

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

SUMMER 2024

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

## SHEA'S SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE CAMPERS CREATED ORIGINAL MUSICALS

It was two weeks of accomplishment, fun, creativity, and confidence — The Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive (SSMTI) had over 80 campers ages 9-17 immersed in day-long choreography, acting, writing, and vocal workshops across the Shea's Performing Arts Center Campus while preparing for a final showcase.

Campers, split into six groups, were presented with this year's showcase theme, "Creature Chronicles: Lost Stories of the Animal Kingdom." From there, it was up to their own comradery and creativity to develop from scratch their group's unique one-act musical based on the theme, which included an original song.



How did they develop their musical? Led by 15 local teaching artists, everyday campers rotated through workshops to learn and hone their skills.

### SSMTI Camp Workshops

**Research and History:** Campers learned a dramaturgical approach to world-building for a musical to help them create their story and characters.

**For Your Play:** By focusing on different acting crafts, including stage composition, stage presence, improv, and ensemble building, campers developed an understanding of staging a musical.

**Acting:** Campers applied acting elements to their scenes and characters, supporting what they learned in other workshops.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### SHEA'S BUFFALO

**AN EVENING OF SONGS WITH  
THE STARS: 2024 CURTAIN UP!  
CABARET**  
STARRING BUFFALO  
SEP 13

**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

**TAYLOR TOMLINSON  
SAVE ME TOUR**  
OCT 4-5

**HAMILTON**  
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON SPECIAL SUBSCRIBER ADD-ON  
SEP 24-29

**DEREK HOUGH DANCE FOR THE  
HOLIDAYS**  
NOV 2

**SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE**  
SHEA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
NOV 7

**THE DIARY OF BLACK MEN  
HOW DO YOU LOVE A BLACK  
WOMAN?**  
NOV 13

**FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH  
ORCHESTRA WORLD TOUR**  
NOV 16

**& JULIET**  
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
NOV 19-24

### SHEA'S 710

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

**WITCH PERFECT**  
OCT 2

**HAPPY HOUR— BROADWAY  
KARAOKE**  
SHEA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
OCT 4





**Writers Room:** The Research and History workshop prepared campers to write their musicals by applying what they had learned from other workshops.

**Music:** Campers focused on the opening and closing numbers of the showcase and developing their original song.

**Dance:** Campers developed and learned choreography for their original song and mastered the opening and closing numbers.



At the end of the two weeks, each group of campers presented their original musical in a showcase on Shea's Buffalo stage for their parents and guests. Although the camp is over, the memories, creativity, and friendship live on.



We want to extend a special thank you to Tower Family Fund, Inc. for their support of Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our Arts Engagement and Education Programs!

**A CANDLELIT TRIBUTE TO STEVIE NICKS**  
OCT 5

**A TRIBUTE NIGHT TO THE EAGLES**  
OCT 18

**BIG WIGS WITH MRS. KASHA DAVIS AND AGGY DUNE**  
OCT 25

**GREASE**  
STARRING BUFFALO  
NOV 8-9

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH EXPERIENCE®**  
**A JOHN DENVER CHRISTMAS**  
STARRING RICK SCHULER  
NOV 23

## **SHEA'S SMITH**

**TWISTED: THE UNTOLD STORY OF A ROYAL VIZIER**  
O'CONNELL & COMPANY  
SEP 13-22

**SMOKUS POCUS**  
OCT 4

**DARIENNE LAKE IN ALTERED BOY**  
OCT 11-12

**THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**  
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE  
NOV 1-17

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**THE PROM**  
MusicalFare Theatre  
MusicalFare Theatre Mainstage  
SEP 4- OCT 6

**JERSEY BOYS**  
Curtain Up Productiona  
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre  
SEP 5- 15

**WIPEOUT**  
Alleyway Theatre  
Alleyway Theatre  
SEP 11- 28

**DRACULA: A COMEDY OF TERRORS**  
Irish Classical Theatre  
The Andrews Theatre  
SEP 13- 29

**SHIPWRECKED! AN ENTERTAINMENT- THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF LOUIS DE ROUGEMONT (AS TOLD BY HIMSELF)**  
Road Less Traveled Productions  
Road Less Traveled Theatre  
SEP 13- OCT 13

