

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

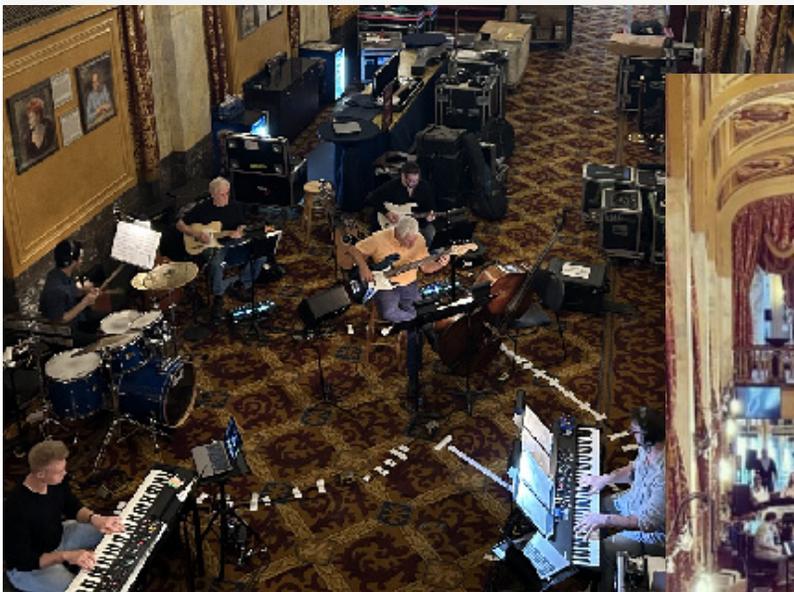
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Call-board (n.): a bulletin or notice board backstage at a theatre

SAYING "HELLOOOOO" TO A NATIONAL TOUR WHAT HAPPENS DURING TECH?

Hellooooo National Tour! This month, Shea's Buffalo had the special honor of launching the National Tour of *Mrs. Doubtfire*. Launching a national tour is extra special as the cast and crew of the show make Buffalo their home for several weeks as tech rehearsals commence. For theatre, tech rehearsals are when the technological aspects of a show, like lights, sounds, props, costumes, sets, etc. are integrated into a show. As the inaugural stop, Shea's Buffalo holds an important part of the production's history, as adjustments made here will be carried on through future performances and locations of the tour.

The launch of *Mrs. Doubtfire* began with the set and orchestra loading into the theatre. While the set was assembled on and adjusted to the Shea's Buffalo stage, the orchestra conducted rehearsals in our lobby. There, tempos, dynamics, etc. were adjusted to make it perfect for performances. The upbeat and fun music of *Mrs. Doubtfire* rang through the halls of Shea's Buffalo during this step of the launch process.



Before arriving at Shea's, the actors from the National Tour rehearsed in New York City. The actors practiced with props and some set pieces before making the journey up to Buffalo to put the whole show together. Stand-ins for costumes, like glasses and aprons were used before the full costume transformations were incorporated. Once in Buffalo, the actors rehearsed on the Shea's Buffalo stage, finally bringing all the different aspects of a theatre performance- lights, sound, sets, orchestra, actors, and stagehands together into one complete show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHEA'S BUFFALO

**BLIPPI: THE WONDERFUL
WORLD TOUR**
OCT 3, 2023

43 NORTH FINALS
OCT 12, 2023

THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN
OCT 14, 2023

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL
OCT 24- NOV 5, 2023

FESTIVAL OF LAUGHS
NOV 10, 2023

**THE ROCK ORCHESTRA BY
CANDLELIGHT**
NOV 12, 2023

SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE
NOV 15, 2023

WHEEL OF FORTUNE LIVE!
NOV 16, 2023

GOLDEN GIRLS
NOV 17-18, 2023

**THE JINKX & DELA HOLIDAY
SHOW STARRING BEND-
ELACREME & JINKX MONSOON**
NOV 26, 2023

SHEA'S 710

GIRLS NIGHT! THE MUSICAL
OCT 14, 2023

ABBAFAB
OCT 20, 2023

**JIM BREUER: SURVIVAL WITH
LAUGHTER**
OCT 24, 2023

**AN EVENING WITH ALEX
BUGNON**
OCT 28, 2023

SISTER ACT
STARRING BUFFALO
NOV 3-4, 2023

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL
GFOUR PRODUCTIONS
NOV 14-19, 2023

