

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

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

CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING ARTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our inaugural Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards! Over 20 schools were recognized for their hard work and talent throughout the school year.

The big day was held on Saturday, May 25th. In the morning and afternoon, students were able to engage in a variety of exciting workshops, like Comedy Writing, Voice Performance and Technique, Improv, Acting for the Camera, Hair/Make Up/Costumes, Shakespeare, Stage Management, and Fight Choreography as well as Various Dance Classes including Broadway, Jazz, and Tap. Students also were able to participate in a Fair in the lobby of Shea's Buffalo. There, they were able to learn about local theatre companies, educational opportunities, and even unwind and make friendship bracelets! It was truly a community bonding and talent-filled day!



Students had the opportunity to relax and make friendship bracelets with our very own Rita Sirianni!

While the workshops were taking place, every school nominated for the honor of Outstanding Production of a Musical rehearsed a number from their show on the Shea's Buffalo Stage, in preparation for the ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHEA'S BUFFALO

PERFORMING ARTS DANCE ACADEMY
JUN 8

MJ THE MUSICAL
2023-24 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
JUN 11-16

YOGA ON THE STAGE
JUL 24

RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE ALL STARS LIVE
SEP 12

BORED TEACHERS: THE STRUGGLE IS REAL! COMEDY TOUR
SEP 14

THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE
SEP 21

SOME LIKE IT HOT
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
SEP 24-29

SHEA'S 710

THE 33RD ANNUAL ARTIE AWARDS
BUFFALO TORONTO PUBLIC MEDIA
JUN 10

SISTER'S SUMMER SCHOOL CATECHISM
JUN 11

CHICAGO TRANSIT
JUN 14

STUDIO J DANCE RECITAL
JUN 22

A TRIBUTE NIGHT TO THE EAGLES
FEATURING THE EAGLEZ
JUN 28

DREAMS ILLUMINATED A CANDLELIGHT TRIBUTE TO STEVIE NICKS
JUN 29

TEMPTATIONS AND THE FOUR TOPS
JUL 20



Students rehearsed the opening number of the ceremony as well as their school's performance right on the Shea's Buffalo stage!



The eight finalists from our weeklong STAGE Program were also given the opportunity to perform the solos they prepared. Two of these finalists, Connor Hesch and Tori Gill, were then announced as the winners of Best Performance by an Actor and Best Performance by an Actress, respectively. Connor and Tori will go to New York City later in June to participate in the National High School Music Theatre Awards, also known as The Jimmy Awards. They will spend the week training with other extremely talented students from across the country and learn from legendary Broadway Stars, before performing in a thrilling awards ceremony, showcasing their talents on a Broadway stage! [Click here](#) for more information on the Jimmy Awards and be sure to wish Connor and Tori the best of luck during this exciting opportunity- "Break a leg!"



EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF VAN HALEN
JUL 26

FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS TRIBUTE:
DECEMBER 63
AUG 2

SEX N' THE CITY: A MUSICAL PARODY
AUG 4

DISNEY'S NEWSIES
2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON
D'YOUVILLE KAVINOKY THEATRE
SEP 12-29

SHEA'S SMITH

THREE DECEMBERS
JUN 21-23

IN THE COMMUNITY

PRIVATE LIVES
Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Andrews Theatre
JUN 7-30

DEATHTRAP
Aurora Players
The Roycroft Pavilion
JUN 7-23

THE PRODUCERS
Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
JUN 7-23

WELL-BEHAVED WOMEN
MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre Premier Cabaret
JUN 7-16

A BLUE NOTE PARTY WITH CRITT'S QUESTET
MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre Premier Cabaret
JUN 29

HUNDRED DAYS
MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre Premier Cabaret
JUL 10-AUG 11

ALICE BY HEART
Bellissima Productions
Bellissima Productions
JUL 11- 21

SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL
Curtain Up Productions
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
JUL 11- 22

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
Starry Night Theatre, Inc.
The Ghostlight Theatre
JUL 25- AUG 4

A WRINKLE IN TIME
Aurora Players
The Roycroft Pavilion
AUG 2-18

DRUNK MURDER MYSTERY
Drunk Theatre Buffalo
The Attic at Mr. Goodbar
AUG 4-SEP 10

In between these amazing performances, the winners of each category of awards were announced. Some highlights of the award-winners include:

The Showstopper Award

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
"Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat"
GUYS AND DOLLS

Outstanding Execution by Crew

Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School
THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Outstanding Choreography

Nardin Academy
CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION

Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design and Execution

Randolph Jr./Sr. High School
DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

Outstanding Costume Design and Execution

Sweet Home High School
THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Outstanding Student-Led Orchestra

Amherst High School
LES MISÉRABLES

Outstanding Production of a Musical- Bronze Achievement

Fredonia High School
DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Outstanding Production of a Musical- Silver Achievement

West Seneca West High School
MAMMA MIA!

