

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

MARCH 8, 2024

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

## RESTORATION AT A GLANCE

### IT'S MINOR REPAIRS AND TOUCH UPS SEASON

With a schedule packed with programming, our restoration team has hit the phase of accessing areas of needed work that will become summer projects, touching up smaller plaster repair projects, and finalizing ongoing projects.

If you have attended a show recently at Shea's Buffalo and walked through our Pearl Street Vestibule, you will have seen that the large restoration of the walls has been finished with the last of the painting and glazing work.



The 2nd floor men's restroom also had plaster repair work done just in time for the opening of FUNNY GIRL. Temperature fluctuations and vibrations from the moving of individuals, objects, and sound waves from the shows cause fractures and cracks to appear in the plaster due to its delicacy and sensitivity. The basement level men's restroom will need similar repairs and restoration. This has been identified as a summer project due to the estimated time and expansive repair needed.



## UPCOMING EVENTS SHEA'S BUFFALO

**LES MISÉRABLES**  
MAR 12-17, 2024

**JE'CARYOUS JOHNSON  
PRESENTS: SUPER FREAK: THE  
RICK JAMES STORY**  
MAR 20, 2024

**JOHN CRIST: THE EMOTIONAL  
SUPPORT TOUR**  
MAR 22, 2024

**SHEN YUN**  
MAR 23-24, 2024

**TAMIA & JOE**  
MAR 30, 2024

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

**MAMMA MIA!**  
APR 9-14, 2024

**THE PIANO GUYS**  
APR 17, 2024

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

### SHEA'S 710

**THE 80'S HAIR BAND  
EXPERIENCE**  
MAR 9, 2024

**THE SOUNDS OF SINATRA**  
MAR 10, 2024

**THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO THE  
BEATLES**  
Featuring Britishmania  
MAR 16, 2024

**THE PRINCE PROJECT**  
MAR 22, 2024

**A TRIBUTE TO GARTH BROOKS**  
MAR 23, 2024

**ON SCHOOL TIME: THE  
MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY**  
Raices Theatre Company  
MAR 27-28, 2024

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

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

You may observe some minor repair and restoration projects as you come to the theatre.

Currently, the fourth-floor staircases leading to the uppermost level of the balcony each have the attention of our restoration team. Plaster, painting, and glazing work is needed. Additional touch ups are needed at railings, and the arm rests of our icon thrones.



Another upcoming summer project is restoring a portion of plaster wall and molding that has not been restored since 1926. If you are able, on your next trip to the theatre see if you can spot it. Hint: the paint and glazing are dull and chipped compared to the restored areas around it.

## **SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY**

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## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA**

*Curtain Up Productions*  
Historic Palace Theatre  
MAR 7 – 17

### **GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S THE SORCERER**

*Opera-Lyfes*  
Alleyway Theatre  
MAR 8 – 17

### **BLITHE SPIRIT**

*Niagara Regional Theatre Guild*  
Ellicott Creek Playhouse  
MAR 8 – 24

### **HAMLET**

*Brazen-Faced Varlets*  
Compass Performing Arts Center  
MAR 8 – 24

### **THE PAJAMA GAME**

*Lancaster Opera House*  
Lancaster Opera House  
MAR 8 – 24

### **HERSTORY: HISTORY HER WAY, A ONE-ACT SERIES: BIG BUTT GIRLS AND OTHER FANTASIES, THE REMIX**

*Ujima Company, Inc.*  
Lorna C. Hill Theater.  
MAR 8 – 10

### **SURVIVORS**

*Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY*  
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo  
MAR 9 – 10

### **THURSDAYS PLAY READING SERIES – ANTIGONE**

*SUNY Buffalo State Theater*  
The Flexible Theatre  
MAR 14

### **BUFFALO QUICKIES**

*Alleyway Theatre*  
Alleyway Theatre  
MAR 15 – 30

### **HERSTORY: HISTORY HER WAY, A ONE-ACT SERIES: BIOPSEE**

*Ujima Company, Inc.*  
Lorna C. Hill Theater.  
MAR 15 – 17

### **THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

*Rocking Horse Productions*  
The Meeting House  
MAR 15 – 24

### **HERSTORY: HISTORY HER WAY, A ONE-ACT SERIES: MOM, HOW DID YOU MEET THE BEATLES?**

*Ujima Company, Inc.*  
Lorna C. Hill Theater.  
MAR 22 – 24

### **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**

*Niagara University Theatre*  
Leary Theatre  
APR 4 – 7

## IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...

### THIS UPCOMING SEASON IS LARGER THAN LIFE!

It's that time of year again when we announce our next season of Broadway shows. What great shows will be coming to Buffalo? You will have to tune in to our website and social media on the evening of Tuesday, March 19th. Bookmark and follow us:



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Currently a subscriber? Check your email for subscriber updates to join us in person, if you still need to RSVP! By 9:00PM on March 19th the 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season will be fully announced.



