

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

HOLIDAY 2024

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

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER ROUND OF HOLIDAY CHEER!

Shea's kicked off the holiday season in early November with the installation of our iconic holiday decorations, whether you attended the Shea's Shopping Soiree, a performance of & JULIET, Shea's Winter Wonderland, THE NUTCRACKER, Disney's THE LION KING, or anything in between you were surrounded by the magic of Shea's during the season of holiday cheer!

It takes two days to get Shea's holiday ready. See photos from the installation.



UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

**SHEA'S FAMILY FILM SERIES:
DISNEY & PIXAR'S INSIDE OUT 2**
JAN 19

DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE
JAN 21

KEVIN HEART: ACTING MY AGE
JAN 22-25

JOE BONAMASSA
FEB 25

**INSIDIOUS: THE FURTHER YOU
FEAR**
FEB 26

THE WIZ
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
MARCH 4-9

**LORDS OF THE SOUND
ORCHESTRA: THE MUSIC OF
HANS ZIMMER**
MARCH 11

ILIZA SHLESINGER
MARCH 15

DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT
MARCH 16

**HARRY POTTER AND THE
CHAMBER OF SECRETS IN
CONCERT**
MARCH 16

SHUCKED
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
MARCH 25-30

SHEA'S 710

**ONE NIGHT ONLY: A TRIBUTE
TO THE BEE GEES**
JAN 23

COUPLES THERAPY
FEB 8

FORBIDDEN BROADWAY
2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON
FEB 11-16

**SEX N' THE CITY: A MUSICAL
PARODY**
FEB 23

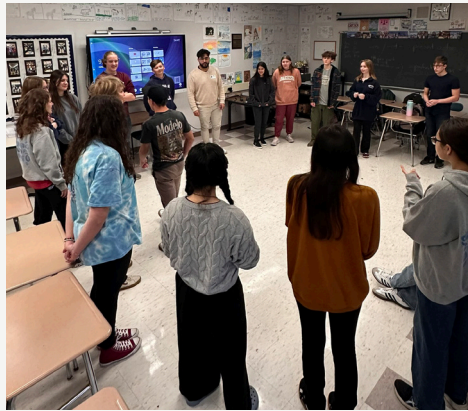
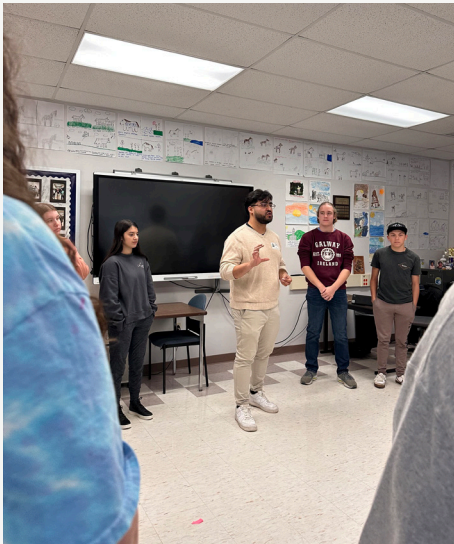
ON SCHOOL TIME: MORIVIVI
FEB 25

"EVERYBODY" ROCKED OUT WITH & JULIET

THANK YOU TO THE COMPANY OF & JULIET FOR THEIR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS!

& JULIET kicked off the holiday season at Shea's Buffalo! During their week run at the end of November, company members were engaging with the Western New York community through masterclasses, talkbacks, and even a Spin Class! Each class rocked out to the upbeat, Max Martin hits featured in & JULIET.

Check out some of the highlights of these community engagements, and keep an eye out for ways to engage with the rest of the tours in our Five Star Bank 2024-25 Broadway Season!