Outstanding Leading and Supporting Performances- Gold Achievement

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
GUYS AND DOLLS

[Click here to view the full list of winners!](#)

The passion and talent onstage for this ceremony was wonderful! Everyone should be incredibly proud of the work they did this year. We'll see you next year for the second annual Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards!

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THE ARTIE AWARDS

WHAT ARE THE ARTIE AWARDS?

The Artie Awards recognize and celebrate the Western New York Theatre Community by providing awards in 20 categories to locally produced theatrical productions from Direction to Design to Technical to Performance. The Artie Awards further supports the HIV/AIDS & Immunodeficiency Clinic at ECMC which provides healthcare for people living with HIV and AIDS.

The first Artie Awards were held in 1991 and were founded by Anthony Chase of WBFO "Theater Talk". Since its inception more than \$500,000 has been raised to support those with HIV and AIDS.

The nominations for the 33rd Annual Artie Awards were announced on May 20th, 2024 by founder Anthony Chase and Ujima Theatre Company's Curtis Lovell.

Below we recognize our partners who have received nomination for their productions on our Shea's stages:

SHEA'S SMITH THEATRE



O'CONNELL & COMPANY

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE OF A MUSICAL

Reefer Madness

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Kevin Deese, Reefer Madness



SECOND GENERATION THEATRE

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

Merrily We Roll Along

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL

Lou Colaiacovo, Tick, Tick, BOOM!

Michael Wachowiak, Merrily We Roll Along

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE OF A PLAY

The Bowling Play

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A PLAY

Adem Yellen, The Bowling Play

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Jordan Levin, Merrily We Roll Along

Sean Ryan, Tick, Tick, BOOM!

Josh Wilde, Merrily We Roll Along

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Lou Colaiacovo, Merrily We Roll Along

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Leah Berst, Tick, Tick, BOOM!

Kelly Copps, Merrily We Roll Along

EMMANUEL FRIED AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEW PLAY

The Bowling Play by Kelly Copps

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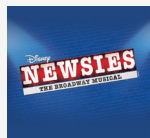
THE 2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON AT SHEA'S 710 THEATRE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024 the 2024-25 Frey Electric Season at Shea's 710 Theatre was announced. Shea's is proud to partner this season with D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre, Road Less Traveled Productions, MusicalFare Theatre, and Albert Nocciolino to provide a stellar upcoming season!



Learn More About Each Show

Get Your Season Tickets!



Disney's NEWSIES

September 12-29, 2024

Produced by D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
Music by Alan Menken and Lyrics by Jack Feldman.
Book by Harvey Fierstein

They delivered the papers until they made the headlines... *NEWSIES*, the smash-hit, crowd-pleasing musical from Disney is coming to Shea's 710 Theatre. A two-time Tony Award-winning show, *NEWSIES* has audiences and critics alike calling it "a musical worth singing about!" (The New York Times). Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you don't want to miss.



FORBIDDEN BROADWAY February 11-26, 2025

Presented by Shea's and Albert Nocciolino
Created and Written by Gerard Alessandrini
Updated from the original

From *FROZEN* to *PHANTOM* to *WICKED*, this fall-down funny, satirical roast of over 30 Broadway hits features outrageous costumes, silly spoofs of the songs you know by heart, and madcap impressions by a stellar cast!

It's never been more fun poking fun at your favorite musicals and stars! A New York sensation for 35 years, a talented quintet of comic chameleons throw out pointed parodies at a dizzying pace. Whether you are a seasoned theatre-goer or new to it all, the Tony Award-winning *FORBIDDEN BROADWAY* is your one-stop ticket to non-stop laughs. A hip and fresh view of theatre's tried and true that will leave you begging for more!



DIAL M FOR MURDER March 27-April 13, 2025

Produced by Road Less Traveled Productions
Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher
From the original by Frederick Knott

A new version of the celebrated murder mystery that inspired Hitchcock's masterpiece! Jeffrey Hatcher's adaptation of the classic suspense thriller is a smart, tight, compelling update of Knott's tale of jealousy, deception, and homicide. Tony is convinced that his wife Margot has been cheating on him. Now, it seems that the affair is over, but in his jealousy, Tony spins a web of suspicion and deception that will tighten around them and ensnare them both in danger, recrimination, and murder.



LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL May 1-18, 2025

Produced by MusicalFare Theatre
Music & Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Neil Benjamin. Book by Heather Hatch
Based on the novel by Amanda Brown & the MGM Motion Picture

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *LEGALLY BLONDE* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun it should be illegal!

