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Tickets to Newsies, Produced by Kavinoky Theatre, Go On Sale Friday, August 9

Performances Will Run on the Stage at Shea's 710 Theatre September 12 - 29

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre's production of **Newsies**, the smash-hit musical, will be performed at Shea's 710 Theatre for a three-week engagement from **September 12 to September 29**. The musical features a score by eight-time Academy Award® winner Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman and a book by four-time Tony Award® winner Harvey Fierstein (La Cage aux Folles, Torch Song Trilogy). **Tickets go on sale to the public on Friday, August 9, 2024.**

Katie Mallinson, Executive Artistic Director for D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre said, "I can't think of a better show for the Kavinoky's debut at Shea's 710 than Disney's Newsies, with its infectious music, dynamic dancing, and heartfelt humor. It's the type of show that you can bring your parents as well as your kids; the type of show that can be a great date night or fun friends night. The Kav is excited and honored to open the 2024/2025 season at Shea's 710 with this inspiring story as told by our incredibly talented cast and production team."

Set in New York City at the turn of the century, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of teenaged "newsies," who dreams only of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph

Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies from across the city to strike for what's right.

Newsies is inspired by the real-life 'Newsboy Strike of 1899,' when newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two-week-long action against Pulitzer, Hearst and other powerful newspaper publishers.

"We are thrilled to kick-off the 2024-25 Frey Electric Season at Shea's 710 Theatre with *Newsies* - our first-ever collaboration with Kavinoky Theatre," **said Brian Higgins, President & CEO of Shea's Performing Arts Center.** "This high-energy show, centered around perseverance and solidarity, is sure to appeal to a broad audience. Don't miss this opportunity to see locally produced theatre at its best as we raise the curtain on another fabulous season."

The stage version introduces eight brand-new songs by the original team of Menken and Feldman, including a song written specifically for the national tour called "Letter from the Refuge," while keeping many of the beloved songs from the film, including "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," "King of New York," and "Santa Fe."

Since the film's 1992 theatrical release and subsequent DVD releases, *Newsies* has grown into a cult phenomenon, and for years was the single most requested title of all the Disney musical films not yet adapted for the stage. (The film featured a screenplay by Bob Tzudiker & Noni White (Tarzan, 102 Dalmatians).

Newsies's longevity and reach has been driven from the beginning by an indefatigable fan base. Beginning as a pilot regional production, *Newsies* was called to New York by critical acclaim and now *Newsies* is coming to Buffalo, NY this season.

For information on performances and tickets, visit: www.sheas.org/performances/disneys-newsies/.

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Additional Background & Resources:

The announcement of *Newsies* Cast & Creative Team is available here:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sheas.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/05154036/7-23-24-NEWSIES-CAST.pdf>

Load-in, tech, and rehearsals for *Newsies* are currently underway at Shea's 710 Theatre and will continue up until the performance dates.

Attached: Newsies Graphics