

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

APRIL 5, 2024

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

## GREAT SCOTT! WHAT A SEASON!

### THE 2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY SEASON HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

Thank you to all our season subscribers who braved the cold and snow on Tuesday, March 19th, for our 2024-25 Five Star Bank Season Announcement Event.

Next season is a stacked line up of fresh Broadway smash hits with the return of a few favorites. Current subscribers can renew their season subscriptions for the 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season online now by logging into their My Shea's account or stopping by the Shea's Box Office. The renewal period ends May 15th, 2024. Those interested in becoming new subscribers can also purchase subscriptions at this time.

Introducing the **SHEA'S BUFFALO THEATRE**  
Five Star Bank 2024-25 Broadway Season

**SOME LIKE IT HOT**  
BROADWAY'S TONY-WINNING MUSICAL COMEDY  
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 2024

**Jukebox**  
THERE'S LIFE AFTER ROMEO  
THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL  
NOVEMBER 19-24, 2024

**Disney THE LION KING**  
THE WORLD'S #1 MUSICAL  
DECEMBER 18, 2024-JANUARY 5, 2025

**THE WIZ**  
MARCH 4-9, 2025

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MARCH 25-30, 2025

**THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL**  
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE  
APRIL 8-13, 2025

**BACK TO THE FUTURE**  
THE MUSICAL  
JUNE 24-29, 2025

**HAMILTON**  
SPECIAL SUBSCRIBER ADD-ON  
OCTOBER 15-27, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS SHEA'S BUFFALO

**PAW PATROL LIVE!**  
APR 6-7, 2024

**MAMMA MIA!**  
2023-24 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
APR 9-14, 2024

**THE PIANO GUYS**  
APR 17, 2024

**TANK-N-TAMAR: THE TNT  
EXPLOSION**  
APR 19, 2024

**DISNEY PRINCESS: THE  
CONCERT**  
APR 20, 2024

**FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES:  
DISNEY'S MOANA**  
PRESENTED BY TOMPKINS BANK  
APR 21, 2024

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**  
SPONSORED BY GALLAGHER  
APR 26-28, 2024

**SESAME STREET LIVE,  
SAY HELLO!**  
APR 30, 2024

## SHEA'S 710

**A NEW WORLD: MUSIC FROM  
FINAL FANTASY**  
APR 5, 2024

**LIGHTS OUT  
A TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE VALLI  
AND THE FOUR SEASONS**  
APR 7, 2024

**PIANO MEN: GENERATIONS**  
APR 13, 2024

**ONE NIGHT WITH YOU  
REFLECTIONS OF ELVIS**  
APR 14, 2024

**ONCE**  
2023-24 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON  
MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
MAY 2-19, 2024

**THE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE**  
FEATURING ANYBODY OUT THERE  
MAY 2-19, 2024

**SHEA'S 710 24-25  
FREY ELECTRIC SEASON  
ANNOUNCEMENT**  
MAY 3, 2024

## SEASON SPOTLIGHT

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

For this issue of the Shea's Call-Board, we'll start with the first two shows of the 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* and *JULIET*. Make sure you read the next few issues for more information on each subsequent show.

### SOME LIKE IT HOT

Opening Night on Broadway: December 11, 2022 at the Sam. S. Shubert Theatre

Book By: MATTHEW LÓPEZ and AMBER RUFFIN

Music By: MARC SHAIMAN

Lyrics By: SCOTT WITTMAN and MARC SHAIMAN

Based on the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture "Some Like It Hot"

Winner of 4 Tony Awards®, including Best Choreography and Best Costumes, and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theater Album, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* is "A Super-Sized, All-Out Song-And-Dance Spectacular!" – The New York Times



Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* is the "glorious, big, high-kicking" (Associated Press) story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-country train for the life-chasing, life-changing trip of a lifetime.

And what a trip it is! With its irresistible combination of heart and laughs, song and dance, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* won more theater awards than any show this season, and was named Best Musical by the Drama Desk, The Drama League, and the Outer Critics Circle. No wonder Deadline calls it "a tap-dancing, razzle-dazzling embrace of everything you love about musical theater."



