

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

JANUARY 2025

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CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS HAVE BEGUN!

January marked the beginning of our Centennial Celebrations here at Shea's! January 15th, 2025 marked the 100th anniversary of the Groundbreaking of Shea's Buffalo. This marked the construction of Shea's Buffalo, which was completed a year and a day later, on January 16th, 2026.

To kick off this two-year-long celebration, a commencement was held on the 15th, announcing the Centennial festivities planned at the theatre and in the community during 2025 and 2026. We also debuted our Centennial logo, featuring our iconic blade sign.



After, we kicked off the festivities with our Groundbreaking Centennial Cocktail Party on January 16th from 5:30-7:30pm.

The cocktail party featured an open bar as well as hors d'oeuvres and a carving station from Bijou. DJ Milk helped everyone party like it was 1920, with fun, jazzy hits. Party guests also received the first batch of our 100th anniversary pins. This and more fun merchandise commemorating the Centennial will be available for the public to purchase soon!

If you missed this event, don't worry! There are plenty more celebrations coming soon! Over the course of the two-year Centennial celebration, Shea's Performing Arts Center will be holding a number of special events and activities. Some include the 2025-2026 Five Star Bank Broadway Season Announcement on March 18th, a birthday celebration for Michael Shea on April 1st, the Shea's Wonder Awards on May 17th, and the 2025 Gala Fundraising Celebration in Spring 2026.

Shea's Buffalo Theatre Centennial sponsors include the John W. Danforth Co., Daniel & Gail Alexander, Kaleida Health, Five Star Bank, KeyBank, Tompkins Bank, OSC Charitable Foundation, Union Concrete, Gary & Deborah Hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

JOE BONAMASSA
FEB 25

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

**WILD KRATTS LIVE 2.0—
ACTIVATE CREATURE POWER!**
APR 2

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE
2024-25 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
APR 8-13

**DANCING WITH THE STARS
LIVE!**
APR 15

R&B INVITATION TOUR
APR 18

BRIT FLOYD
APR 23

**JIM JEFFERIES: SON OF A
CARPENTER**
APR 25

SHEA'S 710

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

OPEN THE VAULT!

TAKE IN THE HISTORY OF SHEA'S BUFFALO FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

As a part of our Centennial Celebrations, Shea's is opening the vault on the history of Shea's Buffalo! You can access our Virtual Vault on the Shea's Website. The virtual vault tells the story of Shea's Buffalo Theatre throughout the decades through photos and descriptive elements.

The vault will be opened in sections. The first, featuring "Construction of Shea's" is now available [here](#). The Construction of Shea's covers the year and a day stretch from January 15th, 1925 to January 16th, 1926.

Here is a preview of some of the historic photos you can view in the vault!



Keep an eye out for the releases of the vault's other sections, "Grand Opening of Shea's," "The Height of the Wonder Theatre," and "Restoring Shea's." If you want to interact with Shea's Buffalo's history up close, be sure to book a tour! Read on in the Call Board for more information on the return of the much-loved historic tours.

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

THE NICITIES

2ND GENERATION THEATRE
FEB 14-MAR 2

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE LOVED ONES

Irish Classical Theatre
The Andrews Theatre
FEB 14-MAR 2

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

THE HOBBIT

Theatre of Youth
The Allendale Theatre
MAR 1-9

TARZAN

Curtain Up Productions
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
MAR 6-16

THE MOUSETRAP

Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
Ellicott Creek Playhouse
MAR 7-23

THE INFORMER

American Repertory Theatre of WNY
American Repertory Theatre of WNY
MAR 13-29

SANCTUARY CITY

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
MAR 21-APR 6

CHESS: THE MUSICAL

Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
MAR 28-APR 13

DORIAN

Irish Classical Theatre
The Andrews Theatre
FEB 14-MAR 2

THE MIRACLE WORKER

Aurora Players
The Roycroft Pavilion
MAR 28-APR 13

HISTORIC TOURS ARE BACK!

