

The Theater Barn

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G e t t i n g T h e r e

There are three transportation options to and from New Lebanon...Car...Bus...Train.

Car. Here is what we've found to be the easiest way to drive from New York to New Lebanon:

- Take the West Side Highway (Henry Hudson) North.
This will turn into the Saw Mill Parkway
- From here, take the Taconic Parkway North towards Albany.
You'll be on the Taconic approx. 2 hours. (100 miles)
- Now, take Route 295 East (Chatham/E. Chatham)
Left off ramp. Right onto 295 East. It's the last exit before toll.
- You will be on 295 approx. 10 miles.
- Take a Left onto Route 22 North.
- At flashing light, Take Left onto Route 20.
- Theater Barn is one quarter mile on your right.

Bus. There is no direct service to New Lebanon. There is a bus that leaves New York near Penn Station for **Albany/Rensselaer ,NY**. Someone from the theater will meet you and take you to New Lebanon by car. It is the Mega Bus and it's website is megabus.com. It is MUCH cheaper than Greyhound, in fact if you reserve early (at **least** 60 days in advance), it is only \$5.00 a trip. When planning your trip, please plan **to arrive in Albany before 2pm on the day before rehearsals start or before 11am on the day rehearsals start.**

Call three days prior to arrival to let us know what time your bus arrives.

Train. There is no direct service to New Lebanon. Take an Amtrak train from Penn Station in NYC to Albany/Rensselaer. There, someone from the theater will greet you and take you to New Lebanon by car. Call Amtrak, or look up schedules on the internet at www.amtrak.com. Trains run fairly often. The trip is under three hours . It is best to reserve or buy your ticket in advance. When planning your trip, please plan to **arrive in Albany before 2pm on the day before rehearsals start or before 11am on the day rehearsals start.**

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T h e C a s t H o u s e

Your home away from home is located a short distance from the Theater Barn on Lover's Lane. (How romantic!) You can easily walk down the pathway from the cast house and be at the theater in about five minutes.

The cast house is a two-story structure which sleeps fifteen. Each floor has a common room, kitchen and a bathroom. There is a TV in the common room of the first floor. Rooms are either doubles or triples. Yes, you will have a room mate for your time here.

The kitchens have stoves, fridges, coffee makers and microwaves. The basic pots, pans, dishes and silverware are all here. There's plenty of shelf space for your grocery items. Please keep the kitchens clean. Wash your own dishes as soon as you finish with them. Take out the garbage when it's overflowing!!! Please, no candles in the house. Common sense stuff.

As mentioned, there are two bathrooms in the house that must be of use to fifteen people...all trying to get to rehearsal at the same time. Be considerate of others. Please keep the bathrooms clean!

You'll need to bring bedding for a twin bed, a pillow and towels. Also, you may want to bring along a fan for those warm summer nights...and you also may want to bring along a blanket, for those chilly summer nights!

The cast house has a nice back and side yard. Plenty of room for parking. There is a gas grill and a fire pit for your use. Oh, and we do have neighbors. There are houses on either side of the cast house....so please keep partying noise and music to a minimum.

C a r s

You'll be the most popular kid in the class if you bring your car! If you choose to drive to Theater Barn, your car will come in handy for trips out of town when you have time off, and for quick in-town trips at lunch time.

For those of you without wheels, Theater Barn does have a company car which is for the use of cast and crew members. .

Do you need a car? No. Is it good to have one in New Lebanon? Sure.

W h a t ' s H e r e

If you're driving on Route 20 and you blink, you just might miss New Lebanon. For those of you who keep your eyes open, there is a tiny flurry of activity here.

Valley Plaza--the center of activity in New Lebanon. In this little strip mall, you'll find the Post Office, Bucky's Bagels and a Bank here with an ATM machine.

Tilden Plaza is just next door. There are some Antique and collectible shops here. Of note here--the barn at the far end of Tilden Plaza was the original home of Theater Barn! Also, every Sunday there is a Flea Market here that's fun to walk through. You'll find plenty of other little antique stops in town, too!

Also here, you'll find Off-track betting, a flower shop, a Family Dollar store, Deb's Sheer perfection (when you need a new hairdo) and of course New Lebanon is the home of the New Lebanon Speedway! Vrrrrroom!

Along the Route 20 strip is also Stewart's, Mario's, Bucky's Bagels and plenty more. Refer to the "Where to Eat" page for details.

W h a t ' s N e a r

There's plenty to do within driving distance of Theater Barn.

Pittsfield is just 'over the mountain' in Massachusetts--about 20 minutes by car. As you arrive, you'll find fast food, a kick-ass Salvation Army store, Brooke's and CVS (the closest Pharmacies to Theater Barn) and a Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream.

Further on in Pittsfield is Wal-Mart, Price Chopper Supermarket, Stop and Shop, Barnes and Noble, etc. And just beyond all this action is the Berkshire Mall--a very basic mall--but it does have a food court, movies and a Gap, so it's not all bad.

Also near...Williamstown Theater Festival, Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow, Norman Rockwell Museum, Shakespeare & Company, Lee Factory Outlet Village and the Hancock Shaker Village. Day trips to Lenox, Stockbridge or Chatham are lots of fun.

There's a brand new gym, Berkshire Nautilus in Pittsfield that offers temporary memberships which are affordable, and plenty of lakes to splash in!

