

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

APRIL 21, 2023

Call-board (n.): a bulletin or notice board backstage at a theatre

MAKING SHEA'S SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER LIGHT RESTORATION PROJECT

Did you know that repair and restoration is still needed for over 35 ornate dome and cylinder lights, 2 alabaster lamps, over 60 wall sconces and 2 dozen hanging chandeliers of different sizes? Years of wear and tear have caused cracks, breakages, and some of our beautiful lights have been missing for decades. If you have ever sat in the rear of the balcony you may have noticed several cylinder lights that are missing their glass.



Tom Burns Photography



Shea's has recently applied for a \$50,000 grant for the restoration and maintenance of our dome and cylinder lights. Each fixture must be custom fabricated from mold creation to glass production, dyeing the material perfectly to replicate the color for when the lights are both on and off. That difference in color can be observed in the photo comparison above and below.



SHEA'S HAS TWO NAMES

SHEA'S O'CONNELL PRESERVATION GUILD, LTD. IS SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

You know us as Shea's Performing Arts Center, but did you know Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild, Ltd. is our non-profit name? It was created to protect and restore Shea's Buffalo Theatre since community members saved the theatre from the wrecking ball...twice. Only a small portion of ticket sales actually benefits the theatre, making philanthropic support critical to all we do!

UPCOMING EVENTS SHEA'S BUFFALO

JERRY SEINFELD
APRIL 21, 2023

SIX THE MUSICAL
APRIL 25 – MAY 7, 2023

BROADWAY MEATS BUFFALO
Shea's Spotlight Committee
Fundraiser for Shea's
MAY 19, 2023

"WINED" UP TO SUMMER
Shea's Young Professionals
Fundraiser for Shea's
MAY 24, 2023

DANCE SPECTRUM
"HOME AGAIN"
June 2 – 3, 2023

SHEA'S 710

KINKY BOOTS
MusicalFare Theatre
MAY 4–21, 2023

HELLO, DOLLY! IN CONCERT
Starring Buffalo
JUNE 2–3, 2023

SHEA'S SMITH

ROMANCE/ROMANCE
O'Connell & Company
APRIL 14–23, 2023

TICK, TICK...BOOM!
Second Generation Theatre
JUNE 2–3, 2023

IN THE COMMUNITY

DISASTER
MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre at Daemen University
APRIL 12–MAY 14, 2023

FURSONA NON GRATA
First Look Buffalo Theatre Company
The Park School Theatre
APRIL 14–MAY 7, 2023

SWEAT
Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theater
APRIL 20–MAY 21, 2023

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET
Curtain Up Productions
Historic Palace Theatre
APRIL 20–30, 2023

RUST AND REDEMPTION
American Repertory of WNY
American Repertory of WNY
APRIL 20–MAY 13, 2023

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – APRIL

SUBURBAN PEST CONTROL

We are proud to feature Suburban Pest Control as one of our new Corporate Partners at Shea's!

Suburban Pest Control is a family-owned and operated exterminating company with over 45 years of experience. They have been rated as top exterminators in Western New York to their award-winning service and treat every home like their own. Check out their coupon for 15% off your pest control needs.



BUILT INTO THE VERY WALLS OF SHEA'S THE MIGHTY WURLITZER ORGAN

Shea's is in the middle of a six-phase restoration project with our Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. The Mighty Wurlitzer is a staple here at Shea's. The organ is well-known throughout the country and in the WNY community. Tourists and locals alike have been drawn into Shea's through the Wurlitzer Organ's unique and magnificent sound. While a beautiful instrument, The Mighty Wurlitzer is also a deeply important historical object for Shea's Buffalo—it was installed in December of 1925.

For an instrument of that age to keep working, we need to restore it. Truthfully, it's been over 35 years since the organ was last refurbished. This restoration project safeguards that the organ's beautiful music lasts another 35 years.



Of course, restoring such an important historical instrument takes a major financial commitment- a grand total of \$293,250. That is why we've recently applied for a grant, to support this mission. We are confident that if we receive funding from this grant process, even if it's not the full amount, we would be able to make up the difference through our Annual Fund Appeal and our loyal family of donors.

The grant would support the restoration of the organ's foundation chamber in upper stage right, as well as rebuilding its wind regulators, manual chests, and pipework. This is only the 3rd step in a 6-phase project!

The restoration of The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ began in 2021 and we hope that we can complete the project for Shea's 100th anniversary in 2026.