SHEA'S SMITH

**BETSY CARMICHAEL'S HAWAI-
IAN LUAU BINGO**
O'CONNELL & COMPANY
NOV 9-12, 2023

DIXIE'S TUPPERWARE PARTY
NOV 28- DEC 3, 2023



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There was one final dress rehearsal the evening before the show opened on Sunday, September 24th. *Mrs. Doubtfire* has been deemed an instant crowd-pleaser by Buffalo audiences. Broadway favorite Rob McClure stars as Daniel Hillard/Mrs. Doubtfire with his real-life wife, Maggie Lakis as Miranda Hillard. The pair have said Buffalo is an ideal place to open a show like *Mrs. Doubtfire* because of the family audiences that come to attend performances at Shea's.



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The hustle-and-bustle around the show did not die down after its opening. Press interviews, photo shoots, B-roll filming, Instagram takeovers (thank you Sara Schultz and Jonathan Hoover!), and more filled the Shea's Buffalo lobby during the day- another important part of opening a tour!

In past seasons, Shea's had the honor of launching the national tours of *Finding Neverland*, *On Your Feet!*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Mean Girls*, Disney's *Frozen*, *Tootsie*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Into the Woods*. *Mrs. Doubtfire* was another wonderful addition to this lineup! Though their performances in Buffalo ended on September 30th, this is only the beginning of the show's journey.

IN THE COMMUNITY

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Curtain Up Productions
Historic Palace Theatre
OCT 5- 15

ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS

The Aurora Players
Theatre in Hamlin Park, East Aurora
OCT 6-22

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
OCT 6-22

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

Starry Night Theatre
The Ghostlight Theatre
OCT 12- 22

MONSTER MYTHS... BUT MAKE IT DRUNK

Drunk Theatre Buffalo
Alleyway Theatre
OCT 13

THE GOLDEN GIRLS: THE LOST EPISODES VOL. 4

O'Connell and Company
New O'Connell & Company Theater
OCT 19- NOV 4

THE NATURAL HORSE

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
OCT 20- NOV 11

SISTERS IN LAW

Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre at
the Jewish Community Center of Greater
Buffalo
OCT 26- NOV 19

RICHARD O'BRIEN'S THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
OCT 27- NOV 18

THE BAKER'S WIFE

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
NOV 3- 19

ENOUGH: PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
NOV. 6

LEGALLY BLONDE

MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre
NOV 8- DEC 10

ALL MY SONS

Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theater
NOV 9- DEC 10

EDGAR ALLEN POE... BUT MAKE IT DRUNK

Drunk Theatre Buffalo
Alleyway Theatre
NOV 10

ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AN UPDATE!

Towards the end of August, work began on replacing a section of the roof at Shea's Buffalo Theatre above our Grand Lobby. As mentioned in our May issue of the Call-Board, water is the enemy of Shea's Buffalo, and replacement of the roof systems is needed to safeguard the assets in the building and preserve our gorgeous historic ceilings. Replacing the roof above our Grand Lobby by the City of Buffalo helped us complete part of this necessary project. Designed by Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, P.C. and roofing conducted by Jameson Roofing Co., Inc., the project has since been completed.

Additional funding is still needed to complete the replacement of all roof systems including the roof over the auditorium at Shea's Buffalo Theatre. The total cost for the roof replacement project is over four million dollars.



SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER



We're excited to feature our newest partner of the Shea's family this month. Five Star Bank is our 2023-2024 Broadway Season sponsor.

As a company, Five Star Bank is dedicated to creating measurable impacts within the communities they serve from Buffalo to Rochester. As Shea's kicks off the season on September 24, we look forward to the amazing lineup of shows we are bringing the Western New York Community with their support. It was a great night welcoming leadership from Five Star Bank to the theatre for the Tuesday, September 26 performance of *Mrs. Doubtfire!*

To learn more about Five Star Bank, click here to visit their website!



"MASTER HAROLD"... AND THE BOYS

Irish Classical Theatre
Irish Classical Theatre
NOV 10– DEC 3

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
NOV 24– DEC 10

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Curtain Up Productions
Historic Palace Theatre
NOV 29– DEC 3

CASTING CALL

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Curtain Up Productions is holding auditions on Oct. 16 for STEEL MAGNOLIAS scheduled for performances January 18-21 at the Historic Palace Theatre.

THEATRE NEWS

HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD Announces New Casting.