A RETURN OF A MUCH-LOVED EXPERIENCE.

Experience the wonder of Shea's Buffalo Theatre through a historic tour. Visitors will be able to learn about the theatre's history, our preservation efforts, and get a backstage look at the inner workings of production spaces during guided tours. Public tours will predominantly be held monthly on Mondays at 6:00PM, with the exception of Memorial Day weekend. Tickets are \$25/person. Private group VIP experiences for \$50/each. Educational tours can also be scheduled by contacting our Arts Engagement and Education Department.

Tour dates are now open from February through August. Additional dates for tours later this year will be added after the Broadway season announcement.

Monday, February 10, 2025

Monday, March 17, 2025

Monday, April 14, 2025

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Monday, June 16, 2025

Monday, July 28, 2025

Monday, August 4, 2025

For tickets, call Shea's Historic Tour hotline at 716-829-1166. Details are available at: <https://www.sheas.org/historic-tours/>.

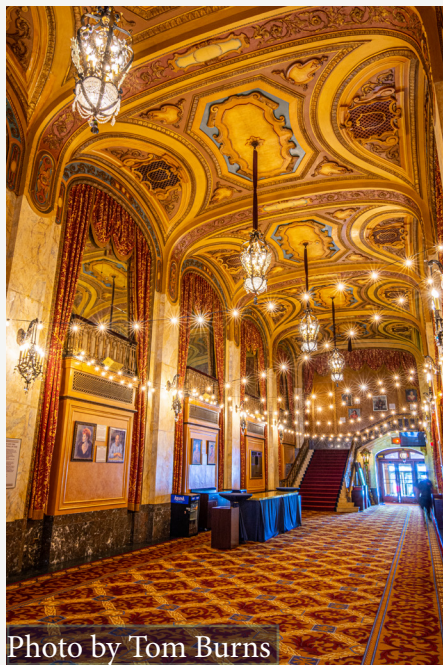


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THEATRE NEWS

HELL'S KITCHEN Wins Grammy For Best Musical Theater Album.

Tituss Burgess to Star as Mary Todd Lincoln in OH MARY! On Broadway.

Kyra Belle Johnson and Fergie L. Philippe to Play Title Roles in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST North American Tour

OPERATION MINCEMEAT Announces Full Creative Team for Broadway

MAYBE HAPPY ENDING, OUTSIDERS and More To Take Part in Kids' Night on Broadway.

Alex Joseph Grayson to Play Dallas Winston in Broadway's THE OUTSIDERS.

Broadway-Bound BIG FISH Revisal to Receive Industry Reading Starring Patrick Wilson.

Junior Nyong'o to Star Opposite Sister Lupita Nyong'o in Free Shakespeare in the Park's TWELFTH NIGHT.

Broadway Bets Game Night, Produced and Benefitting Broadway Cares, to Return to Sardi's in May.

Jenny Gersten Appointed VP & Artistic Director, Musical Theater of New York City Center.

HADESTOWN, Featuring Original London and Broadway Cast, to Be Filmed Live in the West End.

Milo Manheim & Elizabeth Gillies To Star in Off-Broadway LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

THE LOST BOYS Musical, Adapted From Cult-Classical Vampire Film, Sets Broadway Debut for Spring 2026.

Understudies From HELL'S KITCHEN, WICKED & More Will Stand in the Spotlight in the Continued AT THIS PERFORMANCE... Concert Series.

WNY UNIFIED COLLEGE AUDITIONS

STUDENTS AUDITION FOR LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AT SHEA'S

The Arts Engagement and Education Department kicked off the month of February with the first annual Western New York Unified College Auditions. Shea's hosted fifteen talented prospective students and seven different college theatre programs in our rehearsal hall spaces.

During their time at the auditions, students learned a dance call, performed monologues and songs, participated in a college fair, and were offered refreshments.