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## SHEA'S SMITH

### MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG

Second Generation Theatre  
APR 26- MAY 12, 2024

### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Niagara University Theatre  
Leary Theatre  
APR 4-7

#### PROOF

Aurora Players  
Theatre in Hamlin Park, East Aurora  
APR 5-21

#### KING HENRY VI PART 2

SUNY University at Buffalo Department of  
Theatre and Dance  
UB Center for the Arts Rehearsal  
Workshop  
APR 5-6

#### THURSDAYS PLAY READING SERIES- THE FLICK

SUNY Buffalo State Theater  
The Flexible Theatre  
APR 11

#### THE WHITE DEVIL

American Repertory of WNY  
American Repertory of WNY  
APR 11-27

#### GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
APR 12-28

#### CHOREOLAB

SUNY University at Buffalo Department of  
Theatre and Dance  
UB Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre  
APR 12-14

#### CROWNS

MusicalFare Theatre  
MusicalFare Theatre  
APR 17-MAY 19

#### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

SUNY Buffalo State Theater  
Warren Enters Theatre  
APR 18-27

#### THE (CURIOUS CASE OF THE) WATSON INTELLIGENCE

Road Less Traveled Productions  
Road Less Traveled Theater  
APR 18-MAY 19

#### AIRNESS

Lancaster Opera House  
Lancaster Opera House  
APR 19-MAY 5

#### THE PRICE

Irish Classical Theatre Company  
The Andrews Theatre  
APR 19-MAY 12

#### ROUGH'N IT

Starry Night Theatre, Inc.  
The Ghostlight Theatre  
APR 25-MAY 5

#### RENT

Niagara University Theatre  
Leary Theatre  
APR 25-MAY 5

## & JULIET

Opening Night on Broadway: November 17, 2022 at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre

Book By: DAVID WEST READ

Music and Lyrics By: MAX MARTIN and FRIENDS

Created by the Emmy®-winning writer from “Schitt’s Creek,” this hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. & Juliet asks: what would happen next if Juliet didn’t end it all over Romeo? Get whisked away on a fabulous journey as she ditches her famous ending for a fresh beginning and a second chance at life and love—her way.



Juliet’s new story bursts to life through a playlist of pop anthems as iconic as her name, including “Since U Been Gone,” “Roar,” “Baby One More Time,” “Larger Than Life,” “That’s The Way It Is,” and “Can’t Stop the Feeling!”—all from the genius songwriter/producer behind more #1 hits than any other artist this century. Break free of the balcony scene and get into this romantic comedy that proves there’s life after Romeo. The only thing tragic would be missing it.



## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – MARCH

### FIVE STAR BANK

Five Star Bank is a supporter and partner of Shea’s and is our exclusive sponsor for our current 2023-24 Broadway Season and the upcoming 2024-25 Broadway Season. At Five Star Bank, their company is dedicated to creating measurable impact within the communities they serve.



## Five Star Bank

Their partnership is vital in the work we do. It continues to help restore and maintain Shea’s Buffalo Theatre for present and future generations to enjoy as a working historic theatre. This provides a wide variety of live performing arts experiences for our patrons and innovative and effective educational experiences, fostering an appreciation of live theatre by area youth. To learn more about Five Star Bank and the services they provide [CLICK HERE!](#)

## 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

SUNY University at Buffalo Department of Theatre and Dance

UB Center for the Arts Drama Theatre

APR 26 – MAY 5

## DEATH OF A STREETCAR NAMED VIRGINIA WOOLF

Alleyway Theatre

Alleyway Theatre

APR 26 – MAY 18

## YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild

The Ellicott Creek Playhouse

MAY 3 – MAY 19

## OKLAHOMA!

O’Connell & Company

O’Connell & Company

MAY 3 – MAY 19

## WEDDING BAND: A LOVE STORY IN BLACK & WHITE

Ujima Company, Inc.

Lorna C. Hill Theater

MAY 3 – MAY 19

## THURSDAYS PLAY READING

SERIES – THE BEAR

SUNY Buffalo State Theater

The Flexible Theatre

MAY 9

## CROSSING DELANCY

Jewish Repertory Theatre

Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre

MAY 9 – JUN 2

## A TRIBUTE TO THE BEACH BOYS

Lancaster Opera House

Lancaster Opera House

MAY 11

## 24–25 COMMUNITY SEASONS

MusicalFare Theatre

### THE PROM

SEP 4- OCT 6, 2024

SOMETHING ROTTEN

NOV 6- DEC 8, 2024

THE LAST FIVE YEARS

JAN 10- JAN 26, 2025

NEXT TO NORMAL

FEB 19- MAR 16, 2025

WAITRESS

APR 16- MAY 18, 2025

The Kavinoky Theatre

### POTUS: OR BEHIND EVERY GREAT

DUMBASS ARE SEVEN WOMEN TRYING

TO KEEP HIM ALIVE

OCT 4-20, 2024

KING JAMES

NOV 8-24, 2024

SANCTUARY CITY

MAR 21- APR 6, 2025

SWEET CHARITY

MAY 2- 18, 2025

Bellissima Productions

### BONNIE & CLYDE: THE MUSICAL

FALL 2024

BRILLIANT WORKS OF ART

WINTER 2025

LIZZIE THE MUSICAL IN CONCERT

WINTER 2025

INVINCIBLE ONES

SPRING 2025

BETWEEN THE LINES, A NEW MUSICAL

SUMMER 2025

# A MAGICAL PERFORMANCE!

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY!

