

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

DECEMBER 8, 2023

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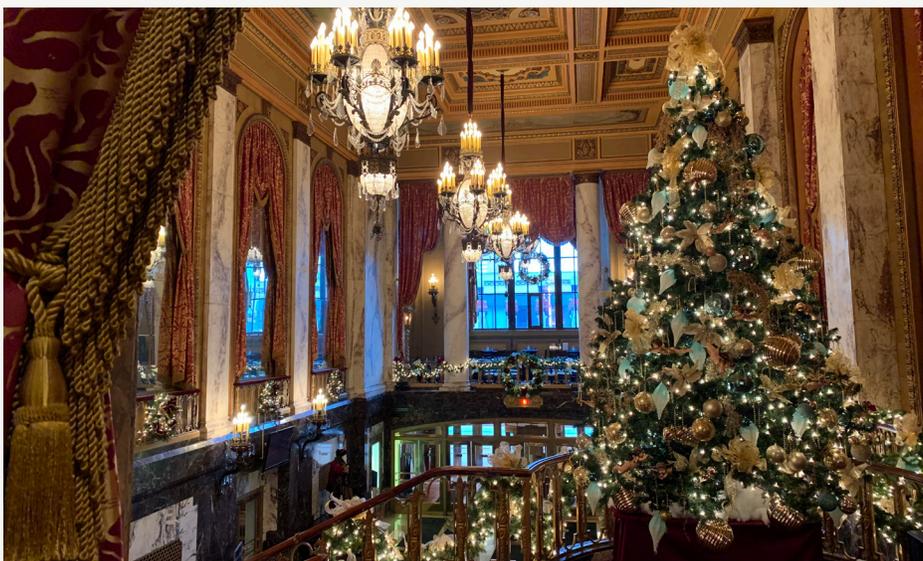
## 'TIS THE SEASON OF DECOR! DECORATING SHEA'S BUFFALO THEATRE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

It's the most wonderful time of the year! In early November, Shea's Buffalo and Shea's 710 were decorated for the holiday season. Over the course of 48 hours, a talented team of 9-12 people from Hale Northeastern came to complete the installation process, in collaboration with our wonderful Environmental Services staff.

Our decorations were given an update in 2021, after the Covid lockdown. They were refreshed to match the opulent beauty of Shea's Buffalo, with the décor on the Grand Staircase being exceptionally decadent. The decorations were created with the intricate design and colors that define Shea's. The most recent example of this was the incorporation of the iconic Tiffany Blue color found in the domed ceilings of Shea's Buffalo. Hale Northeastern introduced a French Blue that was an extremely close match in a variety of antique style globe, onion, and finial shaped ornaments.



Nowhere is this more evident than in the magnificent Grand Tree that is placed at the very top landing of the grand lobby staircase. This year, the tree was upgraded to an astonishing 12-foot height. It was set upon a 2-foot base, making the tree tower above the main lobby at 14-feet! At its base, the tree is 6 feet wide. It's a stunning picture, decked with gold and the previously mentioned French blue ornaments. The Grand Tree is given extra sparkle with nearly 2,000 lights! The goal of Hale Northeastern and Shea's was to have our guests look up in awe



