

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

JANUARY 5, 2024

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

"THE SUN'LL COME OUT TOMORROW"

THE TOUR OF ANNIE CAME WITH HOLIDAY CHEER!

ANNIE, presented by Shea's and Albert Nocciolino and sponsored by Gallagher, not only brought audiences together for a magical experience it was also a time to give back.

Shea's collaborated with local animal shelters, Buffalo Underdogs Rescue, Diamonds in the Ruff, City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, and Ten Lives Club for a successful pet supply drive in the month of December.

Click on each logo below to learn more about each animal shelter:



UPCOMING EVENTS SHEA'S BUFFALO

FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES: SING

Presented by Tompkins Bank
JAN 7, 2024

CROSSFIT ON SHEA'S STAGE JAN 13, 2024

GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY JAN 16-21, 2024

DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE 2024 JAN 28, 2024

THERESA CAPUTO FEB 7, 2024

JIM GAFFIGAN: BARELY ALIVE TOUR FEB 8-10, 2024

FUNNY GIRL FEB 13-18, 2024

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE FEB 22-23, 2024

SHEA'S 710

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

MOWTOWN SOUNDS OF TOUCH FEB 3, 2024

FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES— REMEMBER THE TITANS Presented by Tompkins Bank FEB 3, 2024

THE PIANO MEN FEB 9, 2024

SHEA'S SMITH

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

THE BOWLING PLAY Second Generation Theatre FEB 23- MAR 10, 2024

This was combined with promotional support from Wegmans for Family Night which was held on December 23rd for the evening performance of ANNIE. Family Night included a special offer for tickets and a complimentary ANNIE merchandise item for the first 100 patrons under the age of 12 to enter the theatre.



Families were invited to join us pre-show for activities, meet and interact with dogs from Buffalo Underdogs for an adopt-a-ton, and have a talk back with cast members of ANNIE after the performance.



We would like to extend a special thank you to Gallagher, our Special Engagement Sponsor, Wegmans who provided promotional support for Family Night, the tour of ANNIE, Albert Nocciolino, and the many individuals and families who participated in the pet supply drive and family night. With the support from the community, we were able to donate a substantial amount of pet food, toys, and supplies to animals in need. We are also happy to report adoptions and fosters were initiated from the collaboration!

IN THE COMMUNITY

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

REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
JAN 26- FEB 11

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
JAN 26- FEB 11

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Theatre of Youth
Allendale Theatre
JAN 27- FEB 4, 2024

KINDER TRANSPORT

Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre at
the Jewish Community Center of Greater
Buffalo
FEB 1-25

LONDON CALLING

American Repertory of WNY
American Repertory of WNY
FEB 8-24

THE FOLKS AT HOME

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
FEB 9-MAR 2

TREASURE ISLAND

Starry Night Theatre
The Ghostlight Theatre
FEB 15-25

AN EVENING WITH THE STARS

GALA 2024-2025
Curtain Up Productions
Historic Palace Theatre
FEB 22

BEAUTIFUL THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre
FEB 21-MAR 24

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC

Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theater
FEB 22- MAR 24

BETRAYAL

Irish Classical Theatre
Irish Classical Theatre
FEB 23-MAR 17

GRUMPY OLD MEN THE MUSICAL

O'Connell and Company
New O'Connell & Company Theater
FEB 23- MAR 10

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA

Curtain Up Productions
Historic Palace Theatre
MAR 7-17

SHEA'S ARCHIVES: STUDIO ARENA

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SHEA'S 710 THEATRE

Before Shea's 710 Theatre, there was the Studio Arena. Founded in 1927 by Jane Keeler, Studio Arena enjoyed 81 years as Buffalo's professional regional theater, moving from location to location over the years before settling in at 710 Main Street at the former Palace Burlesque.

Studio Arena produced many world premieres from such playwrights as Edward Albee, A. R. Gurney, Lanford Wilson, as well as introducing many of today's Hollywood and Broadway stars like Christine Baranski, Kathy Bates, Betty Buckley, Glenn Close, John Goodman, Kelsey Grammar, Julianne Moore, Christopher Walken, and many more.