**THE LAST FIVE YEARS**  
Kenan Center  
Taylor Theatre  
SEP 19- OCT 6



## BEHIND THE WALLS

### RESTORATION WORK OF THE MIGHTY WURLITZER

Last summer, we introduced you to the esteemed David Peckham of L.A. Peckham and Son Pipe Organ Service based in Horseheads, NY. Mr. Peckham, a renowned expert in the field, has been diligently working to restore our Mighty Wurlitzer Organ since the project began in 2021. Components are meticulously removed and brought to his shop to be restored as per the Wurlitzer practice, ensuring the highest quality of work.

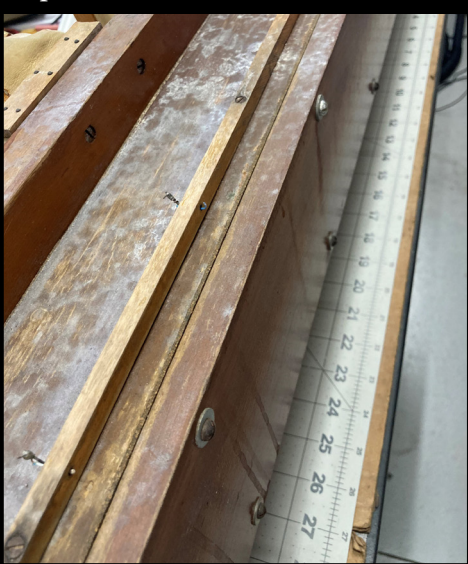
Over the past year, significant progress has been made in the Main chamber, with the restoration work shifting to the Foundation chamber. There are four organ chambers, two of which are located on each side of the house. The Foundation chamber is located above the Main chamber behind the house left box seat. Access to the chamber requires one to climb a large and sturdy wood ladder, making the removal and reinstalment process of components more intensive as anything large or heavy must be carefully lifted to the chamber by ropes and rigging.

According to Mr. Peckham, “the work in the Foundation chamber is very similar to what has been accomplished in the Main chamber.” This work includes restoring the bottom boards of the manual chests and expression (shade) actions and bumper pneumatics. Previous water damage was discovered, leading to expression shade bearings needing additional repair.

What follows are a series of before and after photos of components of the expression shades and the pneumatic action mechanism.



Expression Shade Action Unrestored



Expression Shade Action Restored



### ON THE TOWN

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild  
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse  
SEP 20– OCT 6

### ARESENIC AND OLD LACE

Lancaster Oper House  
Lancaster Opera House  
OCT 4–20

### POTUS: OR, BEHIND EBERY GREAT DUMBASS ARE SEVEN WOMEN TRYING TO KEEP HIM ALIVE

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
OCT 4–20

### THE BREAK SONG

American Repertory Theatre of WNY  
American Repertory Theatre of WNY  
OCT 10–26

### ROALD DAHL'S JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Aurora Players  
The Roycroft Pavilion  
OCT 11–27

### PIPPIN

O'Connell & Company  
O'Connell & Company Mainstage  
OCT 11–27

### SOMETHING ROTTEN

MusicalFare Theatre  
MusicalFare Theatre Mainstage  
NOV 6– DEC 8

### WITCH

Road Less Traveled Productions  
Road Less Traveled Theatre  
NOV 6– DEC 8

## THEATRE NEWS

**James Earl Jones Dies: Revered  
FIELD OF DREAMS Star, Darth  
Vader Voice & Broadway  
Regular Was 93.**

**Lear deBessonet Named Artistic  
Director of Lincoln Center  
Theater.**

**ELF To Return to Broadway  
Starring MEAN GIRLS and  
SHUCKED Favorite Grey  
Henson.**

**John Mulaney, Renée Elise  
Goldsberry, and More To Star in  
ALL IN: COMEDY ABOUT LOVE  
This Year.**

**DEAR EVAN HANSEN  
Songwriters, Benj Pasek and  
Justin Paul Reasch EGOT Status  
With ONLY MURDERS IN THE  
BUILDING Win.**

