

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

JULY 31, 2023

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

## RESTORING THE PEARL STREET VESTIBULE WHEN MOISTURE CAUSES CRACKS

Summertime means Shea's is quieter, with fewer events, allowing our restoration team to work on larger, more time-consuming projects. For the past several weeks, the south wall of the pearl street vestibule of Shea's Buffalo Theatre has had its layers peeled back to find the source of moisture causing cracking and peeling of plaster.



A radiator had once been located on the lower part of that wall which was approved for removal due to the high heat it produced in the infirmary.

Upon tearing into the wall, it was discovered that multiple materials were used to repair the wall after the radiator was removed. This usage of drywall, texture paint, plaster, and a cement-like compound meant that with temperature fluctuations, different sections of the wall would expand and contract at different rates, causing cracking.

The restoration team also found that not enough insulation material was used in place of the radiator and parts of the glazed terracotta panels from the exterior wall were allowing moisture to seep into the interior wall. To the left is a picture of the portion of the wall that contained the radiator.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SHEA'S BUFFALO

**RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE WERQ  
THE WORLD TOUR 2023**  
AUGUST 13, 2023

**LADY A REQUEST LINE TOUR**  
AUGUST 24, 2023

**MRS. DOUBTFIRE**  
SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2023

### SHEA'S 710

**THE WHALE SPEAKS**  
AUGUST 5, 2023

**THE COLOR PURPLE**  
SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 1, 2023

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**SWEENEY TODD**  
*Starry Night Theatre Inc.*  
*The Ghostlight Theatre*  
JULY 27-AUG 6

**ROMEO AND JULIET**  
*Shakespeare in Delaware Park*  
*Shakespeare in Delaware Park*  
JULY 27-AUG 20

**THE WAY IT IS**  
*Alleyway Theatre*  
*Alleyway Theatre*  
JULY 28-AUG 6

**AMERICAN IDIOT**  
*Bellissima Productions*  
*Ujima Company Inc. Theatre*  
AUG 3-13

**JASON ISBELL AND THE 400  
UNIT**  
*Live Nation*  
*Artpark Mainstage Theater*  
AUG 5

**JOHN BACON QUINTET**  
*New Music in the Park Series*  
*Artpark Emerald Grove Stage*  
AUG 6

**HEY, IT'S A CRUISE! STARRING  
DANDY CLARK (STEVE COPPS)  
AND JOHNNY MARTINI (PHILIP  
FARUGIA)**  
*Musicalfare Theatre*  
*Musicalfare Theatre*  
AUG 11

Additionally, parts of the wire lath that holds the scratch coat cement base, of which plaster is layered on top of, were rusted from the moisture.



The full restoration of the wall will take at least another month to complete. This includes creating a uniform structure of restoration appropriate material across the length of the wall to reduce cracking. Then the painting of the new plaster will include the techniques of glazing, ragging, stippling, and dry brushing to match the original paint.



## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – JULY THE LIPKE FOUNDATION

The Lipke Foundation has played an integral role in the lives of young people in Western New York. “The Kenny” was created in honor of the late Dr. Kenneth Lipke, founder of Gibraltar Steel. Since then, hundreds of outstanding musical productions from local high schools across WNY have been recognized and honored by the Kenny Awards. With the support of The Lipke Foundation the school that wins The Kenny for Outstanding Musical Production receives a \$10,000 grant towards their Musical Theatre Program.

This award is a testimony to Dr. Lipke’s passion and dedication to the arts and to his belief that the business community should support that effort in our young adults.



### THE JUNGLE BOOK

*The Aurora Players*  
Theatre in Hamlin Park, East Aurora  
AUG 11 – 26

### PARKER MCCOLLUM: SUMMER TOUR 2023

*Live Nation and Emporium Presents*  
Artpark Mainstage Theater  
AUG 17

### FORNAROLA & FRIENDS 3: MORE SONGS I WISH I'D WRITTEN (AND SOME I DID)

*Musicalfare Theatre*  
Musicalfare Theatre  
AUG 18

### ANTHONY CHASE: MY LIFE IN THE AUDIENCE

*Jewish Repertory Theatre*  
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre  
AUG 19 – 20

### A GIRL, A GUY, A PIANO: A 6 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

*Musicalfare Theatre*  
Musicalfare Theatre  
AUG 19

### WHISKEY MYERS

*Live Nation*  
Artpark Amphitheater  
AUG 20

### SUBLIME WITH ROME

*Artpark*  
Artpark Amphitheater  
AUG 23

### ARTPARK CIRQUE CELEBRATION

*Artpark*  
Mainstage Theatre Terrace  
AUG 27

### ARTPARK PRESENTS: EXIT BY CIRQUE INEXTREMISTE

*Artpark*  
Artpark Upper Parking Lot  
AUG 27

### PIXIES AND MODEST MOUSE WITH SPECIAL GUEST CAT POWER

*Live Nation*  
Artpark Amphitheater  
AUG 28

### WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME

*D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre*  
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
SEP 8 – 24