SHEA'S 710 THEATRE



MUSICALFARE THEATRE

KINKY BOOTS

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL
OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL
Michael Oliver-Walline
OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY
Michael Oliver-Walline
OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL
Steve Copps
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL
Dave Spychalski
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL
Bethany Burrows
OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN
Vanna Deux



UJIMA COMPANY, INC 2ND GENERATION THEATRE SHEA'S 710 THEATRE THE COLOR PURPLE

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL
OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL
Sarah Norat Phillips
OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY
Naila Ansari
OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL
Jetaun Louie
OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL
Gabriella McKinley
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL
Curtis Lovell
OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN
Jenna Damberger

THEATRE NEWS

Dolly Parton bio-musical
HELLO, I'M DOLLY to Open on
Broadway in 2026.

**WATER FOR ELEPHANTS,
MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG,
ILLINOISE and More Are
Set to Perform in 2024 Tony
Awards Broadcast on Jun 16.**

**National Tour of MRS.
DOUBTFIRE** Recoups
Investment.

**Josh Groban To Host 2024
Jimmy Awards.**

**SLAVE PLAY Documentary Will
Debut at Tribeca Film Festival.**

**Tony Winner Leslie Odom Jr.
to Embark on Christmas Tour.**

The 2024-25 Frey Electric Season at Shea's 710 Theatre marks the inaugural season of Shea's and the Kavinoky Theatre's partnership. Road Less Traveled Productions has partnered with Shea's ever since Shea's 710 Theatre became part of the Shea's campus of theatres and was last at Shea's 710 Theatre during the 2022-23 Frey Electric Season as part of All For One Production's *MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS*. MusicalFare Theatre has also had a long standing partnership with Shea's, closing this past season at Shea's 710 Theatre with their production of *ONCE*. Shea's and Albert Nocciolino have partnered bringing Broadway and other touring productions since the 1990s. We'd like to thank everyone for their partnership on providing our patrons with spectacular shows.

Renew Your Season Tickets

Get Your Season Tickets

SEASON SPOTLIGHT

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHOWS IN THE 2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY SEASON

Last issue we highlighted Disney's *THE LION KING* and *THE WIZ*. This issue we will explore *SHUCKED* and *A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL*. Make sure you read the next issue to learn more about the last shows.

SHUCKED

Opening Night on Broadway: April 4, 2023 at the Nederlander Theatre

Book By: ROBERT HORN

Music and Lyrics By: BRANDY CLARK and SHANE MCANALLY

SHUCKED is the Tony Award®-winning musical comedy The Wall Street Journal calls "flat out hilarious!" And nobody knows funny like economists. Featuring a book by Tony Award winner Robert Horn (Tootsie), a score by the Grammy® Award-winning songwriting team of Brandy Clark and Shane McAnally (Kacey Musgraves' "Follow Your Arrow"), and directed by Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien (Hairspray), this corn-fed, corn-bred American musical is sure to satisfy your appetite for great musical theater.



Wesley Taylor and Alex Wyse Will Direct CELLINO V. BARNES Off-Broadway, This Summer.

BROADWAY BETS Raises Record-Breaking \$540,600 For Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

STEREOPHONIC, Most Tony-Nominated Play of All Time, Extends Broadway Engagement.

Janis Paige, Star of Broadway's THE PAJAMA GAME, Dies at 101.

SUFFS Broadway Cast Album Released Early on Jun 6.

GYPSY, Starring Audra McDonald as Momma Rose, to Reopen Broadway's Majestic Theatre.

THE OUTSIDERS Announce North American Tour.

After Canceled Broadway Run, FORBIDDEN BROADWAY Will Open Off-Broadway.

Kate Baldwin, Marc Kudisch, Beth Leavel and More Join FOLLIES In Concert at Carnegie Hall.

LEMPICKA Delays Cast Album Release Date For Second Time—New Release Date Planned For Jun 18.

Applications Now Open for 2024 Prince Fellowship.

BYE BYE BIRDIE Opens at The Kennedy Center on Jun 7.

Cast Complete for Muny's LES MISÉRABLES, Starring John Riddle, Jordan Donica, Teal Wicks and More.

THE OUTSIDERS Unveils New Educational Initiative, THE STAY GOLD PROJECT.

Jez Butterworth's THE HILLS OF CALIFORNIA, Directed by Sam Mendez, to Open on Broadway.

Julianne Hough and Utkarsh Ambudkar to Co-Host THE TONY AWARDS: ACT ONE.

Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon Present 2024 Excellence in Theatre Education Award to CJay Philip.