**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA YA  
Movie Reimagination In Works  
At Disney+ From Kenny Ortega  
& Giovanni M. Porta.**



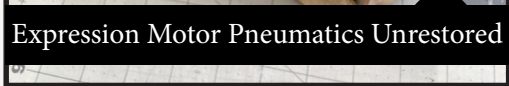
Expression Shade Bumper Arms Unrestored



Expression Shade Bumper Arms Restored



Expression Motor Pneumatics Restored



Expression Motor Pneumatics Unrestored

Expression shades are enormous vertical wood louvers that can be adjusted by the organist to allow more or less sound to exit the organ chamber, effecting the level and timbre heard by the listener.

Like the restoration of the Main chamber, the next items planned for restoration are three wind regulators.

[Click here to read the August 2023 Call-Board Wurlitzer Restoration article from last summer and see restoration photos of wind regulators from the Main chamber.](#)

## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – JULY THE EASTMAN FOUNDATION

Shea's is proud to have the ongoing support of The Eastman Foundation for special events funding our Arts Engagement and Education Programming.

The Eastman Foundation was established in 2010 by the Stevenson family to provide financial and in-kind support for educational, recreational, and social services with emphasis on the youth and social service organizations in Western New York.

The foundation strongly believes in the support of educational opportunities as the cornerstone for a better community.



**Nella Vera Joins TDF as Vice President of Marketing and Communications.**

**HEATHERS THE MUSICAL To Return to New York in 2025.**

**Social Media Influencer, Tyler Joseph Ellis to Star as Storyteller #2 on Shucked Tour.**

**TITANIQUE Announces West End Details and Dates.**

**THE NOTEBOOK Sets Final Performance Date on Broadway.**

**Beanie Feldstein, Noah Galvin, Kevin McHale, Bonnie Milligan and More to Star in THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE in D.C.**

**Stephanie J. Block—Led KISS ME, KATE Filmed For International Cinema Release.**

**Complete Casting Revealed for Broadway Transfer of TAMMY FAYE.**

**Concord Theatricals Awards Free Licensing Packages For THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL to Under-Resourced Schools.**

**Shakespeare Society's DRUNK DRACULA to Play New York This Halloween.**

**Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer, Joanna "JoJo" Levesque & More Star in WORKING GIRL Musical Workshop.**

**Concord Theatricals Acquires Licensing Rights for Paula Vogel's MOTHER PLAY.**

**Billy Porter, Casey Likes, Ghostface Killah and More Join Lin Manuel Miranda and Eisa Davis' WARRIORS Album.**

**The Legendary Carmine's in Times Square is Launching Its Own Immersive Theatre Experience.**

**New North American Tour of TINA to be Lead by Singer—Songwriter, Jayna Elise, Formerly Known as AMERICA'S GOT TALENT and AMERICAN IDOL Finalst, Jayna Brown.**



# KICKIN' OFF THE SEASON

## THE FREY ELECTRIC 2024-25 SEASON AT SHEA'S 710 THEATRE OPENS WITH NEWSIES

The opening of DISNEY'S NEWSIES at Shea's 710 marks the start of our 2024-25 Frey Electric Season! Presented by D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre, the musical kicks-off "Curtain Up" Weekend. The show opened last night, Sep. 12 and runs until Sep 29. Tickets are onsale now!

NEWSIES, is set in New York City in 1899. Based on true events, it tells the captivating story of a band of underdogs who become unlikely heroes when they stand up to the most powerful men in New York. It's a rousing tale about fighting for what's right... and staying true to who you are. NEWSIES features an impressive ensemble of performers giving their all in high powered dance numbers. Get to know the exciting cast below and be sure to "seize the day" and buy your tickets to DISNEY'S NEWSIES.