CATS
STARRING BUFFALO
FEB 27- MAR 1

DIAL M FOR MURDER
2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON
ROAD LESS TRAVELED PRODUCTIONS
MAR 27-APR 13

SHEA'S SMITH

KHAN!!! THE MUSICAL! A PARODY TREK-TACULAR
O'CONNELL & COMPANY
JAN 16- 26

THE NICITIES
2ND GENERATION THEATRE
FEB 14-MAR 2

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE LAST FIVE YEARS
MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Cabaret Musical Series
JAN 10- 26

100 YEARS- A LIVE MUSICAL PRODUCTION WRITTEN BY CHRISTOPHER PARADA
Curtain Up Productions
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
JAN 17-19

THE DAY I LEARNED TO FLY
First Look Buffalo
Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center
JAN 17- FEB 9

REALITY TV... BUT MAKE IT DRUNK
Drunk Theatre Buffalo
Alleyway Theatre
JAN 24

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG
Rocking Horse Productions
Meeting House Events
JAN 24-FEB 2

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
Ellicott Creek Playhouse
JAN 24-FEB 9

NATALIE JANE- SICK TO MY STOMACH TOUR
Chandler Leighton
Electric City
JAN 17

BRILLIANT WORKS OF ART
Bellissima Productions
Alleyway Cabaret Space
JAN 30-FEB 15

ACCOMPLICE
Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
JAN 31-FEB 16

THE MIGHTY MAISIE
American Repertory Theatre of WNY
American Repertory Theatre of WNY
FEB 6-FEB 22

THE LOVED ONES
Irish Classical Theatre
The Andrews Theatre
FEB 14-MAR 2

AND BID HIM SING

A LOOK INTO OUR RECENT ON SCHOOL TIME PERFORMANCE.

In November, our Arts Engagement and Education Department welcomed students and chaperones for our On School Time performance of AND BID HIM SING, in partnership with Ujima Company. 546 people, from 10 schools and organizations viewed this exciting show, assembled by Ujima founder, the late- Lorna C. Hill. AND BID HIM SING transforms the poems by Paul Laurence Dunbar, celebrating Black southern life, into short vignettes.



The Shea's On School Time Series transforms children's books, classic literature, history and social issues into performances on Shea's stages. The next show in the On School Time Series is MORIVIVÍ, a partnership with El Batey Puerto Rican Center. [Click here for more information.](#)



EDUCATIONAL TOURS

THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS OF BUFFALO ACADEMY OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS!

We had the wonderful opportunity and absolute pleasure of hosting an educational tour for some students of Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts! These amazing students are responsible for the outstanding sets that are created at BAVPA. They were able to experience the beauty and excitement that is Shea's Buffalo as well as Shea's 710 theatre. Our production manager, Maureen Sheldon, is pictured here in the shop of Shea's 710 giving the group some fun and interesting information! Thank you BAVPA for joining us!



BLACK BEAR ISLAND

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
FEB 14–MAR 18

NEXT TO NORMAL

MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre
FEB 19–MAR 16

OUR LADY OF 121ST STREET

Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theatre
FEB 20–MAR 23

GOODNIGHT TYLER

Ujima Theatre Company
Lorna C. Hill Theater
FEB 28–MAR 16

THEATRE NEWS

Tony Awards Committee Meets For Second Time to Determine Eligibility for the 2024–25 Season.

Orville Peck and Eva Noblezada to join CABARET on Broadway

Actor's Union Will Honor Ensemblists and Swings With "A Chorus Year."

BOOP! THE MUSICAL Sets Final Casting For Broadway Bow.

Seaview Productions to Take Over The Tony Kiser Theater.

Gracie Lawrence and Emily Bergl to Join Jonathan Groff in Bobby Darin Musical, JUST IN TIME.

Pasadena Playhouse Cancels Performances Due to Los Angeles Fires.

Rashidra Scott Will Join SUNSET BOULEVARD as Standby Norma Desmond.

Sutton Foster—Led Broadway ONCE UPON A MATTRESS to Record Cast Album.

Atlantic Theater Company Closes Two Off Broadway Productions Amidst Stagehands Strike.

New Tour of KINKY BOOTS Musical Will Launch This Fall.

THE WIZ North American Tour Finds Full Cast.

Merle Dandridge and Tony Nominee Daniel Breaker Join Broadway's HADESTOWN.

PART OF THE PRIDE

THANK YOU TO THE COMPANY OF DISNEY'S THE LION KING FOR ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY!

During Disney's THE LION KING's three week run in Buffalo, the touring company took part in several community engagements. One of these engagements was a free Musical Theatre Workshop, held on December 30 at the William-Emslie YMCA. Students, ages 8-17 took part in the class. The workshop, led by ensemble members Sasha Caicedo and Sayiga Eugene Peabody led the class, focusing on the three elements of music theatre: singing, acting and dancing. A Q&A session followed the instruction portion of the class.