KRAGTAR! THE AMERICAN MONSTER MUSICAL

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
APRIL 21 – MAY 13, 2023

NETWORK

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
APRIL 21 – MAY 13, 2023

HERE WE SIT

Starry Night Theatre, Inc.
The Ghostlight Theatre
APRIL 27 – MAY 7, 2023

RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA

UB Music Theatre
Center For the Arts
APRIL 27 – MAY 7, 2023

A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

Niagara University Theatre
Leary Theatre
APRIL 27 – MAY 7, 2023

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre at
the Jewish Community Center of Greater
Buffalo
APRIL 27 – MAY 21, 2023

GUYS AND DOLLS

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
MAY 5 – 21, 2023

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

HARP (Hart and Roberts Productions)
The Taylor Theater at the Kenan Center
MAY 5 – 21, 2023

SUNSET BOULEVARD

O'Connell & Company
New O'Connell & Company Theater
MAY 5 – 14, 2023

CULLUD WATTAH

Ujima Company, Inc.
Administration & Lorna C. Hill Theater
MAY 12 – 28, 2023

CASTING CALL

DRUNK WIZARD OF OZ

Drunk Theatre Buffalo is holding auditions next month for DRUNK WIZARD OF OZ, scheduled for performances this July 2023 in The Attic at Mr. Goodbar.

THE MUSIC MAN

Curtain Up Productions is holding child and adult auditions on May 3rd for THE MUSIC MAN scheduled for performances this July 2023 at the Historic Palace Theatre.

THEATRE NEWS

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, the longest-running show on Broadway, closed this month.

The Toronto run of HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD Sets Final Performance at the Mirvish Theatre for this July 2nd.

SHEA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

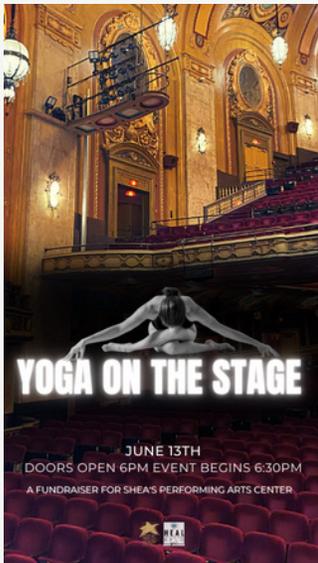
GET INVOLVED!

Who are the Shea's Young Professionals? They are a group of dedicated volunteers who support Shea's in a variety of ways including developing their own fundraising events, assisting with social media engagement during shows (you may have noticed them at our season announcement event!), and everything in between.

Wear your summer best and "Wined" Up to Summer with Shea's Young Professional's and Winkler and Samuels for a fun, wine tasting event at Shea's Buffalo on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.



Tickets are \$149 and include a complimentary drink, 6 tastings of summer wines, tasting notes, and an individualized cheese board. Guests will also have the opportunity to take photos, purchase wine from Winkler & Samuels and be entered to win tickets to an upcoming show at Shea's.



Join the Shea's Young Professionals as they host the first yoga event on Shea's Buffalo stage. It all takes place on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00pm. This fundraiser for Shea's provides a unique experience to take a one-hour, all-levels vinyasa yoga class led by Courtney Boland from HEAL BFLo and Power Yoga Buffalo on the stage under the lights to Broadway music.

Tickets are \$40 and include the yoga class, a complimentary beer or wine post class, an opportunity to take photos from the stage and a chance to win tickets to an upcoming 2023-2024 show. Limited spots are available so don't wait! No refunds or exchanges can be offered.

BROADWAY MEATS BUFFALO

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER FOR SHEA'S BY OUR SHEA'S SPOTLIGHT COMMITTEE

On Friday, May 19th, 2023, our Shea's Spotlight Committee will be holding their 2nd Annual Meat Raffle to benefit Shea's Performing Arts Center.

Who is the Shea's Spotlight Committee? You may have seen members in the lobby, selling concessions, champagne, and raffle tickets, operating the coat check/hearing enhancer station & player piano, and staffing the Spotlight Lounge. However, they also hold fundraisers for Shea's throughout the year like the upcoming Broadway MEATS Buffalo Meat Raffle held on the stage at Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Tickets are \$10 or \$25 for added prize entries. 16 rounds of meat, plus special bonus rounds.



This month, *WICKED* became the fourth longest-running Broadway Show, surpassing *CATS*.

CORBIN BLEU to host the 14th Annual Jimmy Awards® ceremony taking place on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:30pm at the Minskoff Theatre.

Roald Dahl's *THE WITCHES* new musical to be staged in London at the National Theatre and will run at the Olivier Theatre in November 2023.

