

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

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WELCOME TO THE MOULIN ROUGE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TITULAR INSPIRATION FOR MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL

Did you know the Moulin Rouge club featured in both MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL and the 2001 Baz Luhrmann movie is based on a real, famous, French nightclub?

Though the stories of the movie and musical are fictional, the real Moulin Rouge club has been open at the foot of Montmartre hill since October 6th 1889. It was founded by Joseph Oller and Charles Zidler (who you can see fictionalized onstage in the musical as the eccentric host, Harold Zidler). Le Moulin Rouge club became a hub for the rich to “slum” it in a fashionable part of town and for poorer artists living a more alternative “Bohemian” lifestyle to express themselves in a freer environment. The characters you see onstage in MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL fall into these classes.

The Moulin Rouge is known for shaping entertainment as we know it today. The famous “Can-Can” dance originated in the club as a challenge to restrictive social norms at the time. The careers of important artists and entertainers have also been intertwined with the nightclub’s history. Famous artist Henri de Toulouse Lautrec made posters for the Moulin Rouge beginning in 1891, the first being the well-known “La Goulue” poster. (You can also find a fictionalized version of him in the musical). Mistinguett, who at one point was the highest-paid female entertainer in the world, also performed frequently at the Moulin Rouge.

Later, after the first world war and a change in ownership in the club, Mistinguett would become artistic director for the Moulin Rouge, creating splashy revues that would eventually inspire Las Vegas performances.

As the century continued on, the Moulin Rouge experienced changes and renovations, becoming a genuine, contemporary nightclub in the 1930s, a classier venue for international artists in the 1950s, and even welcomed an aquarium for an aquatic ballet in the 1960s. The ‘60s were a formative time for Le Moulin Rouge on a creative level as well; in 1963 their hit revue LE FROU FROU started their ongoing trend of performing revues starting with the letter F.

October of 2019 marked the Moulin Rouge’s 130th anniversary, reminding everyone that the Moulin Rouge is a long-standing cultural icon. You have five chances left to see the spirit of this iconic venue onstage in MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL at Shea’s Buffalo theatre.



La Goulue by Henri de Toulouse Lautrec

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHEA'S BUFFALO

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 BENDELACREME & JINKX MONSOON
NOV 26, 2023

THE NUTCRACKER
NEGLIA BALLET, BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
DEC 2-3, 2023

AN EVENING WITH CHEVY CHASE— CHRISTMAS VACATION
DEC 6, 2023

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS
DEC 8, 2023

CINDERELLA
THE STATE BALLET THEATRE OF UKRAINE
DEC 10, 2023

LINDSEY STIRLING— SNOW WALTZ TOUR
DEC 12, 2023

STRAIGHT NO CHASER— SLEIGHIN' IT TOUR
DEC 15, 2023

ANNIE
DEC 18-23, 2023

SHEA'S 710

SISTER ACT
STARRING BUFFALO
NOV 3-4, 2023

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL
GFOUR PRODUCTIONS
NOV 14-19, 2023

PROGRESS ON PEARL STREET

AN UPDATE ON RESTORING THE PEARL STREET VESTIBULE

In our July edition of the Call-Board we let you know about the restoration project occurring in our Pearl Street Vestibule. Multiple materials were used in an earlier repair of the wall, causing different sections of the wall to expand and contract at different rates when under temperature fluctuations. Since we last covered the project, tremendous progress has been made!

During the month of August, our talented restoration team was able to gradually chip, chisel, and remove the old deteriorated under plaster down to the original surface of fire brick. The bricks were individually wire brushed to remove any



lingering old surface debris. They were then coated with Plasterweld, a glue like bonding agent, creating a fun pink color!

New wire lath was attached to cover any areas lacking fire brick and then the initial layer of scratch coat was applied. By August 18th, the first layer was finally finished.

This started the long process of adding layer after layer of plaster to meet up with the depth of the original wall, which was two to two and a half

inches thick. Eighteen to twenty bags, or five hundred pounds of dry plaster has been applied so far. No small feat!



PLAID TIDINGS
O'CONNELL & COMPANY
DEC 7-17, 2023

**SISTER'S CHRISTMAS
CATECHISM: THE MYSTERY OF
THE MAGI'S GOLD**
DEC 22, 2023

SHEA'S SMITH

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

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE BAKER'S WIFE
Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
NOV 3- 19

THE CONVENT
Brazem-Faced Varlets
Compass Performing Arts Center
NOV 3- 18

**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

**"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

NUNCRACKERS
O'Connell & Company
New O'Connell & Company Theater
DEC 1-17

12 MO' ANGRY MEN
Ujima Company, Inc.
Lorna C. Hill Theater
DEC 1-17



The raised area near the handrail displays the original depth of the wall. Layer upon layer of plaster was applied to match the original thickness.

Each section needed to dry and, in places, be sanded before application of subsequent layers to eventually reach a level surface. Fluctuating Buffalo temperatures and the opening of the 2023-2024 Broadway Season prolonged this drying and sanding process, however.

October 17th was the last working day for the plaster application, in preparation for the load-in of **MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL**. After the show, weather permitting, the final finishing detail work can continue, eventually culminating with the final priming and painting techniques to restore the wall back to its former appearance.

Check out the amazing progress our restoration team has made during the rest of the run of **MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL** at Shea's Buffalo, or during the other shows in our season!



MASON WRIGHT IS NOT A MOTHER

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
DEC 3

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
DEC 6- DEC 24

CASTING CALL

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA

Curtain Up Productions is holding auditions on December 27th for **RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA**, scheduled for performances March 7-17 at the Historic Palace Theatre.