Christine Baranski as Connie Weaver (right) and Victor Arnold as Moose Katrina (left) in the world premiere of *LADY OF THE DIAMOND* at Studio Arena.



Christopher Walken as Alan (left) Lee McCain as Carol (center) and Kathryn Bauman as Penny (right) in the 1970 Studio Arena production of *LEMON SKY*.



Kelsey Grammar as Sergius Saranoff (right) Claudia Wilde as Louka (left) in the 1984 Studio Arena production of *ARMS AND THE MAN*.



Julianne Moore as Irene (right) and Biff McGuire as Sir (left) in the 1984 Studio Arena production of *THE DRESSER*.

The show history of Studio Arena is available [HERE](#) on the Shea's website. Plan your next visit to the historic building by seeing an upcoming show at Shea's 710 Theatre! Click [HERE](#) to see the list of shows including *ONCE* produced by MusicalFare Theatre as part of the 2023-24 Frey Electric Season.

THEATRE NEWS

2023 Best Musical Tony Winner KIMBERLY AKIMBO Announces Broadway Closing Date.

Nicole Scherzinger—led *SUNSET BOULEVARD* Revival to Transfer to Broadway.

Broadway Favorites Bobby Conte, Adam Jacobs and Alison Luff to Lead *THE WHO'S TOMMY* On Broadway.

SMASH Stage Musical Announces Cast For Upcoming Workshop.

Long-Time *HAMILTON* Alum Trey Curtis to Assume the Titular Role on Broadway.

Glynis Johns, Well-Known as Mrs. Banks in Disney Film *MARY POPPINS*, and Tony-Award-Winner for *A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC*, Dies at 100.

***MY SON'S A QUEER (BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO)* Announces First-of-Its-Kind Advance Ticket Lottery, Aimed for Out-of-City Tourists.**

***FUN HOME* Cast and Creators to Reunite for 10th Anniversary Reunion Concerts on Jan. 8.**

The Track List For the Upcoming *MEAN GIRLS* Movie Musical Announced Ahead of Soundtrack Release on Jan. 12.

Stage Directors and Choreographers and Broadway League Reach New Contract Encompassing Associate Artists.

PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT Will Be Transformed Into Immersive *PRISCILLA THE PARTY!* In London.

Conrad Ricamora Will Be Abraham Lincoln Opposite Cole Escola's *Mary Todd* in Off-Broadway's *OH, MARY!*

Ethan Slater Out of *SPAMALOT* Until Jan 21.

Gavin Creel's *WALK ON THROUGH: CONFESIONS OF A MUSEUM NOVICE* To Offer Special Performance During Final Weekend.

FREE FOR THE FAMILY!

JOIN US FOR OUR FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES!

Your favorite film series is returning! We're proud to announce the 2024 Free Family Film Series presented by Tompkins Bank. The Free Family Film Series will feature diverse family-friendly movies to unite families for a memorable theatre experience at Shea's Buffalo Theatre and Shea's 710 Theatre.

Sing (PG) will open the series on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 2pm at Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Tickets to this showing are available now, and are, like the rest of the movies in this series, FREE to the public! You'll be able to get tickets to each movie approximately three weeks before the viewing at Shea's Box Office, 650 Main Street, or by visiting sheas.org, Tompkins Bank, and various cultural organizations.

Check out the full schedule for the Free Family Film Series below! Films, dates, and hours are subject to change. Doors open one hour before show time. Tickets/seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis only.