Albany is also about a twenty-five minute drive in the other direction. Its the state capitol so you can get just about anything here you need. A popular outing is a trip to the Crossgates Mall. This place is huge! Its got everything inside and has stadium seat movie theatres. Plan to spend some time and money here. Target is also nearby.

R e h e a r s a l S c h e d u l e

The rehearsal schedule for each show may vary slightly for each production. The director sets the actual schedule which is posted on the theater's call board and cast house. But here is the basic run down of your time at Theater Barn:

Thursday		New Cast Arrives to see Opening Night (if possible)
Thursday		Cast Party!!
Friday	1 - 4:30pm	First Rehearsal
	4:30pm	Side Work
Saturday	10 - 1:30pm	Rehearsal
	1:30pm	Side Work
Sunday	10am -Noon	Rehearsal/Side Work
	7pm – 10pm	Rehearsal
Monday	<i>TECH DAY OFF</i>	
	10 - 5pm	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7-10pm	Rehearsal
Tuesday	10 - 5pm	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7-10pm	Rehearsal
Wednesday	10-5pm	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7-10pm	Rehearsal
Thursday	10-12 noon	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	1pm-4:30pm	.Matinee
	4:30pm	Side Work
Friday	10-4:30pm	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	4:30pm	Side Work
Saturday	10-1:30pm	Rehearsal
	1:30pm	Side Work
Sunday	10am-Noon	Rehearsal/Side Work
	After show	Strike & Load In
Monday	<i>ACTORS DAY OFF</i>	
Tuesday	10-5pm	Rehearsal (1hour lunch)
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7-10pm	Tech/Dress
Wednesday	10-5pm	Rehearsal (1 hour lunch)
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7-10pm	Invited Dress
Thursday	10-5pm	Rehearsal To Be Announced
	5-7pm	Dinner
	7pm	Call
	8pm	First Performance. Cast Party to Follow.

After the show opens, you are expected to do Side Work on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. A brush up rehearsal takes place the 2nd Thursday at 3pm.

S i d e W o r k / S t r i k e

Unlike many non-union summer stock theaters, Theater Barn does not require its cast members to complete technical duties. You won't have to build sets, sew costumes, etc. We do ask our cast members to complete "side work" duties.

"Side Work" takes about fifteen minutes...tops. Assignments may be vacuum the lobby, empty garbage cans, pick up discarded programs in theater house, windex the windows...real easy stuff! The Cast of the current show at cast house and the cast of the next show work together to complete these duties. You won't even get your hands dirty!

Theater Barn does require all cast and crew members to attend Strike. Both the current cast and the next show cast attends. You will be assigned to Props, Lights, Sets or Costumes. It is rare that you will ever be asked to stay more than one and a half hours at Strike. Departing actors may leave early should guests be waiting to drive you back home.

G u e s t A c c o m o d a t i o n s

When friends and relatives come to stay, the closest accommodations are all Bed and Breakfast establishments. (There are plenty of hotels and motels-- however, they not located close to Theater Barn.) Reservations are a must at all nearby B & B's- especially on the weekends. Here's the list of B&B's that are all within a short distance of the theater.

Hitchcock House 14163 Route 22 South in New Lebanon (518) 794-8826 A Shaker-built house located 1 1/5 mile from Theater Barn. All rooms have private bath. Full country breakfast served.

Berkshire Mountain House 150 Berkshire Way in Stephentown (800) 497-0176 Romantic Bed and Breakfast with panoramic mountain views. A fifteen minute drive from New Lebanon. Check them out at www.berkshirebb.com

Shaker Meadows Route 22 in New Lebanon. (518) 794-9385 Bed and Breakfast with Guest rooms and Suites, just over a mile from the Theater Barn. This B & B has just had a major renovation. The rooms are awesome! Everything is neat, clean and tidy. All rooms are air conditioned and it has very pretty grounds and gardens.

W h e r e t o E a t

Though there are two kitchens in the cast house, many prefer to grab a bite to eat at one of the nearby restaurants. The choice is not huge, but there are some places that are worth a try--and many that will fit your budget.

Bucky's in Valley Plaza on Route 20 is where everyone goes for the morning cup of coffee and bagel. Then at lunch, there's sure to be a table or two or three or four full of Theatre Barn cast members. Here, they serve anything and everything on a bagel, hard roll or fresh baked bread. Also features pizza, soups, salads and bakery items.

Shaker Mountain Barbecue next to Tilden Plaza on Route 20 knows how to serve it up. Great barbecue chicken, pulled pork and sweet potato fries! Seating is outdoors.

M & M BAR AND GRILL on route 20 in the Mid Town Mall is a Sports Bar that serves pub food such as burgers, wings and pizza.

Mario's on Route 20 is a great Italian restaurant and lounge too. A pricier place to dine. Dinner reservations are required. Allow two and a half hours for dining pre-show.

Jimmy D's is the 'diner' in New Lebanon, also on Route 20. Open for lunch and dinner only. Excellent diner fare at very reasonable prices.

China City is a take out joint. Very affordable! If you're in the mood for Chinese, this is the place to go!

Stewart's on Route 20 is another convenience store/gas station. But they got some great Ice Cream going on here. Lots of crazy flavors too. Do not leave New Lebanon without enjoying a cone or cup of "Crumbs Along the Mohawk." Some actors work here each summer *just* to be able to eat this flavor every day.

Within driving distance in Pittsfield are your chain establishments (Friendly's, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Wendy's, Appleby's, you name it). Driving towards Albany is everything else!