: 14 & up



Nina Simone: Four Women will be staged in the large, yet intimate Quadracci Powerhouse Theater. [Information and photos about this unique theater venue.](#)

The Quadracci Powerhouse Theater is handicapped accessible. There is handrail support on each row as you descend & ascend the aisle.

Directions to the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater: From the Milwaukee Rep's Wells Street entrance, walk straight ahead under the atrium dome. The Quadracci Theater is located on the Mezzanine Level. Take the elevator or walk up the white marble stairway.

Tickets: Our group will be in Prime seating in sec. 3 & 4 on both sides of the theater's center aisle.

Accessibility Policy: On the bus, you must be able to climb steps to board & exit the bus. If you need assistance, we require that you bring a friend to give you a hand.

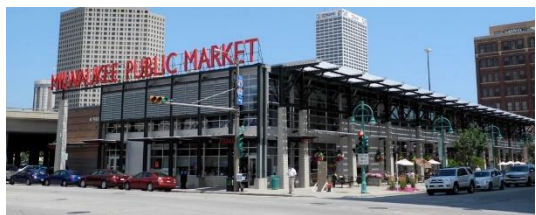
Pre-Show Discussion: Optional, but free & highly recommended. It starts at 1:15 PM, but you can enter at any time.

Post-Show Talk Back: We will allow time to stay for the Talk Back immediately following the performances. Join members of the cast & artistic team to discuss the production.

Free Time: From 11:15 am until the show begins at 2:00 pm there will be free time for lunch, shopping, & exploring. Lunch is on your own, but there is a Group Lunch Option to those who want to register, but may be hesitant not knowing anyone & uncomfortable eating alone. The Group Lunch Option addresses this concern & is a good way to make new theater trip friends. Just answer "Yes" to

Group Lunch questions on the registration form. **Please note that the cost of lunch is separate & as such is not included in your registration fee.**

Our Group Lunch is at The Public Market We will save tables on the second-floor. Each person is responsible for ordering, paying for & carrying their own meal from one of the [nine unique eateries](#) in the Public Market to the second floor dining area. In addition to the nine eateries, there is a bakery, wine shop & bar, coffee shop, etc. An elevator & stairs access the second floor & restrooms near the seating area. Again, lunch is not included in your registration.



Our bus will also drop-off & pick-up at the Milwaukee Public Market for lunch alternatives. There are many nearby Third Ward restaurants from which to choose. Many restaurants are still recovering from COVID or have changed over time so please check to see if they will be open & we highly recommend that you make a reservation.

Itinerary

Please arrive early at your boarding stop so you don't miss the bus. When everyone is aboard & seated, we leave. Don't be late. We can wait just 5 minutes at any one location.

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Leaving Madison

- 9 AM** **Westside:** Bus arrives for boarding at Oakwood University Woods, 6205 Mineral Point Rd
9:10 AM **Westside:** Bus departs from Oakwood University Woods
9:35 AM **Central:** Bus departs from Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main St.
10:05 AM **Eastside:** Bus departs from **New Location** - Oakwood Prairie Ridge, 5565 Tancho Dr, Madison. Leave for Milwaukee (sooner if everyone is aboard).

In Milwaukee

- 11:15 AM** Drop off at Milw Public Market for the Group Lunch & additional nearby restaurants
1:00 PM Bus picks up at Milw Public Market for those who need a ride to the Rep-in-Depth pre-show discussion & would rather not walk 5 blocks to the Milwaukee Rep. ([See Walking Map.](#))
1:15 PM Rep-in-Depth optional pre-show discussion begins
2:00 PM **Nina Simone: Four Women** performance begins
4:30 PM **Nina Simone: Four Women** Talk Backs ends & bus boarding begins.
5:00 PM Depart for Madison (sooner if everyone is aboard)

Arrive Madison (Estimated)

- 6:10 PM** Bus returns to Oakwood Prairie Ridge
6:40 PM Bus returns to Capitol Lakes
7:00 PM Bus returns to Oakwood University Woods

Non-Member Policy: Members must register their guests. Each PLATO member is entitled to bring one non-member guest per bus trip. Members may bring more than one guest near the registration deadline date if seats are available. Check with trip organizer. Non-member guests pay an additional \$10 registration fee.

PLATO Membership: PLATO membership is \$60.00/year and all memberships renew on August 1.

For further information contact the Trip Organizers:

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Carla Diiorio carlad@tds.net or 608-886-4556



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Mail-in Registration Form:

- Nina Simone: Four Women
• Milwaukee Rep Theater Trip
• Event: Sun., May 5, 2024
• Registration Deadline is Wed., Apr 3, 2024

Mail-In Registration Requires Payment by Check:

Complete this registration form (one form for each person attending)

- 1. Make check payable to PLATO
2. Mail your registration form(s) and check to:

PLATO
Nina Simone Registration
6209 Mineral Point Road #203
Madison, WI 53705

PLATO Member Fee is \$108 and PLATO Guest Fee is \$118
Fee includes: Badger Bus and theater ticket (lunch is on your own)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (used on trip) _____ Landline Phone _____

Email (for bus trip updates) _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

_____ Yes, I am a PLATO member _____ No, I am not a PLATO member

I would like my theater seat to be next to the following person(s): _____

I am a guest of or my guest is _____

Special accommodations request: _____

Number of people attending the Group Lunch _____

My guest (if appropriate) and I will board the bus at:

_____ Capitol Lakes (333 W Main St) Free parking only in ramp's uppermost "S" Level

_____ Oakwood Prairie Ridge (5565 Tancho Drive) Park in any space not posted as "Visitor"

_____ Oakwood Village University Woods (6205 Mineral Point Road) Park in Heritage Oaks Garage