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FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES

PG		SING	January 7 th , 2024 • 2:00 PM Shea's Buffalo Theatre
PG		REMEMBER THE TITANS	February 4 th , 2024 • 2:00 PM Shea's 710 Theatre
PG		SOUL	February 18 th , 2024 • 2:00 PM Shea's Buffalo 710 Theatre
PG		SUPER MARIO BROS THE MOVIE	March 3 rd , 2024 • 2:00 PM Shea's Buffalo Theatre
PG		MOANA	April 21 st , 2024 • 2:00 PM Shea's Buffalo Theatre

Originally built as a movie house in 1926, Shea's Performing Arts Center offers Free Family Films to allow patrons to experience Shea's Buffalo Theatre as patrons did almost a hundred years ago. In addition to sharing the historic Shea's Buffalo, patrons will have an opportunity to attend two films this season at Shea's 710 Theatre, providing a chance to open our doors for the Western New York Community to experience more free and accessible events in the theatre district.

MEAN GIRLS Movie Star, Jonathan Bennett Will Make His Broadway Debut in **SPAMALOT On Broadway**.

WAITRESS Stage Film Announces Streaming Premiere Date For Jan. 9th.

Darren Criss and Evan Rachel Wood to star as Seymour and Audrey, Respectively, in Off-Broadway LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.

Maurice Hines, Legendary Choreographer and Dancer on Stage and Screen, Dies at 80.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES to Follow Limited Engagement With Run at New World Stages.

Tony Award Winner Kristin Chenoweth to Perform Benefit Concert in Honor of Late Roundabout Theatre Leader, Todd Haines.

Nicole Parker Will Return to Off-Broadway Comedy, TITANIQUE as Céline Dion.

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

THE NOTEBOOK
Schoenfeld Theatre

Based on the best selling novel that inspired the iconic film, THE NOTEBOOK THE MUSICAL comes to Broadway beginning in February. Allie and Noah, both from different worlds, share a lifetime of love despite the forces that threaten to pull them apart, in a deeply moving portrait of the enduring power of love. Directors Michael Greif (Dear Evan Hansen, Next to Normal, RENT) and Schele Williams (Aida, The Wiz) team up with multi-platinum singer-songwriter Ingrid Michaelson on music and lyrics, with book by playwright Bekah Brunstetter (NBC's This Is Us) and choreography by Katie Spelman. THE NOTEBOOK finished a critically acclaimed world premiere engagement at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre in the fall of

SING YOUR STORY!

STUDENTS, SIGN UP FOR SING YOUR STORY TODAY!

Do you have a budding performer in your house? Are they looking for something fun and rewarding to participate in during their February break? They should join our Sing Your Story Camp!

Sing Your Story is a camp for passionate singers and storytellers. During the camp, students will pick a song of their choice to explore their unique life experiences. Throughout the week, the creative process is in the students' hands!



With the guidance of local teaching artists- professionals in the field, students will create a connecting monologue and "Sing their Story!" Ideas, lighting, costumes and more will be devised by camp participants, leading to a personalized performance where they are the STAR! Sing Your Story will culminate with a song showcase on February 23 at Shea's 710 Theatre for an invited audience of family and friends.

Get involved this winter break and SING YOUR STORY!

If you'd like to get involved with our educational programs this summer, registration for Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive, The Actor's Edge Summer Musical Theatre Intensive, and Comedy On Cue are open now! The Actor's Edge Summer Musical Theatre Intensive requires an audition along with your application. Financial assistance is also available for each summer camp, as well as Sing Your Story. Register here today!



2022. Chris Jones of The Chicago Tribune says The Notebook is "absolutely gorgeous – not to be missed!" and The Chicago Sun-Times calls it "superb! A stage musical for the ages!"

MY SON'S A QUEER (BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?) LYCEUM THEATRE

The joyous autobiographical story of social media star, Rob Madge comes to Broadway in February after a smash-hit run in London's West End. When Rob was twelve, they attempted a full-blown Disney parade in their house for their grandma. As Rob donned wigs and played Mary Poppins, Ariel, Mickey Mouse and Belle, their dad doubled as Stage Manager, Sound Technician and Goofy. Unfortunately, Dad missed all his cues and pushed all the floats in the wrong direction. Mom mistook Aladdin for Ursula. The costumes went awry. Grandma had a nice time, though. The play follows Rob as they recreate that infamous parade, hilariously exploring and celebrating identity, creativity, and the profound bond between a parent and their child.



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