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SOME LIKE IT HOT OPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

First Production in Shea's 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season Cast Includes Western New York Native Devon Goffman

Shea's Performing Arts Center is thrilled to open the 2024-25 Five Star Bank Broadway Season at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Tuesday, September 24, with **SOME LIKE IT HOT**, the "Super-Sized, All-Out Song-And-Dance Spectacular!" (*The New York Times*).

The stop includes eight performances running Tuesday, September 24 through Sunday, September 29. Tickets are available at Shea's Buffalo Theatre Box Office at 650 Main Street and online at sheas.org. Groups of 10 or more can order tickets by calling 716-829-1153. For more information visit: www.sheas.org/performances/some-like-it-hot/.

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 in its 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."

Leading the tour are **Matt Loehr** as Joe/Josephine, **Tavis Kordell** as Jerry/Daphne, **Leandra Ellis-Gaston** as Sugar, **Edward Juvier** as Osgood, **Tarra Conner Jones** as Sweet Sue, **Jamie LaVerdiere** as Mulligan, **Devon Goffman** as Spats, and **Devon Hadsell**, who was a member of the original Broadway company, as Minnie.

Devon Goffman is a Western New York native who got his start in musical theatre as an Orchard Park High School student and went on to graduate from SUNY Fredonia. His Broadway credits include *Jersey Boys* (Tommy DeVito), *On Your Feet!* (Phil), *Motown, Grease* (Vince Fontaine), *Titanic* (Barrett), Buddy. His work in television includes "Law & Order: O.C." (Det. Greg Florial) and "Lincoln Rhyme" (Amelia's Dad). His cast bio is signed "Go Bills!"

Rounding out the company in alphabetical order are **Ayla Allen, Ashley Marie Arnold, Kelly Berman, Darien Crago, Drew Franklin, Tim Fuchs, Rachael Britton Hart, Devin Holloway, Bryan Thomas Hunt, Emily Kelly, Brianna Kim, Stephen Michael Langton, Jay Owens, Ranease Ryann, Nissi Shalome, Michael Skrzek, and Tommy Sutter.**

Headshots and bios for the full cast are available here.

SOME LIKE IT HOT features a book by **Matthew López** (*The Inheritance*) & **Amber Ruffin** ("The Amber Ruffin Show"), music by **Marc Shaiman**, lyrics by **Scott Wittman** and Marc Shaiman (*Hairspray*) and direction and choreography by **Casey Nicholaw** (*The Book of Mormon*). The musical is based on the classic MGM film *Some Like It Hot* which has been named the "Funniest American Movie of All Time" by the American Film Institute.

The creative team also includes **Scott Pask** (Sets), **Gregg Barnes** (Costumes), **Natasha Katz** (Lights), **Brian Ronan** (Sound), **Josh Marquette** (Hair), **Milagros Medina-Cerdeira** (Makeup), **Christian Borle** & **Joe Farrell** (Additional Material), **Mary-Mitchell Campbell** and **Darryl Archibald** (Music Supervision), **Kristy Norter** (Music Coordinator), **Charlie Rosen** and **Bryan Carter** (Orchestrations), **Marc Shaiman** (Vocal Arrangements), and **Glen Kelly** (Dance and Incidental Music Arrangements). The production team also includes **Steve Bebout** (Associate Director), **John MacInnis** (Associate Choreographer) and **Juniper Street Productions** (Production Management). **101 Productions, Ltd.** serves as the general manager.

SOME LIKE IT HOT is produced on tour by The Shubert Organization and Neil Meron, and coproduced by Hunter Arnold, Roy Furman, John Gore Organization, James L. Nederlander, The Dalgleish Library Company Group, Cue to Cue Productions, Sandy Robertson, Sheboygan Conservatory Partners, ATG Productions, Bob Boyett, Janet and Marvin Rosen, The Araca Group, Concord Theatricals, Independent Presenters Network; D. S. Moynihan, Executive Producer.

The North American tour is booked by **The Booking Group** (<u>www.thebookinggroup.com</u>) with casting by **The Telsey Office.**

Concord Theatricals Recordings released the Grammy Award®-winning **SOME LIKE IT HOT** (*Original Broadway Cast Recording*) on streaming and digital platforms worldwide in March 2023 with CD and vinyl now available.

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