### THE LIFE AND SLIMES OF MARC SUMMERS

*Alleyway Theatre*  
Alleyway Theatre  
SEP 10 – 30

### THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

*Starry Night Theatre*  
The Ghostlight Theatre  
SEP 11 – OCT 1

### MURDER BALLAD

*Road Less Traveled Productions*  
Road Less Traveled Theater  
SEP 14 – OCT 15

# MUSICAL MYSTERIES WITH SSMTI

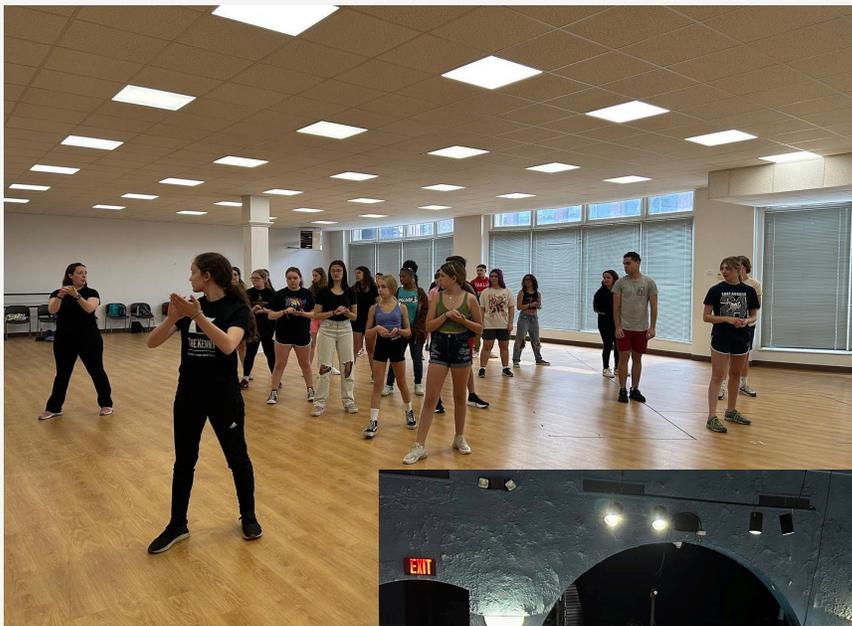
Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive brought mystery and creativity to Shea's

The summer months at Shea's are full of fun! The sound of passionate students singing, dancing, and acting have echoed through every corner of Shea's Buffalo, Shea's Smith, and Shea's 710—and it's no mystery why.



We hosted our annual two-week Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive this July. During this camp, students aged 10 to 17 created, rehearsed, and performed their own original musical. They collaborated to build a 10-minute scene from the ground up. This year, they based their scenes around the theme of mysteries, leading to

a vast variety of creative performances—from vanishing towns, retirement homes, and magicians with a disappearing act. Students ultimately learned the importance of teamwork, confidence and being present in a scene. Stage combat lessons were an all-time favorite amongst camp participants.



## CASTING CALL

### UNIQUE THEATRE COMPANY

The Unique Theatre Company is holding open auditions for their next show and acting showcase, scheduled from Oct. 5th-Oct. 21, on Aug. 5th at 545 Elmwood Ave.

### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Curtain Up Productions is holding auditions on Aug. 8 for LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS scheduled for performances this October 2023 at the Historic Palace Theatre.

## SHAW FESTIVAL

Did you attend a performance of MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION and/or MASTER HAROLD AND THE BOYS at Shea's 710 Theatre? Both shows were produced by our friends at The Shaw Festival!

In 1962, lawyer and playwright Brian Doherty turned his love of the work of Irish playwright, Bernard Shaw, into a summer theatre festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, known as the Shaw Festival. It has grown to today, where ten or more productions are performed each year in three theatres for thousands of audience members. Inspired by the wit and passion of Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival presents a mix of smart and provocative plays from both the past and present. The 61st Season of the festival has been running from February 28th to December 23 with the world premiere of *Mahabharata*, Stephen Sondheim's *Gypsy*, Noël Coward's *Blithe Spirit* and Bernard Shaw's rarely produced play *The Applecart*. Other productions and Holiday Season offerings will take to the Shaw Festival stages in 2023 as well, giving many the opportunity to see an amazing show during the festival.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PRODUCING PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR NEXT PUBLICATION!

## THEATRE NEWS

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK** closed its Broadway run on July 30th.

**HOW TO DANCE IN OHIO** is set to make its Broadway premiere at the Belasco Theatre.

**Kid's Night on Broadway**, a program allowing children under 18 to see a Broadway show for free, set a special summer edition date for August 29.

On Friday, July 21st, these hard-working students fully embraced their inner super sleuth and performed in their showcase, *Sleuths, Songs and Mystories!* They performed their mysterious masterpieces on the Shea's Buffalo stage, marking an exciting end to this year's intensive.

