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Arlo Guthrie to bring Alice’s Restaurant 50th Anniversary Tour to Wisconsin Union Theater

Arlo Guthrie’s Alice’s Restaurant Massacree is included in his tours only once every 10 years. It’s the 50th anniversary and the Wisconsin Union Theater, in collaboration with T Presents & Majestic Live Present, is thrilled to welcome Alice’s Restaurant 50th Anniversary Tour to Madison for One Night Only, Wednesday October 21, 2015 at 8 pm in Shannon Hall. Tickets will be available starting Saturday, April 11, 2015, 11 am. Purchase tickets online or call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787). Tickets can be purchased at the box office in the Wisconsin Union Theater or at Vilas Hall (entrance on East Campus Mall, 821 University Avenue). Ticket prices are: $30, $36, $45, $100. A limited number of discounted tickets will be available for UW Madison students. Orders that include student tickets will be held at will call and may be picked up at our box office starting September 2, 2015, with one valid UW Madison Student ID per student ticket.

It was fifty years ago, 1965, when Arlo Guthrie took out the trash following a Thanksgiving dinner that couldn’t be beat.
This hilarious account of actual events that precluded Arlo from military service (1966), became a platinum selling record (1967) and full length motion picture (1969), has become as traditional a part of Thanksgiving as cranberry sauce. Folk icon Arlo Guthrie brings to the stage, for the first time in a decade, *The Alice’s Restaurant Massacree* in its entirety.

The Massacree became anthemic for the anti-war movement of the Vietnam era. However, Guthrie told Ron Bennington in a 2009 interview, “It wasn’t an anti-war song; it was an anti-stupid song.” Arlo has often said that the song brought him together with friends he didn’t expect to make: “I came out of that time thinking I’d only met two kinds of people– people that give a damn and the people that don’t. And the truth was that you could find both of those kinds of people on every side of every issue. In the long run I thought I’d had more in common with people who cared about stuff than people that might’ve sided with me on an issue or two.”

Because of its length (approx. 18 minutes), Arlo has only added the complete *Alice’s Restaurant Massacree* to his touring menu on the 10 year anniversaries. The *Alice’s Restaurant 50th Anniversary Tour* will feature the full Massacree along with many favorites from Arlo’s catalog. Following this two-year tour, it is likely *The Alice’s Restaurant Massacree* will again be removed from the menu. “I’ll do it again for the 60th anniversary, or I’ll be dead. Whichever comes first,” says Guthrie.

This performance is presented by the Wisconsin Union Theater’s Performing Arts Committee in collaboration with T Presents & Majestic Live Present..