Unified auditions allow prospective students to audition for multiple schools at once, saving on audition fees, and in turn breaking down barriers to pursuing an arts education. Numerous students were also offered scholarships from colleges in attendance.

We applaud these brave students for going out and chasing their dreams! We can't wait to grow this program and allow more students to pursue a career in theatre.

Check out highlights from this event below.



Casting Directors of OH MARY!, OUTSIDERS, and STEREOPHONIC Named Winners at 40th Annual Artios Awards.

THE GREAT GATSBY Musical Unveils Complete West End Casting.

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice Set to Collaborate on Sherlock Holmes Musical Comedy.

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

CABARET AT THE KIT KAT CLUB
August Wilson Theatre

Willkommen. Bienvenue. Welcome to the Kit Kat Club. Home to the smash-hit production of CABARET that Entertainment Weekly hails as "an unforgettable and jaw-dropping experience," and New York Magazine declares "a glitzy, entertaining and ingenious revival that goes all out."

Experience this groundbreaking musical like never before. The denizens of the Kit Kat Club have created a decadent sanctuary inside Broadway's August Wilson Theatre, where artists and performers, misfits and outsiders rule the night. Step inside their world. This is Berlin. Relax. Loosen up. Be yourself.

Through March 29, see Grammy Award® nominee Adam Lambert as Emcee and film and television star Auli'i Cravalho (Moana, Mean Girls) as Sally Bowles. Beginning March 31, see trailblazing country music star Orville Peck as Emcee and two-time Tony Award® nominee Eva Noblezada (Hadestown, Miss Saigon) as Sally Bowles.

CABARET has music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and a book by Joe Masteroff—based on the play by John Van Druten and stories by Christopher Isherwood.

THE OUTSIDERS
Jacobs Theatre

The winner of 4 Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, and 2 Drama Desk Awards is THE OUTSIDERS.

FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES

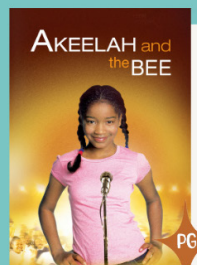
JOIN US FOR THE REST OF OUR SERIES

On Sunday, January 19th we kicked off our Free Family Film Series with a showing of Pixar's Inside Out 2 at Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Families and friends got in touch with their emotions with fun activities before the movie and enjoyed tasty theatre snacks while watching Pixar's Inside Out 2 on the big screen. Thank you to Spectrum Health and Erie County for their support!



Want to attend a Free Family Film at Shea's? Save the date and remember to get your free tickets which are available approximately three weeks prior to each film. Visit sheas.org or stop by the Shea's Box Office.

FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES



February 23,
2025
Shea's Buffalo
Theatre



April 27,
2025
Shea's Buffalo
Theatre



May 18,
2025
Shea's Buffalo
Theatre

The film series is free, but reservations are recommended. Get your free tickets starting three weeks out from the show date. Showtimes are at 1PM, doors open at Noon.

GET TICKETS

Adapted from S.E. HINTON's seminal novel and FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA's iconic film, this thrilling new Broadway musical features a book by ADAM RAPP with JUSTIN LEVINE, music and lyrics by JAMESTOWN REVIVAL (Jonathan Clay & Zach Chance) and JUSTIN LEVINE, music supervision, orchestration, and arrangements by JUSTIN LEVINE, choreography by RICK KUPERMAN & JEFF KUPERMAN, and direction by Tony Award® winner DANYA TAYMOR. The New York Post calls it "The Best New Musical of the Season."

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1967, Ponyboy Curtis, his best friend Johnny Cade and their Greaser family of 'outsiders' battle with their affluent rivals, the Socs. THE OUTSIDERS navigates the complexities of self-discovery as the Greasers dream about who they want to become in a world that may never accept them. With a dynamic original score, THE OUTSIDERS is a story of friendship, family, belonging...and the realization that there is still "lots of good in the world."



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