Take a look at some of the pictures taken at this masterclass, and keep an eye out for other masterclass opportunities.



A Kid's Night on Broadway performance was also held on Monday, December 30th, thanks to promotional support provided by Wegmans. At that performance, young people ages 17 and under were able to see

Disney's THE LION KING for half price when accompanied by a full-paying adult. At that performance only, families were able to enjoy activities in Shea's Smith Theatre before the show. Following the performance, company members of THE LION KING held a talkback.

During the entire three week run of the show, a book drive was held, called "Pride Reads." Book drops were posted by the entrances of the theatre. Donated books will be distributed at the Shea's Free Family Film Series this spring!

We thank the company members of Disney's THE LION KING, for helping to engage our community. We look forward to more community building events in the future!



STEREOPHONIC Recoups Investment; Will Launch National Tour and Play West End in 2025.

Sherie Rene Scott and Nicholas Christopher Set Final Performance in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.

A WONDERFUL WORLD: THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG MUSICAL Begins Fundraising Effort Following New Orleans Tragedy

SUFFS Is Acquired for Licensing by Music Theatre International.

EUREKA DAY On Broadway Receives Second Extension

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

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.

Time Out New York raves, "4 STARS! Death Becomes Her is savagely funny," and Deadline declares it's "wildly entertaining — a perfect musical comedy." "Megan Hilty and Jennifer Simard are two theatrical masterminds giving hilarious star turns" (The New York Times). Grammy® winner Michelle Williams is "irresistibly fabulous" (Theatermania), and "Christopher Sieber stops the show" (Time Out New York). Death Becomes Her, based on the classic 1992 film, is "a laugh-filled, tuneful musical to die for" (Variety).

HIP, HIP, SOIREE!

EVERYONE'S FAVORITE LOCAL SHOPPING EVENT- SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE!

On November 7th, guests had an opportunity to get their holiday shopping done early. At the Shea's Shopping Soiree, over 50 vendors lined the walls and stage of Shea's Buffalo. At the same time, the most creative Kid Businesses took over the mezzanine level of the building with their own creations. The Soiree also served as the debut for Shea's annual Holiday Decorations.

Proceeds from the event, organized and hosted by Shea's Young Professionals and presented by Cadillac, benefitted the ongoing restoration work at the historic Shea's Buffalo Theatre.



WALKING IN A SHEA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

A LOOK INTO OUR FIRST ANNUAL SHEA'S WINTER WONDERLAND.

The holiday festivities continued with Shea's Performing Arts Center's Winter Wonderland.

Guests had the opportunity to take photos with Santa, Kandy Kane the Elf, and the Neglia Ballet's THE NUTCRACKER Performers. Pre-paid photo ops were also available in front of Shea's iconic 12 foot holiday tree and in Shea's Buffalo's house. Other attractions included a jolly holiday sing-along to the mighty Wurlitzer Organ, Origami Ornament Making, and friendship bracelet making with the Mental Health Advocates of WNY.

The evening was also filled with performances from groups across the Western New York community, including Buffalo String Works, Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus, Mahatammoho Collective, and Harmonia Chamber Singers.

At the end of the night, guests were treated to a showing of the holiday short film, Disney's PREP AND LANDING, on the big screen. Holiday fun was had by all! Look out for more fun, community-centered events hosted by Shea's in the future!

GYPSY

Majestic Theatre

GYPSY is bigger than Broadway—it's a once-in-a-generation theatrical event. Created by the legendary Arthur Laurents (book), Jule Styne (music), and Stephen Sondheim (lyrics), it is the crown jewel of American musicals. At long last, the greatest musical ever written returns with the most celebrated stage performer of our time.

6-time Tony Award® winner Audra McDonald steps into the mother of all roles alongside Tony Award winner Danny Burstein and rising Broadway stars Joy Woods and Jordan Tyson in this revelatory new production helmed by visionary director, 6-time Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe, and 4-time Tony Award-nominated choreographer Camille A. Brown (Hell's Kitchen). This GYPSY, unlike any seen before, is Broadway's ultimate tale of mothers and daughters, ambition and fame, and the lengths we'll go in pursuit of the American dream. Packed with showstoppers like "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "You Gotta Get a Gimmick," GYPSY shines as "An immortal work of musical theater" (The New York Times).



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