SOME LIKE IT HOT Announces Final Performance on Dec 30.

Juilliard's Graduate Acting Program Announced to be Tuition-Free.

SNL Alum Taran Killam Announced to Play Sir Lancelot in Broadway Revival of SPAMALOT

JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING Announces Extension and Talkback Series

Will Swenson to Depart A BEAUTIFUL NOISE, THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL on Oct. 29

Broadway-Bound Betty Boop Musical, BOOP! THE BETTY BOOP MUSICAL Announces MEAN GIRL'S Jasmine Amy Rogers in the Titular Role.

THE WIZ Sets its Broadway Return at the Marquis Theatre With an Opening Night of Apr. 17.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC Movie Soundtrack Will Recieve a Deluxe Expanded Reissue With 40 Unreleased Tracks.

The Theatre Development Fund Announces Autism-Friendly Performances For 2023-2024 Season.

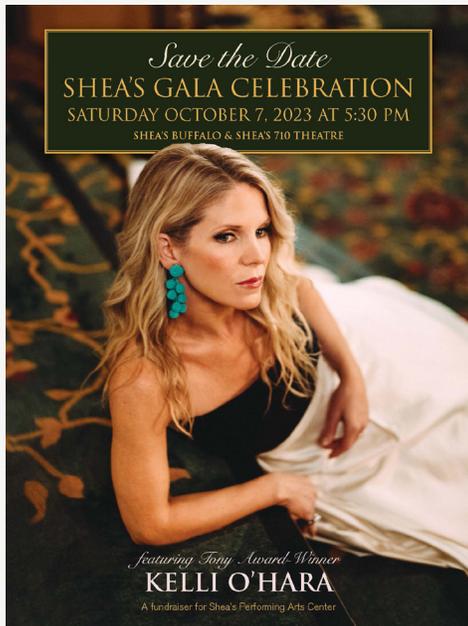
SHEA'S GALA CELEBRATION

FEATURING A SPECIAL CONCERT FROM TONY-AWARD WINNER KELLI O'HARA

Join us on October 7 at Shea's Buffalo and Shea's 710 Theatre for Shea's Gala Celebration! This celebration is an annual fundraising event to support Shea's Performing Arts Center.

This unforgettable evening begins at Shea's Buffalo Theatre with a pre-show reception on the Grand Stage and Lobbies. Doors open at 5:30 PM for cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. During this reception you can participate in a premium auction. Place your bid online or with your mobile phone. Your phone will alert you if someone outbids you so you can bid again. Don't miss out on these exceptional items!

Guests will then be seated by 8:30 PM for a private concert in Shea's 710 Theatre with Tony-Award Winner Kelli O'Hara. Kelli O'Hara, star of stage and screen, has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. Her portrayal of Anna Leonowens in *The King and I* garnered her the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle, and Olivier nominations. She reprised the role of Anna in her West End debut and performed a limited engagement at Tokyo's Orb Theatre.



Kelli O'Hara, star of stage and screen, has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. The Tony Award winner, Emmy and Grammy-nominated actress has appeared in eleven Broadway shows for which she has garnered seven Tony Award Nominations. She won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League and Outer Critics nominations for her portrayal of Anna Leonowens in *The King and I*. She then reprised the role while making her West End debut garnering a prestigious Olivier Nomination for her performance and then performed a limited engagement at Tokyo's Orb Theatre.

O'Hara received an Emmy Award nomination for her portrayal of Katie Bonner in Topic's hit web series, *The Accidental Wolf*, and can currently be seen as Aurora Fane on HBO's critically acclaimed series, *The Gilded Age*. She has had several recurring television roles such as Showtime's *Master of Sex*, *13 Reasons Why*, *Blue Bloods*, and *All My Children*. Additional Film and Television credits include *All the Bright Places*, *Peter Pan Live!*, *Sex & The City 2*, Martin Scorsese's *The Key to Reserva*, *The Good Fight*, *N3mbers*, and the animated series *Car Talk*. Click here to read her full bio!

Shea's Gala Celebration is the single biggest fundraising event of the year for Shea's and the Arts in Western New York. There are still tickets available to join us during this special evening, click here. [Click here](#)

DISNEY PRINCESS— THE CONCERT Will Return in 2024 With Anneliese van der Pol, Syndee Winters & More.

Tony—Award Winner Stephanie J. Block to Release Holiday Album With Club44 Records.