Thank you to everyone who came to the On School Time Series performances of THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY! The two morning performances were sold out by so many young, enthusiastic audience members. These students were able to experience the first time the story of THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY was ever performed live onstage! They will forever be a part of the development of this exciting new musical!

The musical is an adaptation of the middle-grade novel by Maria Pérez-Gómez of the same name. Siblings Luca, Magia, and Mateo are transported to their beloved homeland of Puerto Rico from their closet in Buffalo, New York when a mysterious song from their past calls out to them. They find themselves in the mystical El Yunque rainforest, transformed into a rooster, a frog, and a pig. The siblings soon realize that it's their mission to help heal Puerto Rico after two hurricanes devastated the island. With the help of friends they meet along the way, Luca, Magia, and Mateo go on a quest to save the rainforest, wake a sleeping giant, and learn the secret to renewing hope and healing after tragedy, all while embracing the magic within themselves.

THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY was the final show of the season for our 2023-24 On School Time Series. Be on the lookout for announcements regarding future On School Time Series shows during the 2024-25 season. She'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.

Check out our other exciting educational opportunities, like our upcoming **Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards**, **Junior Theatre Celebration**, and our **upcoming summer camps!**



## Second Generation Theatre

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE  
NOV 1-17, 2024  
THE NICETIES  
FEB 14- MAR 2, 2025  
HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH  
MAY 2-18, 2025

## THEATRE NEWS

**48th Street has been renamed Chavkin Way in honor of Tony Award-winning director, Rachel Chavkin, director of HADESTOWN and LEMPICKA.**

**Tony-Winning Playwright, Christopher Durang Dies at 75.**

**Lincoln Center Theater Partners With Six New York City High Schools to Present Student Version of ONCE ON THIS ISLAND.**

**Jim Parsons, Ephraim Sykes, Zoey Deutch, Katie Holmes and More to Lead OUR TOWN Revival.**

**WET BRAIN Leads The 39th Annual Lucille Lortel Award Nominations, Announced on Apr 4th.**

**THE OUTSIDERS Musical To Receive Original Cast Album.**

**Kate Shindle to Step Down as President of Actors' Equity After Nine Years in the Role.**

**MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG Stars, Daniel Radcliffe, Jonathan Groff, and Lindsay Mendez to Announce 2024 Outer Critics Circle Nominations.**

**Jessica Lange, Celia Keenan-Bolger and Jim Parsons Launch the World Premiere of Paula Vogel's MOTHER PLAY.**

**GHOST OF JOHN MCCAIN Musical Comedy, Co-Written By Buffalo Writer, Composer and Director Drew Fornarola, Sets Off-Broadway Election Season Run.**

**The Office Star, Steve Carell Makes Broadway Debut In The Lincoln Center Theater Production of UNCLE VANYA, Alongside Alfred Molina, William Jackson Harper, Alison Pill, and Anika Noni Rose.**

## PROTECT YOUR EYES!

### TEAMING UP WITH THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE FOR SOLAR ECLIPSE SAFETY

It's the talk of the city! On Monday, April 8th, Buffalo will experience a once in a lifetime phenomenon of a total solar eclipse. Shea's and The Buffalo Museum of Science wants you to have your eclipse glasses ready.

Thanks to generous funding from Erie County, complimentary eclipse glasses are available at the Buffalo Museum of Science (limit two per person) as well as at your local library while supplies last. Be sure to check your eclipse glasses for scratches as they will make your glasses unsafe for use.

What makes eclipse glasses special? They contain specialized solar filters that allows you to view the partially or uneclipsed sun while not injuring your eyes. During the brief period of totality, you can view the eclipse with your naked eye but be mindful to switch back to your eclipse glasses once that period is over.

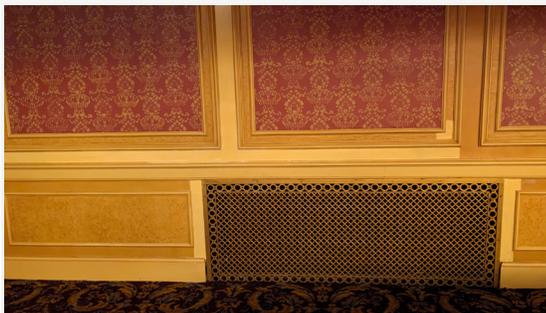
[Click Here for More Information on Eclipse Safety](#)



## TOUCH-UPS CONTINUE OUR RESTORATION TEAM IS EVERYWHERE

From the top of the balcony to the emergency exit doors in the orchestra level, our restoration team is racking up a lot of steps...and a lot of plaster and paint.

