

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

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SHEA'S GALA 2025

CHAired BY MARCO AND KARI CERONE

On Friday, June 6th, 2025, experience the wonder of Shea's! This evening begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by a gourmet dinner, presentation, and live auction on the Shea's Buffalo stage. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime evening filled with plenty of surprises and memorable moments. And as our single biggest fundraising event of the year, it's an important night for Shea's.



This year we are honored to feature a special guest appearance by Broadway superstar, Tony Award-Winner, Stephanie J. Block! You may remember Stephanie from Broadway's *Wicked* when she replaced Idina Menzel in the role of Elphaba (and subsequently helped launch the National Tour.) Or you may recognize her from her Tony-Award Winning performance as Cher in *The Cher Show*. Or more recently, you may have seen her right here at Shea's Buffalo Theatre as The Baker's Wife in Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*! We are honored and fortunate to host this legendary star of stage and screen in Buffalo as our distinguished dinner guest at this year's Gala.

As a non-profit presenting theatre company, Shea's only retains a portion of ticket sales, which makes our supporters critical for us to provide enriching and innovative theatrical experiences to our community all while restoring and maintaining the historic Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Support Shea's by attending our Gala!

Tickets are \$300 a person or \$550 a couple or sponsorship for a table of ten starts at \$4,000. Call (716) 829-1170 to inquire about tickets!

Shea's Gala 2025
Experience the Wonder

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHEA'S BUFFALO

DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT
MARCH 16

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS IN CONCERT
MARCH 21-22

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

THE CHER SHOW
2024-25 SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
SPONSORED BY GALLAHER
MAY 2-4

**NARUTO
THE SYMPHONIC EXPERIENCE**
MAY 7

**PAW PATROL LIVE
A MIGHTY ADVENTURE**
MAY 10

**AIN'T TOO PROUD— THE
LIFE AND TIMES OF THE
TEMPTATIONS**
2024-25 SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
SPONSORED BY GALLAHER
MAY 30- JUN 1

SHEA'S 710

DIAL M FOR MURDER
2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON
ROAD LESS TRAVELED PRODUCTIONS
MAR 27-APR 13

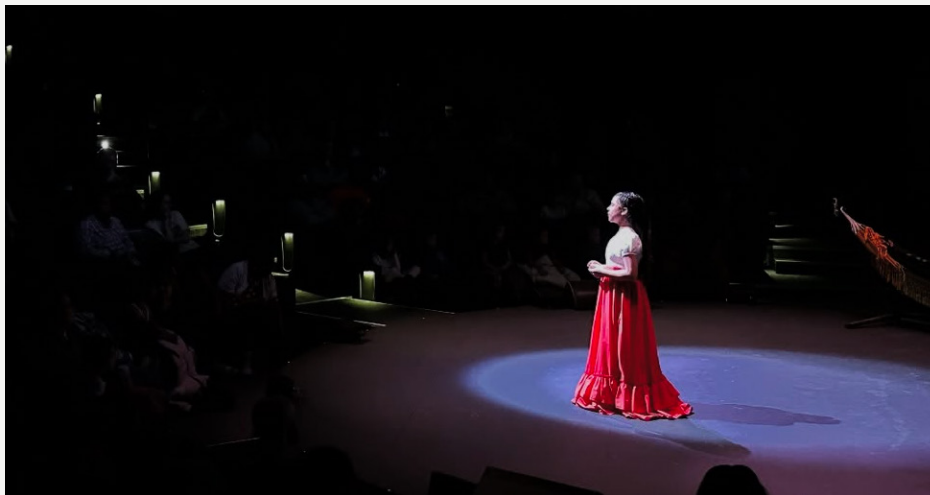
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MORIVIVÍ

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ON SCHOOL TIME SERIES

We thank the roughly 550 students and 12 schools who attended the second installment of our On School Time Series, MORIVIVÍ on Tuesday, February 25th, 2025. Your joy and enthusiasm helped to make the event a complete success! We also thank El Batey Puerto Rican Center for their partnership in producing their show.