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL

Opening Night on Broadway: January 5, 1975 at the Majestic Theatre

Book By: WILLIAM F. BROWN

Music and Lyrics By: CHARLIE SMALLS

THE UNTOLD TRUE STORY OF A BROOKLYN KID WHO BECAME A CHART-BUSTING, SHOW-STOPPING, AWARD-WINNING AMERICAN ICON.



Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, *A BEAUTIFUL NOISE* is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like “America,” “Forever in Blue Jeans,” and “Sweet Caroline,” an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond’s story was made to shine on Broadway—and head out on the road across America.

Like *JERSEY BOYS* and *BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL* before it, *A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL* is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America’s greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.



Nick Fradiani as Neil Diamond
Then and The Noise
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL
Photo by Julieta Cervantes



Amber Ardolino as Marcia Murphey
The Noise singing “Forever in Blue Jeans”
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL
Photo by Julieta Cervantes
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Amber Ardolino as Marcia Murphey and Nick Fradiani as Neil Diamond
Then and The Noise singing “Cherry Cherry”
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL
Photo by Julieta Cervantes



Nick Fradiani as Neil Diamond
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL
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GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL James Earl Jones Theatre

Great News! *THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL*, the new musical comedy inspired by the chart-topping anthems of HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS, is now on Broadway.

Set in 1987 and jam-packed with HUEY LEWIS megahits like “Do You Believe in Love,” “Hip to Be Square,” and “If This Is It,” *THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL* centers on a couple of twenty-somethings on the cusp of their futures—Bobby, a rock and roller who’s traded his guitar for the corporate ladder and his boss Cassandra who’s always put the family business first. When they both get a second shot at their dreams, it’ll take “The Power of Love” and a little help from their friends to figure out what kind of life they really want.

THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL is a smart, funny, heartfelt throwback to the era of big feelings, classic rom-coms, and music that really “Stuck With You.”

CABARET August Wilson Theatre

Willkommen. Bienvenue. Welcome to the Kit Kat Club. Home to the smash-hit production of *CABARET* that Entertainment Weekly hails as “an unforgettable and jaw-dropping experience,” and New York Magazine declares “a glitzy, entertaining and ingenious revival that goes all out.”

Experience this groundbreaking musical like never before. The denizens of the Kit Kat Club have created a decadent sanctuary inside Broadway’s August Wilson Theatre, where artists and performers, misfits and outsiders rule the night. Step inside their world. This is Berlin. Relax. Loosen up. Be yourself.

Academy® and Tony Award® winner Eddie Redmayne “puts his own spellbinding and audacious stamp on the Emcee,” (Los Angeles Times) and “the extraordinary Gayle Rankin brings down the house with her thunderous and spectacular Sally Bowles,” (Entertainment Weekly). Vogue raves, “It’s the hottest of tickets.”

CABARET has music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and a book by Joe Masteroff – based on the play by John

LET YOUR FREAK FLAG FLY!

SHREK THE MUSICAL MASTER CLASS

On Friday, May 17th, WNY students had the unique opportunity to learn choreography from *SHREK THE MUSICAL* by the production's very own Dance Captain and Female Swing Casey Lamont. *SHREK THE MUSICAL* is sponsored by Gallagher.

From embodying fairytale characters preforming a section of "Freak Flag" where those fairytale characters embrace their quirks with confidence, to being restricted subjects of Duloc who dance and sing per Lord Farquaad's strict instruction in "What's up, Duloc", Casey allowed the students to be able to explore two different styles of dance and characterization from the production. Congratulations to our talented youth!

A Q&A followed the class where students asked about life on the road, how to pursue careers in theatre, and what it is like to be a swing in a show—as a swing, Casey has to be able to "swing" into a number of roles, sometimes mid-show, and perform in place of fellow cast member. **Click here** to follow on social for future classes!



Van Druten and stories by Christopher Isherwood.

MARY JANE

Samuel J Friedman Theatre

Academy Award nominee Rachel McAdams stars in the Broadway premiere of *MARY JANE*, written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Amy Herzog (4000 Miles, the recent Tony-nominated adaptation of *A Doll's House*). Captivating, affecting and compassionate, it's the story of a single mother in an impossible family situation. Faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, Mary Jane relies on unflagging optimism and humor, along with the wisdom of the women around her who have become a makeshift family, to take on each new day. But will inner strength and newfound friendships be enough to see her through? Jesse Green of The New York Times named Mary Jane a Critic's Pick and The Wall Street Journal raves, "Rachel McAdams gives one of the most moving and strikingly unadorned performances of this season, or any." Directing is the acclaimed Anne Kauffman (The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window).



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