THEATRE NEWS

WICKED celebrated its 20th anniversary on October 30th.

This year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade announces lineup, including Broadway performances by **& JULIET, BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE MUSICAL, SHUCKED, and more!**

The 1995 film, **CLUELESS** is getting a musical adaptation, set to open in the U.K in February 2024.

The inaugural **NEXT STAGE FESTIVAL** will launch on January 16th, 2024 to support early career playwrights.

Broadway's 41 theatre marquee will go dark in memory of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** lyricist Sheldon Harnick on Nov. 9 at 6:45 p.m. for one minute.

HOW TO DANCE IN OHIO is championing autistic representation on Broadway. Dive in to learn about the new musical and its cast.

A new musical, **WATCHER IN THE WOODS**, is set to receive a staged workshop production in fall of 2024.

BURLESQUE THE MUSICAL, the stage adaptation of the 2010 film, will premiere in June 2024 at the Manchester Opera House.

Aaron Tveit and Sutton Foster are taking to the stage of **SWEENEY TODD** on February

SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE

SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

Get your tickets now and get a head start on your holiday shopping at **Shea's Shopping Soiree on November 15 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.** Discover over 50 unique, local vendors right in the heart of the Buffalo Theatre District. Check out the latest designs from 26shirts, luxury leather goods from DAME, gift cards from Rebel Ride and so much more!

Plus, enjoy light apps and shop for a good cause—all proceeds support Shea's Restoration, Education Programs, and our mission.

NEW THIS YEAR! Our special Kid Entrepreneur section where some of Buffalo's most creative Kid Businesses will be showcasing their delightful collection of seasonal gifts. Support your future entrepreneurs at this year's Shopping Soiree!



The Shea's Shopping Soiree is presented by Cadillac with event support from Ashley's Lingerie & Swimwear and BFS Brand & More, LLC. This event is hosted by Shea's Young Professionals.

Tickets are \$15 presale and \$20 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets are available that include early access and champagne at the door. [Click here to buy!](#)

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SPRUCE ON MAIN

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Casi Hall Creative	Kathy's Flowering Jewelry	Natalie Rae	
Communita	Kissed by the Sun Spice Co.	Needle Nail & Wreaths	

9, 2024 as Sweeney Todd and Mrs. Lovett.

JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING will livestream its final week of performances starting November 14th.

After over 1,550 performance **HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD** becomes the longest running production at the Lyric Theatre, exceeding 42ND STREET.

The 52nd annual Theater Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Nov. 6th at Broadway's Gershwin Theatre.

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL

James Earl Jones Theatre

Josh Gad and Andrew Rannells are back on Broadway, putting on a show together because they just love each other so damn much. This hilarious new musical tells the story of Bud and Doug, two best pals putting on a show together because they just love each other so damn much. It's art imitating life imitating art! And the critics just love it so damn much. In fact, Entertainment Weekly says, "This brilliant musical delivers guaranteed laughs!" and Deadline raves, "Josh Gad and Andrew Rannells are Broadway's leading comedy duo!" Get your tickets now to GUTENBERG! – "you'll leave thankful for musical theater!" (Daily Beast).

THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL

James Earl Jones Theatre

Get amped! THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL — the new musical comedy inspired by the timeless hits of HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS — is coming to Broadway March 29, 2024 with a rhythm that'll drive you wild. Step into an era when the airwaves sized and bands with platinum dreams rocked every dive bar.

A raucous rom-com wrapped in pure musical joy, THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL centers on a couple of thirty-somethings who know exactly what they want from life—until they find each other. It's going to take The Power Of Love — and a little help from their friends — to show them the way. Jam-packed with HUEY LEWIS megahits like "Working for a Living",

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

THE SEMI FINALISTS!

This past month, our semi-finalists schools for the first annual Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards were announced. Our goal for the new awards was to increase the number of participating schools from ten to fifteen in the first year; the reception to the first annual Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards was so strong that we exceeded our goal and have twenty schools participating this year! This expansion will provide more students with the opportunity to showcase their talents and be part of the event.

These are the twenty participating schools and the dates of their shows. Go out and support the Buffalo high school theatre community!



Nardin Academy

West Seneca West High School

Lake Shore High School

Amherst High School

Brocton CSD

Cleveland Hill HS

Dunkirk Secondary

St. Joseph's Collegiate Academy

Eden HS

St. Mary's HS

Fredonia HS

Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts

Jamestown HS

Royalton-Hartland HS

Sweet Home HS

Randolph HS

Belfast HS

John F. Kennedy HS

Pine Valley HS

Maple Grove HS

"Stuck with You" and "If this is It", this shamelessly fun show will have you dancing in your seat (and all the way home). Don't miss Broadway's newest feel-great musical, THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL, where it's Hip to be Square.

SWEENEY TODD

Lunt-Fontanne Theatre

For the first time since 1980, Broadway audiences can experience Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award®-winning score as it was performed in the original production—with Jonathan Tunick's classic 26-player orchestration on an epic scale. Tony Award-winning director Thomas Kail (Hamilton) helms the return of this musical thriller starring Tony and Grammy® nominee Josh Groban (Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812) as Sweeney Todd and Tony winner Annaleigh Ashford (Sunday in the Park With George, Kinky Boots) as Mrs. Lovett. Tony winner Alex Lacamoire (Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen) reunites with Kail as Music Supervisor, and Olivier Award winner Steven Hoggett (Once, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child) choreographs this new production of Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.



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