## UPCOMING EVENTS SHEA'S BUFFALO

**MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER  
CHRISTMAS**  
DEC 8, 2023

**CINDERELLA**  
THE STATE BALLET THEATRE OF UKRAINE  
DEC 10, 2023

**LINDSEY STIRLING – SNOW  
WALTZ TOUR**  
DEC 12, 2023

**THE MAGICAL POLAR EXPERI-  
ENCE**  
DEC 13

**STRAIGHT NO CHASER –  
SLEIGHIN' IT TOUR**  
DEC 15, 2023

**ANNIE**  
DEC 18-23, 2023

**GIRL FROM THE NORTH  
COUNTRY**  
JAN 16-21, 2024

**DANCING WITH THE STARS  
LIVE 2024**  
JAN 28, 2024

**THERESA CAPUTO**  
FEB 7, 2024

## SHEA'S 710

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

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

**A TRIBUTE NIGHT TO THE  
EAGLES FEATURING THE  
EAGLEZ**  
JAN 19, 2024

**JERSEY NIGHTS**  
JAN 20, 2024

**GIRLS NIGHT! THE MUSICAL**  
JAN 27, 2024

**ON SCHOOL TIME: FIND YOUR  
BEAT!**  
FEB 2, 2024

## SHEA'S SMITH

**REEFER MADNESS –  
THE MUSICAL**  
O'CONNELL & COMPANY  
JAN 26-FEB 11, 2024

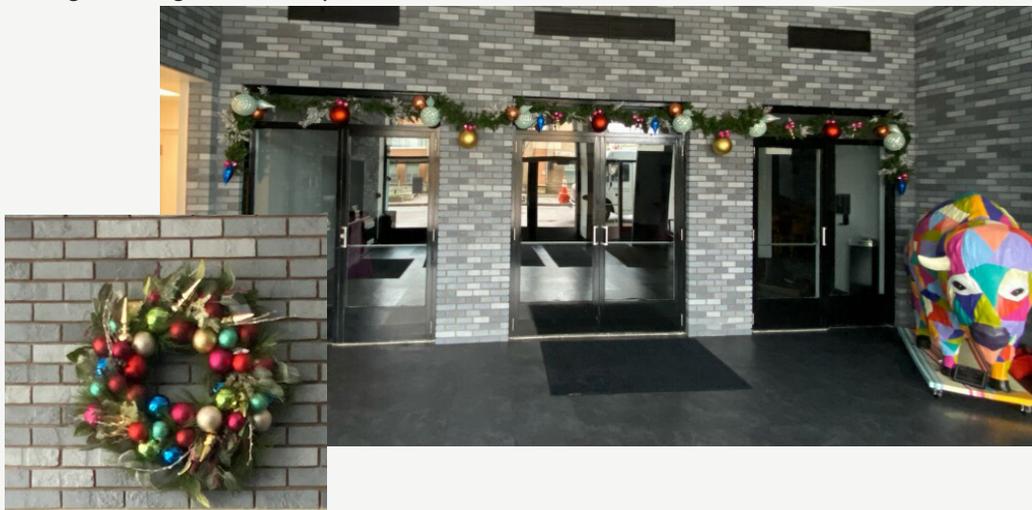
when they arrive in from Main Street, and our Grand Tree definitely accomplishes that.

While detailed efforts were made to ensure the décor matches the grandiose aesthetic of Shea's Buffalo, great care was taken to ensure that the historic preservation of the theatre was maintained. John Dubreville, Director of Sales, and Shea's contact at Hale Northeastern said the team remained cognizant of the antiquity and historical value of every area they were working in. "It is an incredible honor to bring the holidays to life within the existing beauty of the theater, but it is daunting at the same time as we need to ensure that we do not cause any damage to the property." Said Dubreville, "Respect is key, we have a legacy to protect."

This year we also refreshed the décor in Shea's 710. New rich bronze, pink, blue, and green colors were added to the décor ornaments, pulling colors from the outside mural and Billy, the Buffalo statue in the lobby. The decorations' nod to the modern aesthetic of 710 but still have a warmth that gives you cozy feelings during the holidays.



The lobbies of Shea's Buffalo during the process of the holiday decorations installation.



These beautiful decorations come down in early January- they'll be gone before GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY takes the stage at Shea's Buffalo. Come see one of our special, holiday, events like MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS, PLAID TIDINGS, ANNIE, and so many more, so you don't miss the magic of the holidays here at Shea's!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### ALL MY SONS

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

### A CHRISTMAS STORY

Lancaster Opera House  
Lancaster Opera House  
NOV 24– DEC 10

### 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

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Alleyway Theatre  
Alleyway Theatre  
DEC 6– 24

### WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE— ADAPTATION OF "A CHRISTMAS CAROL."

American Repertory Theatre of WNY  
Compass Performing Arts Factory  
DEC 7–23

### THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

Starry Night Theatre Inc.  
The Ghostlight Theatre  
DEC 7–17

### HOLIDAY CLASSICS... BUT MAKE IT DRUNK

Drunk Theatre Buffalo  
Alleyway Theatre  
DEC 8

### BLUE XMAS: THE CHARMAGNE CHI CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Alleyway Theatre  
Alleyway Theatre  
DEC 14– 30

### A GIRL, A GUY, A PIANO: A HOLIDAY HAPPENING PART DEUX!!

MusicalFare Theatre  
Premier Cabaret  
DEC 15

### HEY! IT'S NEXT CHRISTMAS!

MusicalFare Theatre  
Premier Cabaret  
DEC 16

### FAITH HEALER

Irish Classical Theatre  
Irish Classical Theatre  
JAN 5–28

### SHOWTUNE

MusicalFare Theatre  
Premier Cabaret  
JAN 12–28

### STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Curtain Up Productions  
Historic Palace Theatre  
JAN 18–21

## A LOCAL PRODUCTION FOR ALL AGES

### On School Time Performance: FIND YOUR BEAT!

Shea's On School Time Series provides educational shows specifically designed for young audiences. Children's picture books and classic literature, United States history and world history, relevant social issues and experiences are all transformed and presented on Shea's stages.