El Batey is a non-profit organization committed to creating safe and engaging spaces for our youth. Their services center culture, traditions, family and education as the cornerstones for a thriving and healthy Puerto Rican community.

The Arts Engagement and Education Department hopes that MORIVIVÍ helped students gain a different perspective of the world and learn about the culture of Puerto Rico. The show told the story of a small island nation that is defined by the spirit of its people, who, like the moriviví, resiliently comes back to life, choosing to rise despite the odds. Moriviví captures the essence of being Boricua in a Batey that stands the test of time.



Performances in Sheá's on School Time Series, like MORIVIVÍ bring educational shows designed for young audiences to Sheá's stages. Keep an eye out for more information on future shows in our On School Time Series.

There are more ways for your students to be involved in the arts here at Sheá's! Sign up for our Summer Break camps! [Click here](#) for more information on our educational programs.

LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL

2024-25 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
MAY 1-18

AN EVENING WITH JUDY COLLINS

MAY 21

SOS THE ABBA EXPERIENCE

MAY 30

DON JOVI (BON JOVI TRIBUTE)

MAY 31

SHEA'S SMITH

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

2ND GENERATION THEATRE
MAY 2-18

IN THE COMMUNITY

SANCTUARY CITY

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

PIPPIN

O'Connell & Company
O'Connell & Company Mainstage
MARCH 21 – APR 6

LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Sotto Voce
First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo
MARCH 28 – 30

CHESS: THE MUSICAL

Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
MAR 28 – APR 13

DORIAN

Irish Classical Theatre
The Andrews Theatre
MARCH 28 – APR 13

THE MIRACLE WORKER

Aurora Players
The Roycroft Pavilion
MAR 28 – APR 13

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD

Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
APR 11 – MAY 3

WAITRESS

MusicalFare Theatre
MusicalFare Theatre
APR 16 – MAY 18

BURN THIS

Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theatre
APR 17 – MAY 18

EVERYBODY

Ujima Theatre Company
Lorna C. Hill Theater
MAY 2 – 18

INTO THE WOODS

O'Connell & Company
O'Connell & Company Mainstage
MAY 2 – 18

SWEET CHARITY

D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
MAY 2 – 18

SING YOUR STORY

21 STUDENTS SPENT THE WEEK SINGING THEIR STORY

This month our Arts Education and Engagement Department continued our winter break education camp, SING YOUR STORY. This year, twenty one amazing young artists learned from amazing, local teaching artists.

Students in the camp choose a song to explore their unique life experience to create a connecting monologue and “Sing their Story.” They devised their own ideas, lighting, and costuming. This results in a unique, personalized performance where the students are the stars!



The camp culminated in an exciting performance on the Shea's 710 stage on February 21st. Over 130 parents, friends, and families came out to show their love and support, and watch these exceptional students “Sing their Story.”



“SCIENCE OF THEATRE” SUMMER CAMP

A NEW SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM!

Shea's Performing Arts Center and the Buffalo Museum of Science announced a new, joint summer camp program giving middle and high school students a unique opportunity to explore the inner workings of a theatre production through the “Science of Theatre” summer camp. The 4-day program runs from August 11 - 14 and is open to students entering grades 7 through 12.



To register for this camp and explore additional Discovery Camps offered by the Buffalo Museum of Science visit: [Discovery Camps at Buffalo Museum of Science.](#)

Shea's Performing Arts Center Department of Arts Engagement and Education also offers a series of camps. For more information visit: [Shea's Arts Engagement and Education Programs.](#)

THEATRE NEWS

Kristen Chenoweth—led **THE QUEEN OF VERSAILLES** Musical to Play Broadway's St. James Theatre Next Season.

Joey Fatone Sets Encore Engagement in Broadway's & JULIET

Athol Fugard, South African Playwright Who Chronicled Apartheid, Dies at 95.