Whether you are a current subscriber, a former subscriber, or looking to join us for the first time, you can renew or purchase a new subscription to the 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season starting that evening of March 19th either in person or on the Shea's website.

Be sure to read our next issue of the Call-Board where you can learn all about the shows coming next season!

## NEED TO VISIT SHEA'S MORE OFTEN?

WE HAVE A COUPLE OF BROADWAY SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS THIS SPRING

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April 26 -28, 2024

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, this is a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon. Winner of the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival with lyrics and music by Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony winners Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas. Buy Tickets!



May 16-19, 2024

[BUY TICKETS](#)

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Yes, your favorite ogre is back in the hilarious stage spectacle, SHREK THE MUSICAL. This Tony Award®-winning musical brings all the beloved characters from the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks animated film to life. Buy Tickets!

### 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  
MAR 14

### 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

## THEATRE NEWS

**Denzel Washington and  
Jake Gyllenhaal to Star in  
Shakespeare's OTHELLO On  
Broadway.**

**SPAMALOT Revival Sets Closing  
Date.**

**The Broadway League Will  
Now Dim All Marquee Lights in  
Memory of Three-Time Tony  
Award Winner Hinton Battle.**

**Original MOULIN ROUGE! THE  
MUSICAL Cast Member, Ricky  
Rojas to Return to the Role of  
Santiago On March 26.**

**DOUBT Revival Extends  
Broadway Run Prior To Official  
Opening.**

**DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES Will  
End Limited Engagement Early  
On March 31.**

**Christopher Sieber and  
Michelle Williams Join the  
Pre-Broadway Cast of DEATH  
BECOMES HER.**

**Patti LuPone Will Tour New  
Concert, A LIFE IN NOTES.**

**Live Capture of Alex Edelman's  
JUST FOR US to be Released on  
HBO In April.**

**Louis Armstrong Bio-Musical,  
A WONDERFUL WORLD To  
Arrive On Broadway in Fall  
2024.**

# STORIES AND SONGS

## LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SING YOUR STORY WINTER CAMP!

On Friday, February 23rd, twelve incredible students (and future performing stars) took to the Shea's 710 stage to speak and sing their truths as the culmination of the Sing Your Story Winter Camp!

Our Sing Your Story Camp allowed twelve students to sing solo songs. Their performances were introduced through a monologue the students wrote and perfected throughout their time at camp. These monologues touched on topics close to the camper's lives — their hopes and fears, why they pursue the arts, their goals for the future, and so much more. With this connection, these pre-written and sometimes famous songs became an outlet for students to express themselves!



The creativity didn't stop there— the camp also featured a custom photo shoot to go along with each student's songs, devised with their own concepts. Instead of typical interpretations of the songs, in the context of their musicals, the campers became mini costumers and directors, showing off their unique take on their materials for the camera.

Give a round of applause to every member of the camp for finding their voice and bravely going out onstage to tell their personal story!



Tom Burns Photography

**Bennett Leak Named Interim Artistic Director For Second Stage.**

**Jon Jon Briones and Daughter Isa Briones Will Join Broadway's HADESTOWN As Hermes and Eurydice, Respectively.**

**Drag Race Star Jinkx Monsoon to Play Audrey in Off-Broadway LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, Opposite High School Musical Star, Corbin Bleu.**

## GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

### LEMPICKA

*Longacre Theatre*

One of the world's greatest artists deserves the world's biggest stage: Lempicka comes to Broadway, following critically acclaimed, sold-out runs at the Williamstown Theatre Festival and the La Jolla Playhouse. From the Tony Award®-winning director of HADESTOWN and starring Edén Espinosa, this New York Times Critic's Pick is a sweeping musical portrait of a woman who changed art and culture forever.

Spanning decades of political and personal turmoil and told through a thrilling, pop-infused score, Lempicka boldly explores the contradictions of a world in crisis, a woman ahead of her era, and an artist whose time has finally come.

"Edén Espinosa has finally found a part to match her high-voltage talent in this rousing, surprising, intricately shaded portrait of a conquering heroine." The New York Times

"A singular boldness pulses through LEMPICKA, a musical that's as ambitious and complex as the painter it frames onstage." The Los Angeles Times

### HELL'S KITCHEN

*Shubert Theatre*

There's a place where the rhythm of the city is music, where every corner has a story, and every window is a kaleidoscope. Where a girl can step out of her apartment and find the world. That's Hell's Kitchen, a new

There are more opportunities for your students to share their talents on Shea's stage! Join us this summer for one (or more) of our incredible camps- Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive, The Actor's Edge, and Comedy on Cue!