**What can a young immigrant girl raised in the Bronx know about Indian dance culture? In searching for the answer, choreographer and performer, Gaitrie Subryan, takes us on a journey tracing her ancestors' voyage from Bihar, India to Guyana. With her untamed passion for Bollywood, Kathak, and Yoga, she discovers that her ancestors' stories reside in her body and have paved her path to find her beat.**



An original local production by Devi Bollywood Performing Arts, FIND YOUR BEAT, takes stage Friday, February 2nd, 2024 at 10AM at Shea's 710 Theatre.

Schools and educational groups can request tickets by visiting <https://www.sheas.org/on-school-time/>. Please contact Alicia Rainey at [arainey@sheas.org](mailto:arainey@sheas.org) for more information.



Devi Bollywood Performing Arts is located on Elmwood Ave in Buffalo and its mission is to build strong communities, and celebrate diversity through dance. They were nominated and chosen to be honored with a Women's Business Center's (WBC) Ignite Award. The Ignite Awards celebrate successful women-owned businesses in Western New York to showcase their journey and success.



Gaitrie Subryan is a Choreographer and Dancer who is originally from Guyana, South America and was raised in The Bronx. Not having a traditional studio upbringing, Gaitrie found dance a later part of her life. She learned Indian

### REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

Lancaster Opera House  
Lancaster Opera House  
JAN 26- FEB 11

## THEATRE NEWS

**MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG**  
Receives Additional Extension to July 7, 2024.

Ali Louis Bourzgui Will Make His Broadway Debut as the T titular Role in the Revival of **THE WHO'S TOMMY**.

Alicia Keys' New Musical **HELL'S KITCHEN** Is Set to Transfer to Broadway in 2024.

Patti LuPone Will Bring Latest Concert Act, **A LIFE IN NOTES** to Venues Across North America in 2024.

**SLEEP NO MORE**, Previously Announced to Close Jan 28, 2024, Extends Its Run to Feb 25, 2024.

Reality Star Ariana Madix to Make Broadway Debut as Roxie Hart in **CHICAGO**.

Food Network Host, Marc Summers to Bring Interactive Solo Show **THE LIFE AND SLIMES OF MARC SUMMERS**, Off-Broadway.

World Premiere of **BOOP! THE BETTY BOOP MUSICAL**, Starring Jasmine Amy Rogers Opens December 6th at Chicago's CIBC Theatre.

Constance Wu and Corbin Bleu Set Final Performance Date in **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** Off-Broadway on Jan 28.

Live Recording of **STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S OLD FRIENDS: A CELEBRATION** Sets Dec 8th Release Date.

**APPROPRIATE** Announces Three-Week Extension.

Television Actor Victoria Pedretti Set to Make Broadway Debut in **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE**.

The Drama League Renames Emerging Directors Program in Honor of Press Agent and Tony-Winning Producer Irene Gandy.

Semi Classical Dance, Film, and Folk dance from a New York City-based dance school under the direction of Pooja Narang. In 2008, Gaitrie joined the Sa Dance Company under the artistic direction of Payal Kadakia-Pujji.



In 2012 Gaitrie moved to Buffalo and started Devi Bollywood Performing Arts. Gaitrie has continued her dance training focusing on Kathak, a north Indian Classical Dance under Jayeeta Dutt, she has a performance troupe that performs at events, shows, and festivals, and she teaches kids and adults dance classes at her studio which she opened in January of 2023. In June of 2023, Gaitrie produced her first show titled “Find Your Beat”, which brought the story of the indentured servants who landed in Guyana from India to life. Gaitrie is continuing her work to share this story of the Indo-Caribbean people all across Western New York.

Gaitrie is a “SPARK” award recipient by Art Services Inc., she is also an “IGNITE” Awardee honoree by the Women’s Business Center at Canisius College. She is a Creatives Rebuild New York awardee, she has also received funding from the Arts Services Initiative, Empire State Create Grant, Danceforce Recipient funded by “Pick of the Crop”, and NYC Arts in Education.

## **CORPORATE SPONSOR OF THE MONTH**

### **FREY ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO.**

Frey Electric is the proud season sponsor for Shea’s 710 Theatre.

For many decades Shea’s has trusted the professionals at Frey Electric to help us make the necessary upgrades to ensure we live up to our reputation. With Frey’s continued support of our 710 season we are able to continue dynamic partnerships with theatre companies such as MusicalFare, Ujima and O’Connell & Co.