**BUY TICKETS**

### MEET THE CAST



 KRIS BARTOLOMEO	 RYAN BUTLER	 HEATHER CASSERI	 RJ CREIGHTON	 MELANIE KAISEN
 JACK CANTENA	 GLEN CHITTY	 BOBBY COOKE	 STEVE COPPS	
 THOMAS EVANS	 ANNA FERNANDEZ	 ALEX ANTHONY GARCIA	 ALEJANDRO GABRIEL GOMEZ	

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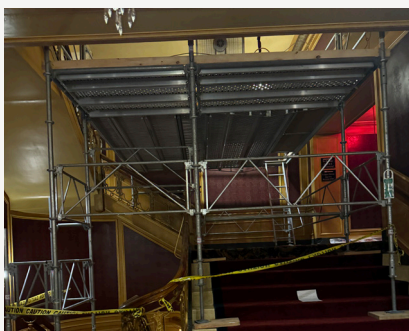
 CONNOR HESCH	 LILY JONES	 JOHN KACZOROWSKI	
 TIMIYAH LOVE	 AUSTIN MARSHALL	 QUINN CHRISTOPHER MCGILLION	 MATTHEW RITTLER
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**SEPT. 12 - 29, 2024**

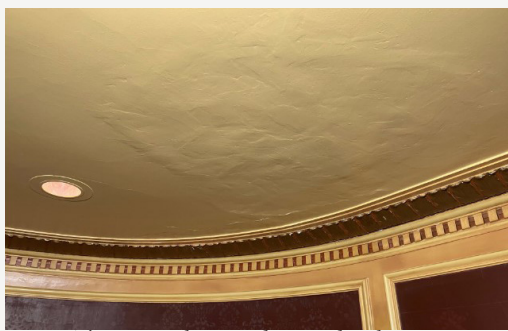
## SCAFFOLDING!

### SEE PARTS OF SHEA'S FROM A NEW ANGLE

This summer, our restoration team has reached new heights to keep Shea's as beautiful as ever. During the months of June and July, scaffolding was erected on the mezzanine level of our Pearl-Street side stairs to repair cracks in the ceiling and walls. As you may remember from past editions of the Call-Board, water is the enemy of Shea's. The cracks in the ceiling and upper walls were made from roof water leaking down the interior of the wall.



Scaffolding on the Pearl Street Side stairs.



The original water-damaged ceiling.

Our restoration specialists got to work on making repairs. The repairs involved stripping the ceiling of its paint, removing the water-damaged plaster, and replastering and repainting the previously damaged areas.

**Whoopi Goldberg to Play Miss Hannigan in NYC Stop of ANNIE Tour.**

**The North American Tour of SOME LIKE IT HOT Announces Full Cast.**

**Former Monk Who Won Powerball Is Giving Millions to Theatres.**

## CURTAIN UP!

Join us on Friday September 13th for the biggest outdoor party in Buffalo! Every year the Curtain Up! celebrations ring in the start of the theatre season in Buffalo and Western New York. Presented by The Theatre District Association of WNY, the 41st Annual Curtain Up! Will be bigger and better than ever!

For "Act One" of the night, you can be a part of our Cocktail Kickoff Party in the lobby of Shea's Buffalo from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Enjoy a two-hour open bar and delicious hors d'oeuvres from The Bijou Grille. For more information, and to purchase tickets, call the Shea's Buffalo Theatre Box Office at (716) 847-0850 or click here. Tickets to this event are limited and priced at \$90 per person.