Christina Aguilera Producing Burlesque Stage Musical Based on 2010 Movie of the Same Name.

MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG Revival Broke The Hudson Theatre House Box Office Record.

The Broadway Flea Market Will Honor The 40th Anniversary of Jerry Herman's LA CAGE AUX FOLLES With Special Auction.

13 GOING ON 30 Musical Sets World Premire Workshop.

GET TO KNOW NEW BROADWAY MUSICALS & PLAYS

HARMONY

Ethel Barrymore Theatre

Harmony tells the unbelievable true story about the incredibly successful, yet somehow unknown Comedian Harmonists. In the 1920s and 30s, The Comedian Harmonists sold millions of records, made dozens of films, and sold-out the biggest theaters around the world. Their heavenly harmonies and musical comedy antics catapulted these six talented young men from singing in the subway tunnels of Berlin to international superstardom.

PURLIE VICTORIOUS: A NON-CONFEDERATE ROMP THROUGH THE COTTON PATCH

Music Box Theatre

Tony-Award-Winner Leslie Odom, Jr. stars as Purlie Victorious Judson, a traveling preacher living in an era where Jim Crow Laws ruled the American South. He returns to his small town in Georgia in an attempt to reclaim his inheritance and win back his church. This rousing, laugh-filled satire is written by Kennedy Center honoree Ossie Davis, who also starred as Purlie in the original 1961 production- which was famously visited by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IT'S THE SHEA'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

THE LAUNCH OF A NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM!

We are so excited to announce the launch of our inaugural Shea's High School Musical Theatre awards! This new program is a dynamic initiative designed to celebrate and support the arts in high schools, foster excellence in musical theatre, and provide valuable educational opportunities for students. This program is deeply committed to nurturing young talent, promoting collaboration, and building a strong sense of community within the world of musical theatre.

Instead of an application process, Shea's will implement a straightforward registration system to encourage more school and student participation. Registration for the Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards opens Friday, October 6th. Shea's will also expand the panel of adjudicators in the program. The selection process will aim to bring in adjudicators with diverse perspectives and expertise, aligning with the commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The evaluation rubric used for judging will be revised to provide clearer and more transparent scoring. This change is in response to valuable feedback from teachers and aims to improve the adjudication process.

Finally, the awards structure will be modified to benefit a broader range of schools. While still recognizing outstanding productions, Shea's will introduce additional monetary awards beyond the single school recognized for Outstanding Production of a Musical. This change aims to support more schools and foster a sense of shared achievement and encouragement within the entire community.

THE COLOR PURPLE

AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY FROM REHEARSALS TO CLOSING

Thank you to everyone who filled the sold out houses of *The Color Purple* this month and celebrated the talent, determination, and pride of local theatre! *The Color Purple* presented by SaveonSP, was a collaboration between Second Generation Theatre, Ujima Theatre Company, and Shea's 710 Theatre and supported by the Cullen Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and sponsored by Bank of America and Wegmans.

Keep the love for local theatre going by attending more fantastic performances. The Frey Electric 2023-24 season at Shea's 710 Theatre continues with *Plaid Tidings*, produced by O'Connell & Company, taking to the stage this December. Ujima Theatre Company also kicks off December with *12 Mo' Angry Men* and Second Generation Theatre opens *The Bowling Play* in February.



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MELISSA ETHERIDGE: MY WINDOW ON BROADWAY

Circle in the Square Theatre

Grammy and Academy Award-winning singer/songwriter, Melissa Etheridge, known for writing hit songs like "I'm the Only One," "Come to My Window," "I Want to Come Over", arrives on Broadway with her acclaimed show MELISSA ETHERIDGE: MY WINDOW. The show is an intimate & rock'n'roll experience. Etheridge tells tales from her childhood in Kansas to her groundbreaking career highs and personal lows. Etheridge opens her heart & soul on stage, dazzling audiences of every age.

MJ THE MUSICAL

Neil Simon Theatre

During his lifetime, Michael Jackson was known to the world as the "King of Pop" because of his genre-defining music and performances. Now his unmatched artistry is showcased on Broadway in the 4 time Tony-Award Winning musical, MJ THE MUSICAL. Focusing on the creation of Jackson's 1992 Dangerous World Tour, MJ looks beyond the singer's signature voice and moves to take a deeper look at his creative and collaborative nature- the qualities which ultimately made Jackson a bonafide legend.



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