**J. Harrison Ghee, Nikki Renée Daniels, Cheyenne Jackson and More Join New York City Center Encores! Production of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.**

**MYSTIC PIZZA Musical Will Get New Staging at California’s La Mirada Theatre.**

**Broadway Favorite Amber Ardolino to take over as Marcia Murphey in A BEAUTIFUL NOISE, THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL.**

**The UK’s Riverside School in Barking and New Jersey’s Hoboken High School Chosen to be 1st to Produce School Edition of HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD.**

**Tony Awards Administration Committee Determines Tony Eligibility for ONCE UPON A ONE MORE TIME, BACK TO THE FUTURE, MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG and More In First Session of the Season.**

**A Revised SHREK THE MUSICAL is Set to Tour North America in 2024.**

**PURLIE VICTORIOUS, SPAMALOT, HARMONY, and MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG Announce Performances to Benefit the Entertainment Community Fund.**

**THE LION KING Welcomes Four New Cubs as Young Simba and Nala.**

**Eddie Izzard Will Return Off–Broadway With a Solo Version of HAMLET.**

**Carol Burnett Reignites Campaign to Name a Broadway Theater for Harold Prince.**

**Documentary Special on the Making of THE COLOR PURPLE Movie Musical to Stream December 28th.**

**SPIRITED AWAY: LIVE ON STAGE Will Begin Streaming on December 24th on HBO Max.**

**Tony Nominated Actor, John Tartaglia Joins the Producing Team of HOW TO DANCE IN OHIO.**

**Reeve Carney Takes Final Bow After Six Years as Orpheus in HADESTOWN on Broadway.**

# SHOPPED TIL YOU DROPPED!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Shea's Shopping Soiree on November 15th! The event was presented by Cadillac with event support from Ashley's Lingerie & Swimwear and BFS Brand & More, LLC and hosted by Shea's Young Professionals.



## 'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

Your generosity, whether it's a one-time year-end gift, or a recurring donation, will directly impact the restoration of Shea's Buffalo Theatre, the growth of our Arts Engagement and Education programs, and ensure we can attract the very best live entertainment for years to come. Just like when the Friends of Buffalo Theatre banded together to save this theatre from the wrecking ball, so must we be vigilant –just think of what your gift could mean! A donation of . . .

- \$50 can sponsor a student's participation in a Master Class workshop, fostering their budding talent and creativity.
- \$100 can purchase specialized oil-based paint to repair an ornate section of the lobby, ensuring Shea's is gleaming when guests come through the brass doors.
- \$250 can restore a lighting fixture inside the theatre, preserving the ambiance that makes every performance magical.
- \$500 can foster a love of learning, sending a group of students to see a Broadway show followed by a workshop moderated by one of our talented teaching artists.

The point is -- no donation is too big or too small!

Keep the curtain rising at Shea's for future generations—donate Today!