Now, our Actor's Edge summer intensive is in full swing. Students aged 13 to 17 are learning a vast body of acting techniques including Linklater, Viewpoints, Michael Chekov, Meisner and Uta Hagen. The intensive is designed with emphasis on theatre values such as intellectual curiosity, artistic integrity, and equity inclusion to encourage a broad range of theatrical approaches. The program will end with an actors' showcase at The Smith Theatre for an invited audience of family and friends! Click here to view more of our educational opportunities!



**Solea Pfeiffer is set to take over the role of Eurydice in HADESTOWN on August 15th.**

**Dates for the annual CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR STARRING THE RADIO CITY ROCKETTES have been announced for this year.**

**Broadway stars Jeremy Jordan and Eva Noblezada will lead Paper Mill Playhouse's world premiere of THE GREAT GATSBY.**

**The White Lotus and Parks and Recreation star Aubrey Plaza will make her off-Broadway debut opposite Christopher Abbott in a revival of DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA.**

**Tony-Award winner Lea Salonga extends her run in HERE LIES LOVE.**

**Roman Wellington Banks leads the tour of MJ THE MUSICAL as Michael Jackson.**

## GET TO KNOW NEW BROADWAY MUSICALS & PLAYS

### THE COTTAGE

*Hayes Theatre*

When Sylvia decides to expose her latest affair to her husband and her lover's wife, hijinx ensues, unraveling a hilarious web of secrets. This brand new Broadway play is a comedic and outrageous tale of sex, betrayal, and desire, calling the true meaning of fate, identity, love and marriage into question. This ridiculous- and potentially murderous- romantic comedy is directed by SEINFELD'S Jason Alexander for a 16 week limited run.

### ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME

*Marquis Theatre*

The Princess of Pop has finally made her way to the Great White Way. With the chart topping hits of Britney Spears, ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME tells the story of a group of friends on a quest to rewrite their stories and redefine "happily ever after." This pop-jukebox musical is more than just a Broadway show- it's a big, musical, dance party. Dance along to 23 Britney classics including "Crazy," "Oops!... I Did It Again," "Circus," "Lucky," "Toxic," and more, in this dazzling and colorful musical.

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## SPEC – “TAG” – ULAR ART

Take a look at our gallery of show tags from past touring productions

Did you know the basement of Shea’s Buffalo Stagehouse is decorated in a unique way? Touring productions have a longstanding tradition of leaving their mark on theatres during their stops—by painting a mural on a portion of the theatre’s walls! As part of the tradition, the cast and crew usually sign these “show tags,” leading to some memorable signatures flanking the theatre walls. The wonderfully talented members of touring companies get to flex their other artistic talents in fun and creative ways. Some productions stick to their traditional logos, while others make fun twists to their art to commemorate the city they traveled to, an event or holiday that happened on the stop, etc. Shea’s Buffalo is no exception to this tradition! Here are a few standout favorites that line our walls.



The First National Tour of *Hadestown* marked their stop at Shea’s with a Buffalo-centric show tag, replacing their iconic rose logo with a chicken wing!



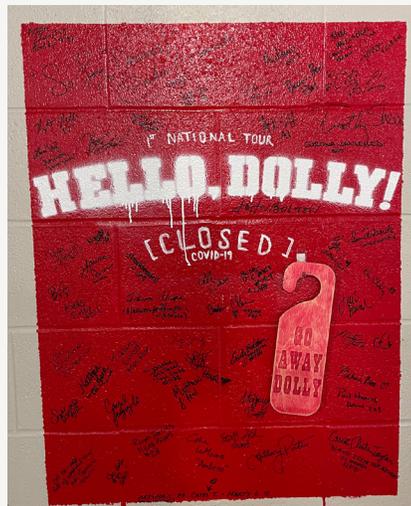
*Harper Lee’s To Kill A Mockingbird* celebrated the launch of their tour on the Shea’s Buffalo stage in 2022 by creating this gorgeous mural.



The last three shows of our season, *Beetlejuice*, *Six*, and *Jagged Little Pill* have side by side creations!



Our catering room in the stagehouse is the main home for all of our show tags. The room has been filled with many tour murals over the years.



*Hello, Dolly’s* time at Shea’s was unfortunately cut short due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. To mark the unprecedented occasion, the tour made a spin on the show’s title- Go Away Dolly.

## MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

Hudson Theatre

The Stephen Sondheim classic, *MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG* returns to Broadway for the first time since its original run in 1981. Told in reverse chronological order, the story focuses on the relationships between three “old friends” Frank, Mary, and Charley over the course of 20 years- beginning in 1976 at the end of the trios friendship and ending in 1957 with their youthful start. This limited run stars Broadway favorite Jonathan Groff as Frank, Tony-Award Winner Lindsay Mendez as Mary, and Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe as Charley.

## THE SHARK IS BROKEN

John Golden Theatre

*THE SHARK IS BROKEN* sends audiences back to 1974 on the open ocean during the, once again, delayed production of *JAWS*. Theatre veteran Robert Shaw, and young Hollywood hotshots, Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider are crammed into small boat, at the mercy of bad weather and a constantly faulty mechanical shark. This play explores the three actor’s real-life border, arguments, and stories told on the boat while filming on the movie has stalled.



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