Click here to learn more information and register for these 2024 Summer Theatre Camps! Slots fill up quickly, do not miss this fantastic educational opportunity!

**SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
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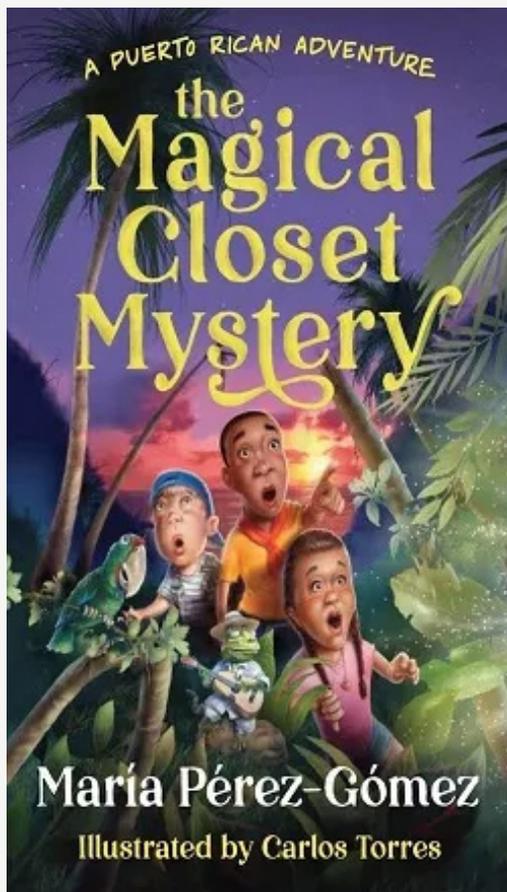
<p><b>SING YOUR STORY</b></p> <p>February 19 - 23, 2024 Ages 10 - 17 \$250</p> <p>Using a song of their choice, students will explore their unique experience to create a connecting monologue and devise their own design ideas in lighting and costumes.</p>	<p><b>SHEA'S SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE</b></p> <p>July 8 - 19, 2024 • Ages 10-17 \$450</p> <p>Students take classes in dancing, acting, writing and music all while preparing for a final showcase of their own original 10-minute musical on the Shea's Mainstage.</p>
<p><b>THE ACTOR'S EDGE</b></p> <p>July 22 - August 2, 2024 • Ages 13 - 17 \$450 • Auditions required</p> <p>Students take classes in a wide variety of acting techniques taught by professional actors and directors all while prepping for a final showcase of scenes and monologues.</p>	<p><b>COMEDY ON CUE</b></p> <p>August 5 - 9, 2024 • Ages 9-12 \$250</p> <p>Students learn the basic foundations of comedic acting and writing while writing and rehearsing their own original comedy sketches in the style of Saturday Night Live.</p>


[REGISTER HERE or at sheas.org](https://www.sheas.org)


## THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY

### THE FINALE TO THIS YEAR'S ON SCHOOL TIME SERIES

Our On School Time Series is going strong here at Shea's! In the last edition of the Callboard, we featured the On School Time Performance of FIND YOUR BEAT. Now, it's almost time for the final show in this series to make its debut on the Shea's 710 Stage! In collaboration with Raices Theatre Company, THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY will be performed to sold-out audiences on Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 28th. Waitlist requests are still open for a potential additional performance.



Adapted from the popular novel of the same name by María Pérez-Gómez, this enchanting musical for young audiences follows three siblings who are magically transported from their closet in Buffalo, NY to their homeland of Puerto Rico where they must uncover their family's secret past and harness the magic that sent them to save the rainforest.

This performance of THE MAGICAL CLOSET MYSTERY is extra special as it is the first time this story will be staged as a musical — young audience members will be among the first ever to see this show live!

Shea'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. Click here for more info!

musical from 15-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys that's about to make Broadway feel brand new.

In the mid 90's, in an apartment high above the energy and grit of Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen neighborhood, 17-year-old Ali squints toward the horizon until she can just see the Hudson River. Despite the warnings of her protective mother, the symphony of the street calls to her—promising freedom, excitement, and the possibility of love. Finding herself. When a wise piano teacher helps her find her voice, Ali learns she can make the city her own.

Don't miss this exhilarating, joyful, coming-of-age story filled with that New York grit about chasing your dreams, honoring your roots, identity and finding your voice. Directed by four-time Tony Award® nominee Michael Greif, with choreography by Tony Award nominee Camille A. Brown, a book by Pulitzer Prize finalist Kristoffer Diaz, and featuring Keys's new original songs and iconic anthems—in a story inspired by her own NY experience—HELL'S KITCHEN is the kind of Broadway musical dreams are made of.



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