Then it's on to "Act Two!" At 7:30pm the curtains for ten productions at area theatres will rise, heralding the start of the season. Pick your favorite show to see! This year, three Curtain Up! productions will open on one of the Shea's stages. TWISTED: THE UNTOLD STORY OF A ROYAL VIZIER Produced by O'Connell & Company will be located on the Shea's Smith stage. Disney's NEWSIES Produced by D'Youville's Kavinoky Theatre will open on the Shea's 710 stage. Starring Buffalo's inaugural Curtain Up Cabaret, titled AN EVENING WITH THE STARS: 2024 CURTAIN UP! CABARET will take place in the Shea's Buffalo Lobby. Come see one of these amazing productions, or support some of the other theatres in our community!

When the productions conclude and the curtains fall, the Act Three Free Main Street Party begins! During this after party, free outdoor entertainment on Main Street between Chippewa and Tupper Streets will feature a variety of music and specialty acts.

This year the entertainment on the





The old, water-damaged paint on the ceiling was stripped. Clear water rings had formed.

Meticulous detail work was also done to repair the decorative pieces near the impacted areas. For example, several of the square “teeth” designs lining the walls had to be replaced. Parts of the gold leaf detailing and stair railing also needed to be repaired and retouched.

Now that the scaffolding has come down, further touches will be made to make sure everything is ready for the opening of our 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season!



Parts of the gold, “teeth” detailing were reconstructed.



The hole is now newly plastered and will be painted further.

## HONORING OUR SPECTACULAR VOLUNTEERS A BANQUET ON THE SHEA'S BUFFALO STAGE

Each year Shea's holds a private banquet for our dedicated volunteers thanking them for their hard work and commitment to provide outstanding patron experiences across our theatres and raising funds for ongoing restoration efforts at historic Shea's Buffalo Theatre.

On July 23rd, over 300 volunteers attended the banquet, socializing with both Shea's staff as well as fellow volunteers and enjoying dinner on stage catered by Rich's Catering, our partner at Shea's Bistro & Bar and longtime supporter of Shea's. A basket raffle lead by volunteer group, Shea's Spotlight Committee, was held in the lobby with proceeds benefiting restoration efforts. Additional prizes were given as part of a drawing including merchandise and show tickets.



“We simply cannot do what we do without the support of our wonderful Volunteers!” - *Nikiya Campbell, Shea's Operations Manager*

block includes Bill Baldwin, the Buffalo AKG Art Museum Art Truck, Drag Me to the Stage Bandshell, George Caldwell Jazz Quartet, Pyromancy Fire Performance Troupe, The Ghostbusters of WNY and so much more!

Come and celebrate the talent and artistry in Western New York, and ring in the 2024-25 theatre season during The Theatre District Association of WNY's 41st Annual Curtain Up!

## GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

### A WONDERFUL WORLD: THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG MUSICAL Studio 54

Join Tony Award® winner James Monroe Iglehart and a talented ensemble cast as they bring Louis Armstrong's incredible journey to life, from New Orleans to worldwide fame. This full-scale musical features a rich tapestry of characters, including the extraordinary women who helped shape his remarkable life and career.

Be captivated by Armstrong's timeless hits like “What a Wonderful World” and “When You're Smiling,” performed by a large, dynamic cast. Don't miss this spectacular celebration of music, filled with vibrant dance numbers, stunning sets, and unforgettable performances. Get your tickets now for an unforgettable night that honors the iconic man who defined an era.

### DEATH BECOMES HER Lunt-Fontanne Theatre

Madeline Ashton is the most beautiful actress (just ask her) ever to grace the stage and screen. Helen Sharp is the long-suffering author (just ask her) who lives in her shadow. They have always been the best of frenemies...until Madeline steals Helen's fiancé away. As Helen plots revenge and Madeline clings to her rapidly fading star, their world is suddenly turned upside down by Viola Van Horn, a mysterious woman with a secret that's to die for.

After one sip of Viola's magical potion, Madeline and Helen begin a new era of life (and death) with their youth and beauty restored...and a grudge to last eternity.

Starring Tony Award® nominees Megan Hilty (*Wicked*, “Smash”),

## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

### BOND, SCHOENECK & KING

At Bond Schoeneck & King, community engagement is at the heart of our mission. We actively seek opportunities to give back and make a positive impact in the communities where we live and work.