**The American Playwrighting Foundation Is Taking Submissions For The 2024 Relentless Award for Full-Length New Plays.**

**Disney's ALADDIN To Perform "Friend Like Me" During Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade.**

**Grammy Award–Winning Artist Ani DiFranco Is Set To Take Over The Role of Persephone in HADESTOWN on Feb. 9, 2024.**

**THE LION KING Is Set to Return to Toronto in 2024 For An Unprecedented Second Open–Ended Run.**

**DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA Extends Its Off–Broadway Run Through Jan 13, 2024**

**TAMMY FAYE, a New Elton John Musical Will Be Coming to Broadway For the 2024–25 Season.**

## GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

### APPROPRIATE

#### *Helen Hayes Theatre*

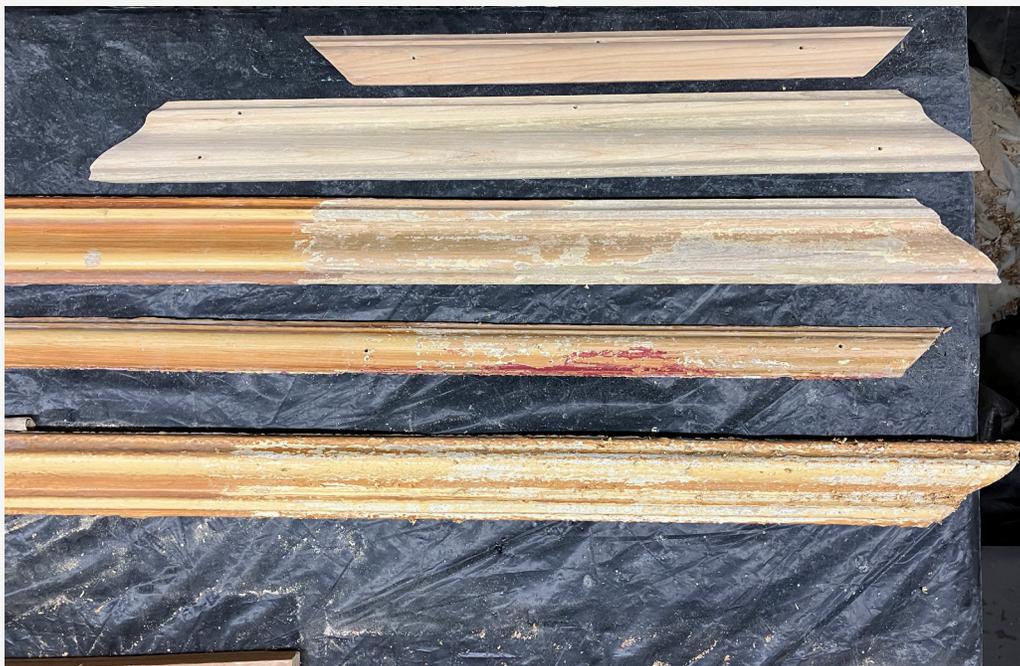
Pulitzer Prize finalist and Obie Award winner Branden Jacobs-Jenkins and Drama Desk Award winner Lila Neugebauer invite you to one helluva reunion in this darkly comic American family drama. It's summer, the cicadas are singing, and the Lafayette family has returned to their late patriarch's Arkansas home to deal with the remains of his estate. Toni (Sarah Paulson), the eldest daughter, hopes they'll spend the weekend remembering and reconnecting over their beloved father. Bo (Corey Stoll), her brother, wants to recoup some of the funds he spent caring for Dad at the end of his life. But things take a turn when their estranged brother, Franz, appears late one night, and mysterious objects are discovered among the clutter. Suddenly, long-hidden secrets and buried resentments can't be contained, and the family is forced to face the ghosts of their past.

## PEARL STREET UPDATES

### HOW OUR RESTORATION TEAM RESTORES CROWN MOLDING.

In our last edition of the Callboard, we featured an update to the restoration of our Pearl Street Vestibule. Our restoration department has started the next step in the process- stripping and repainting the crown molding. The molding in the Pearl Street vestibule was removed and sorted into groups, so that the original, uniquely shaped and placed, pieces remained together.

Paint stripper was applied to the moldings, sometimes revealing up to six to eight layers of various colored paint! Displayed in the picture below are the various stages involved in stripping down to the original raw wood.



Some paint layers were easily removed revealing the raw wood. Other paints proved to be more difficult. Some moldings were covered in what appeared to be a sort of “crackle paint.” However, with determination and perseverance all of the paint was removed down to the raw wood.

Once the paint was stripped away, the wood was sanded to remove any remnants of paint that may have been missed. Cracks, chips, and dents made through years of wear and tear, were then filled with wood epoxy and putty to restore the wood into one unit again.

The next step involves applying a base coat of primer. Then two layers of a cream hue, oil paint are applied before the final glazing. Our glaze is amber in color made from half paint and half medium, made of dammar varnish, distilled turpentine, and refined linseed oil. Once the wet glaze is applied the highlight points on the molding would then be wiped off, creating dimension. Then, a dry brush is wiped across the wet glaze to create striations of a natural wood grain look.

During the writing of this article, all of the moldings were remounted back to their original places. As we're nearing the completion of the project the final painting and glazing will soon commence. Stay tuned!

## BACK TO THE FUTURE

### Winter Garden Theatre

Great Scott! The multi-award winning *Back to the Future The Musical* is changing Broadway musical theatre history. When Marty McFly finds himself transported back to 1955 in a time machine built by the eccentric scientist Doc Brown, he accidentally changes the course of history. Now he's in a race against time to fix the present, escape the past and send himself... back to the future. Experience this high-voltage comedy as the iconic story is adapted for the stage by the movie's creators Bob Gale (*Back to the Future* trilogy) and Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*) and is directed by the Tony Award-winning John Rando. *Back to the Future the Musical* features original music by multi-Grammy winners Alan Silvestri (*Avengers: Endgame*) and Glen Ballard (*Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror*), alongside hit songs from the movie including *The Power of Love*, *Johnny B. Goode*, *Earth Angel* and *Back in Time*. When **BACK TO THE FUTURE THE MUSICAL** hits 88mph, you're gonna see some serious... entertainment.



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