New bus takes fine and performing arts students and faculty on the road

When UW performers and artists come to your town, they’ll now be riding in a 58-passenger Motor Coach Industries bus. Designated as the Fine Arts bus, it will extend UW cultural offerings across Wyoming and beyond.

Dean Oliver Walter says the vehicle strengthens UW’s long-standing commitment to share its rich array of cultural assets. “The addition of the Fine Arts bus will greatly expand our ability to take student and faculty productions from the Departments of Art, Theatre and Dance, and Music around the state,” he says. “Educationally, it is a wonderful opportunity for our students. Moreover, it will provide us with the ability to share with the state the great talents we have in these departments.”

Janelle Fletcher-Kilmer, director of fine arts outreach, knows full-well the impact that UW’s performances have on audiences across the state and region. “When we go on the road, people often express their appreciation for the opportunity to attend programs such as the UW symphony or our award-winning Department of Theatre and Dance performances,” she says. “Parents are grateful that their children are able to experience such quality performances in their own communities.”

When it’s not being used for visual and performing arts functions, the bus also is available for use by student organizations such as the debate team, club sports teams, and other campus units for statewide and regional travel.