Through volunteer initiatives, charitable donations and partnerships with local organizations, we strive to address pressing social issues, support economic development and foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity for all residents. Whether it's through clothing, food and toy drives, environmental sustainability projects, educational or arts initiatives, we are committed to making a difference and building stronger, more resilient communities.

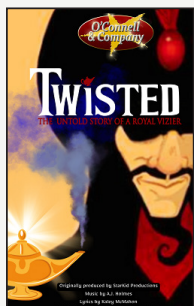
We are honored to add Shea's Performing Arts Center to our long list of organizations of which we support in this community.

## SHEA'S SMITH THEATRE

### HAVE YOU GRABBED YOUR SEASON PACKAGES?

O'Connell & Company is one of the residence theatre companies at the Shea's Smith Theatre. The company produces two of their season productions on the Shea's Smith Stage. This season, their Shea's Smith shows are **TWISTED: THE UNTOLD STORY OF A ROYAL VIZIER** and the Western New York Premiere of **KHAN!!! THE MUSICAL! A PARODY TREK-TACULAR**. Be sure to buy their 2024-25 Shea's Smith Package and check out these two hilarious shows!

[CLICK HERE TO BUY SEASON TICKETS](#)



## TWISTED: THE UNTOLD STORY OF A ROYAL VIZIER

SEPTEMBER 13 - 22, 2024

There are two sides to every story...

In this hilarious musical parody we finally get to see the story of Aladdin from the villains point of view – and boy is it a whole new world! Told in a similar style to 'Wicked', this

twisted version of the childhood classic reveals Ja'far is actually a hardworking and honest man who only wants to help the people of the Magic Kingdom. When the spoiled and naive Princess angers the prince of the Kingdom of Pik-zar, Ja'far must protect his people from the invading army, the kingdom's own bumbling Sultan and the most notorious thief in the land, Aladdin! This musical adventure celebrates and lovingly pokes fun at everyone's favorite series of hand-drawn, animated films.

\*\*\*\*This show is recommended for ages 16+ due to bad language, cartoon violence and scenes of a saucy nature.

Jennifer Simard (Company, Disaster!), and Christopher Sieber (Spamalot, Company), with Grammy® Award winner Michelle Williams (Destiny's Child, Chicago), *Death Becomes Her*, based on the classic 1992 film, is a drop-dead hilarious new musical comedy about friendship, love, and burying the hatchet...again, and again, and again.

## LEFT ON TENTH

*James Earl Jones Theatre*

If you're looking for a romantic comedy on Broadway, turn Left on Tenth! Based on Delia Ephron's bestselling memoir, this warm and witty new play is directed by five-time Tony Award® winner Susan Stroman and stars Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife"), Peter Gallagher ("Grace and Frankie"), Peter Francis James (Funny Girl) and Kate MacCluggage ("Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret").

When she least expects it, Delia, beloved novelist and screenwriter of *You've Got Mail*, makes a surprising connection with a man from her past and falls into her own romantic comedy—complete with entertaining mishaps, unexpected sparks and plenty of plot twists. *Left on Tenth* is the wonderfully hopeful true story of a woman bravely facing the comically complicated world of dating later in life and how to laugh along the way at the left turns love throws at us all.

## JOB

*Hayes Theater*

Following two extended, sold-out downtown engagements, Max Wolf Friedlich's play *JOB* is now this summer's "chic, relentless Broadway thriller. *JOB* is extremely effective, often funny, with excellent performances." – The New York Times

After being placed on leave following a viral incident, Jane would do anything to return to her Big Tech-company job. But as the therapist who needs to authorize it, Loyd suspects her work might be doing more harm than good.

Starring Tony Award® nominee Peter Friedman (*Ragtime*, *Succession*) and Sydney Lemmon (*Tár*, *Fear the Walking Dead*), "*JOB* is very provocative, stimulating, and daring—you won't be bored for a millisecond" (*Chicago Tribune*). Don't miss this "electrifying" (*Variety*), strictly limited engagement, now extended on Broadway through October 27.