MAMMA MIA! Returns to Broadway for Limited Summer Engagement.

Broadway Women's Fund Announces Women to Watch on Broadway 2025 List.

Marketing and Partnerships Professional Matt Chisling Will Join TDF.

BOOP! THE MUSICAL Will Offer Rush and \$30 Under 30 Tickets.

Broadway Merchandise Store ONE SHUBERT ALLEY Adds Second Location.

Lea Michele Announces Spring and Summer Concert Tour With Hits From GLEE, Broadway, and More.

Michael Maliakel Joins **THE GREAT GATSBY** On Broadway As Nick Carraway.

Broadway.com Opens Submissions for their 2025 “Broadway's Biggest Fan Contest.”

Manhattan Theatre Club to Open James Graham's **PUNCH** On Broadway in Fall 2025.

SUNSET BOULEVARD Welcomes 500 NYC Public School Educators for Teachers Night

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

BOOP! THE MUSICAL
Broadhurst Theatre

Please welcome to the stage, LIVE for the first time ever...**BETTY BOOP!** That sassy-sweet champion of empowerment, that spit-curled

BEHIND EVERY GREAT SEASON IS A GREAT STORY

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT!

It's that time of year again when we announce our next season of Broadway shows. What great shows will be coming to Buffalo? Tune in to our website and social media on the evening of Tuesday, March 18th to find out or come join us in person at Shea's Buffalo!



The stage presentation starts at 7PM but you can arrive as early as 5:30PM to sample new concession items, renew your subscription or buy a new one! Our Shea's Spotlight Committee will also be selling their Mega Raffle tickets which will give you the chance to win season tickets to Shea's Buffalo and Shea's 710 Theatre.

By 9:00PM on March 18th the 2025-26 Five Star Bank Broadway Season will be fully announced. Follow us on social media to stay in the know!



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SHEA'S CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

As part of our centennial celebration, Shea's will be selling merchandise commemorating our centennial! It has been over a decade since our community has had the opportunity to buy official Shea's merchandise and we are excited to share our offerings. Those who attend our season announcement will have the first opportunity to see and purchase merchandise but follow us on social media and our website for more information.

Our Centennial logo features our iconic Buffalo blade sign. The trademark Shea's Buffalo blade sign, which was an original ornament on the theatre when it opened, was removed during the theatre's first half-century of operations. A replica of the original, weighing over five tons and illuminated by 1,100 lights was installed in 2004.

The blade restoration, along with work recreating the pediment and finials, which adorn the top of the facade, restored Shea's exterior to be an exact replica of the design featured when the theatre opened in 1926.



icon of joy, that songstress of strength comes alive in BOOP!, the new Broadway-bound musical-comedy extravaganza that's fun for the whole family.

Tony Award®-winning director/choreographer Jerry Mitchell (Kinky Boots, La Cage aux Folles, Hairspray) brings Fleischer Studios' Queen of the Screen to the theater with celebrated multiple-time Grammy®-winning composer David Foster ("I Have Nothing," "After the Love Is Gone," "The Prayer"), Tony-nominated lyricist Susan Birkenhead (Working, Jelly's Last Jam), and Tony-winning bookwriter Bob Martin (The Drowsy Chaperone, The Prom).

For almost a century, Betty Boop has won hearts and inspired fans around the world with her trademark looks, voice, and style. Now, in BOOP!, Betty's dream of an ordinary day off from the super-celebrity in her black-and-white world leads to an extraordinary adventure of color, music, and love in New York City—one that reminds her and the world, "You are capable of amazing things." Boop-oop-a-doop!



This issue of the SHEA'S CALL-BOARD is prepared by members of the Development Department including writing from Julianna Tracey and Cassandra Lippert.

Thank you to our Arts Engagement and Education Department for information on our On School Time Performance and the Sing Your Story Camp. Thank you to our Marketing Department for information on our Season Announcement and Centennial Merchandise.

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