Below is the current progress on the replaster and painting of a section of wall at the rear of the balcony. A combination of ragging, stippling, and dry brushing to match the original paint.



To the right is a portion of orchestra emergency exit stairs that needed similar plaster and touch up work. Much of the walls and doors in the orchestra will need similar repair and restoration.



**The Olivier Awards Announces 2024 Performance Line-Up and Broadcast Details.**

**THE WIZ On Broadway To Offer \$45 Tickets Through Digital Lottery and In-Person Rush.**

**Disney's FROZEN Welcomes Nicholas Edwards and More to the North American Tour.**

**Richard Kind, Caroline Aaron and More Join BYE BYE BIRDIE at the Kennedy Center.**

**WICKED's Dee Roscioli Joins Off-Broadway's TITANIQUE as Céline Dion Beginning Apr 3.**

**Laura Benanti's Solo Show NOBODY CARES To Return Off-Broadway.**

**HADESTOWN Celebrates 5th Anniversary With Commemorative, Limited Edition Playbill Through the Month of April.**

**World Premiere of Florence Welch's GATSBY Musical Finds Creative Team.**

## GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

**THE WHO'S TOMMY**  
*Nederlander Theatre*

In 1967, The Who created a rock opera that changed the course of music history.

Some 25 years later, The Who's TOMMY arrived on Broadway, winning 5 Tony Awards and pushing the boundaries of what musical theatre can be. This March, the Amazing Journey resumes in a dazzling new production direct from a record-breaking, groundbreaking Chicago premiere.

Myth and spectacle combine in a fresh reinvention of The Who's exhilarating 1969 rock concept album, Tommy—including the unforgettable anthems "I'm Free," "See Me, Feel Me," "Sensation" and "Pinball Wizard." After witnessing his father shoot his rival, the young Tommy Walker is lost in the universe, endlessly and obsessively staring into the mirror. An innate knack for pinball catapults him from reticent adolescent to celebrity savior.

Below is the process on a panel in the third floor Pearl Street primary tunnel into the house. Subject to temperature fluctuations, vibrations of sound waves and foot traffic, the plaster began to crack. Our restoration team aimed to remove only the portion of the panel with the crack but it was discovered the damage continued through most of the panel and the whole of it needed repair.



Before plaster can be layed an adhesive layer is placed down first. This is used to bind the plaster so it will adhere to the wall. That adhesive layer can be seen peaking out in the bottom left corner image before the white plaster covers it.

## ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF TICKET SALES...

### BENEFITS SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Philanthropic Support Fuels our Mission! It supports...

**Restoration & Preservation:** Just like when the Friends of Buffalo Theatre banded together to save this theatre from the wrecking ball, so must we be vigilant – raising the critical funds needed to continuously restore, and be careful stewards of, this crown jewel we call Shea's.

**Improving the patron experience and access:** By now you may have heard of plans to create a new expansion to Shea's Buffalo. This expansion is for the betterment of our community and our patrons' experience with additional bathrooms, event space, and elevator access to all levels of the theatre.

**Arts Engagement & Education:** Shea's is not just a beautiful venue – it is a catalyst for community connection. Your gift ignites the power of the arts to transform lives, inspire creativity, and nurture talents of the next generation. Our Arts Education Programs are far-reaching to include Master Classes & Workshops, High School Musical Theatre Awards, the Junior Theatre Celebration, On-School Time Performances, Summer Camps for all ages; and so much more!

Days are getting longer; and the renewal of spring will soon be here. Please celebrate that renewal with a gift to our annual fund, we look forward to seeing YOU at Shea's!

**DONATE NOW!**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHEA'S  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

## THE OUTSIDERS

### Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre

The Outsiders, the new musical based on the seminal novel by S.E. Hinton & Francis Ford Coppola's landmark motion picture, will come to Broadway this season at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1967, the hardened hearts and aching souls of Ponyboy Curtis, Johnny Cade and their chosen family of "outsiders" are in a fight for survival and a quest for purpose in a world that may never accept them. A story of the bonds that brothers share and the hopes we all hold on to, this gripping new musical reinvigorates the timeless tale of "haves and have nots", of protecting what's yours and fighting for what could be.



This issue of the SHEA'S CALL-BOARD is prepared by members of the Development Department including writing from Julianna Tracey and Cassandra Lippert. Eclipse information from the Buffalo Museum of Science. Special thanks to Jake Gear for information on our Educational Programs.

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