## KHAN!!! THE MUSICAL! A PARODY TREK-TACULAR

JANUARY 16 - 26, 2025

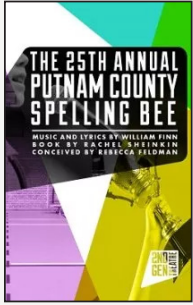
In 2366 and the timeframe of Star Trek: The Next Generation, Data the android presents his musical comedy version of The Wrath of Khan with a cast of virtual actors on the Holodeck! A campy show-within-a-show ensues where the bloodthirsty Khan vows revenge on a washed-up James T. Kirk and Data—portraying multiple roles—learns a thing or two about life along the way.

While these two shows run in the Smith Theatre, O'Connell & Company holds the rest of their season on their mainstage in Amherst.

[VIEW THE WHOLE SEASON](#)

Second Generation Theatre Company, Inc. (2nd Gen) is one of the resident theatre companies at Shea's Smith Theatre. This year for 2nd Gen is a season of underdogs – of differing voices and opinions, and of staying true to yourself no matter the odds. Learn more about the shows in 2nd Gen's 2024-2025 Season and get your season tickets now!

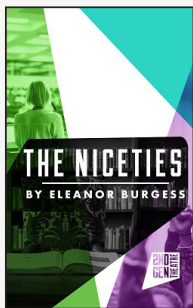
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## THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

NOVEMBER 1 - 17, 2024

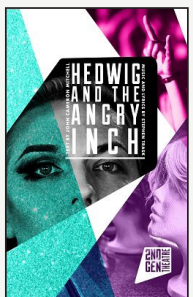
Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* features an eclectic group of six mid-pubescents competing for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While Candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words. Six spellers enter; one leaves a champion! This fast-paced crowd pleaser will leave you laughing; L-A-U-G-H-I-N-G.



## THE NICETIES

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 2, 2025

Zoe, a black student at a liberal arts college, is called into her white professor's office to discuss her paper about slavery's effect on the American Revolution. What begins as a polite clash in perspectives explodes into an urgent debate about race, history, and power.



## HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

MAY 2 - 18, 2025

This award-winning cult favorite tells the story of “internationally ignored song stylist” Hedwig, a fourth-wall smashing East German rock ‘n’ roll goddess who also happens to be the victim of a botched sex-change operation. This outrageous and unexpectedly hilarious story is dazzlingly performed in the form of a rock gig/stand-up comedy routine

backed by the hard-rocking band “The Angry Inch.”

## YELLOW FACE

Todd Haimes Theatre

Tony Award® winner and three-time Pulitzer finalist David Henry Hwang (M. Butterfly) will make his Roundabout debut with the Broadway premiere of *Yellow Face*, his hilarious is-he-or-isn't-he comedy of identity, show business, and (perhaps) autobiography. Starring Daniel Dae Kim (Lost) and directed by Tony nominee Leigh Silverman (Violet).

Inspired by real events, the playwright's fictionalized doppelgänger protests yellowface casting in *Miss Saigon*, only to mistakenly cast a white actor as the Asian lead in his own play. This Obie Award-winning and Pulitzer finalist play is a laugh-out-loud farce about the complexities of race.

## ROMEO + JULIET

Circle In The Square Theatre

The youth are f\*cked. Left to their own devices in their parents' world of violent ends, an impulsive pair of star-crossed lovers hurtle towards their inescapable fate. The intoxicating high of passion quickly descends into a brutal chaos that can only end one way.



This issue of the SHEA'S CALL-BOARD is prepared by members of the Development Department including writing from Julianna Tracey and Cassandra Lippert. Special thanks to Nikiya Campbell for information on our Volunteer Banquet, Wendy Lehman for information on our restoration projects and David Peckham for updates on the Wurlitzer restoration.

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