The Musical *NEW YORK, NEW YORK* is currently in previews, set to open on April 26th at the St. James Theatre.

Academy Award Winner **Ariana DeBose** will return to host the 2023 Tony Awards.

CAMELOT, reimagined for the 21st century, opened on April 13th at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre.

KIMBERLY AKIMBO announced plans to launch a North American Tour in 2024.

FAT HAM opened on April 12th at the American Airlines Theatre.

GET TO KNOW NEW BROADWAY MUSICALS & PLAYS

BAD CINDERELLA

Imperial Theatre

Fresh from the West End in London comes Andrew Lloyd Webber's *BAD CINDERELLA*! In the exceptionally beautiful kingdom of Belleville, the fields are idyllic, the prince is charming, and the townsfolk are ravishing. Only one stubborn peasant stands in the way of absolute perfection: Cinderella. To the flawless residents and royals of Belleville, this damsel IS the distress.

SHUCKED

Nederlander Theatre

SHUCKED is the new musical comedy from some of the hottest names on Broadway—and Nashville! Featuring a book by Tony Award® winner Robert Horn (*Tootsie*), a score by the Grammy® Award-winning songwriting team of Brandy Clark and Shane McAnally, and directed by Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien (*Hairspray*), this corn-fed, corn-bred American musical is sure to satisfy your appetite for great musical theater.

THE RETURN OF A SHEA'S SCULPTURE

SHOOTING STARS IS NOW LOCATED ON THE MEZZANINE LOBBY LEVEL

The beloved "Shooting Stars" sculpture has made its triumphant return!

This beautiful statue has been at Shea's Buffalo from the very beginning—it was part of the original furnishings bought by Michael Shea from the Marshall Field's Department store in Chicago. Originally, the statue was featured in our third-floor lobby, then moved years later to our Spotlight Lounge. After updates to the Spotlight Lounge, years of wear-and-tear, two broken fingertips and three broken star points, it was time for the dazzling sculpture to be relocated and restored.

"Shooting Stars" is an incredibly intricate statue, featuring two intertwining women, adorned with stars. Their streaming locks of hair are reminiscent of a shooting star, streaking across the night sky.



The statue was created by the Florentine sculptor, Vittorio Caradossi. Caradossi was popular in the 19th and early 20th century for his marble sculptures. He exhibited in Paris at the 1900 exposition and in 1909 at the Salon de Artistes. Caradossi's sculptures, including "Shooting Stars," have been praised for their fine workmanship and impressively delicate marble details.

These dainty details were restored in the months of "Shooting Stars" absence. A talented sculptor was brought in from New York City to assist with the repairs. The missing parts of "Shooting Stars" were reconstructed with a two-part epoxy, mixed with artist's paint and marble dust, to match with the actual marble. Finer details, like fingernails were then painstakingly re-sculpted to match the original. The statue was also treated to crack repairs and a good cleaning.

With the restoration, we've also taken the time to give the statue an updated, safer, place of honor. You can find the statue in a newly commissioned Kittinger Furniture Co. cabinet in our mezzanine lobby. Our amazing restoration volunteers even gave "Shooting Stars" new home a little more sparkle by painting the cabinet a dazzling gold color.

Come visit these two queens of Shea's while you see the Tudor Queens of SIX! The Musical running April 25th to May 7th at Shea's Buffalo Theatre, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st century girl power!



SOME LIKE IT HOT

Shubert Theatre

Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* is the "glorious, big, high-kicking" (Associated Press) story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-country train for the life-changing, life-changing trip of a lifetime. All aboard Broadway's great big musical comedy!

CAMELOT

Lincoln Center Theater

From Bartlett Sher, the director of Lincoln Center Theater's acclaimed revivals of *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *My Fair Lady*, comes Lerner & Loewe's *CAMELOT* — a fresh take on the classic tale, featuring a book by Academy® and Emmy® Award winning writer Aaron Sorkin, based on the original book by Alan Jay Lerner. A timely story about the quest for democracy, striving for justice, and the tragic struggle between passion and aspiration, between lovers and kingdoms, *CAMELOT* features a beloved score by Lerner & Loewe with songs such as "If Ever I Would Leave You," "The Lusty Month of May" and the title song "Camelot."



This issue of the SHEA'S CALL-BOARD is prepared by members of the Development Department including writing from Julianna Tracey, Cassandra Lippert, and Beth Potozniak. Special thanks to Doris Collins for providing restoration and history information on the "Shooting Stars" sculpture.

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