

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

MID-JUNE TO MID-JULY 2025

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

## DUNGEONS & DRAMATICS

**Young Performers Brought Fantasy to Life at Shea's "Dungeons & Dramatics" Summer Theatre Intensive**

This summer, Shea's Performing Arts Center transformed into a world of imagination, teamwork, and theatrical magic as 80 young performers took the stage for the annual Summer Musical Theatre Intensive. Inspired by the enchanting theme "*Dungeons & Dramatics*," the two-week day camp offered students ages 10 to 17 an unforgettable creative journey.



Hosted by Shea's Arts Engagement & Education Department, the camp immersed students in daily classes in acting, dance, writing, and vocal performance. Guided by a team of experienced local teaching artists, the young performers developed essential theatre skills while learning to work collaboratively in a fun, high-energy environment.



## UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

### DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

2025-26 SPECIAL SUBSCRIBER ADD-ON  
PART OF THE GALLAGHER ENCORE SERIES  
AUG 20-24

### THE OUTSIDERS

2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
SEP 17-23

### CURTAIN UP! KICKOFF COCKTAIL PARTY

SEP 19

**AN EVENING WITH DAVID  
BYRNE— WHO IS THE SKY TOUR**  
SEP 25

**WHEEL OF FORTUNE LIVE!**  
OCT 1

### THE NOTEBOOK

2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
OCT 7-12

### THE THORN

OCT 18-19

**STARDEW VALLEY:  
SYMPHONY OF SEASONS**  
OCT 21

**GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE LIVE!**  
OCT 29

### SWAN LAKE

CLASSICAL ARTS ENTERTAINMENT  
NOV 1

### WICKED

2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
NOV 12-30

## SHEA'S 710

### DREAMGIRLS

2025-26 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON  
ANSARISAXON PRODUCTIONS  
SEP 10-28

### COME FROM AWAY

MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
OCT 23- NOV 9

## SHEA'S SMITH

### ON THE CANAL

SEP 26- 28

### URINETOWN

2ND GENERATION THEATRE  
OCT 24- NOV 9

What truly set this camp apart was its culminating project: the creation of an entirely original musical. Drawing on their training and boundless imaginations, each student contributed ideas, characters, and songs to bring their fantasy-inspired production to life.



The program concluded with a final showcase on the historic stage of Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Friday, July 18th. In front of a packed audience of proud family and friends, the campers performed their one-of-a-kind musical with confidence, joy, and undeniable talent.

As the curtain fell on "*Dungeons & Dramatics*," the young artists walked away not only with new skills, but with lasting memories, newfound friendships, and the empowering experience of seeing their creativity shine in the spotlight.



If your student wants to participate in fun, educational programs this summer, it's not too late! This August, The Buffalo Museum of Science and Shea's Performing Arts Center are joining forces to present a one-of-a-kind summer camp that pulls back the curtain on stage production. From set design to sound and lighting, there is science in all aspects of theater production and this unique summer camp collaboration is just the thing for aspiring theatrical technicians.

The four-day program runs August 11th-14th, 2025 and is open to students entering grades 7-12. Campers will dive into the science at Buffalo Museum of Science on Monday and Tuesday, then head to the Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday to apply it behind the scenes. Some last minute spots are still available! Register now: <https://www.sciencebuff.org/event/new-discovery-camp-science-of-theatre-with-sheas-performing-arts-center/>

## SEASON SPOTLIGHT

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHOWS IN THE 2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY SEASON

In our last issue, we highlighted *THE NOTEBOOK* and *WICKED*. This issue, we will explore *'Twas The Night Before* and *KIMBERLY AKIMBO*. Make sure you read the next issue to learn more about the other shows in our 2025-26 Five Star Bank Broadway Season.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### THE TEMPEST— NEW YORK STATE TOUR

Produced By: *Shake on the Lake*  
Various Locations  
JUL 17– AUG 3

### BYE BYE BIRDIE

Produced By: *Spotlight Performing Artists, Inc.*  
Taylor Theatre at the Kenan Center  
JUL 18– 20

### BROADWAY AT THE BREWERY

Produced By: *Starring Buffalo*  
Wayland Brewing  
JUL 23

### RICHARD III

Produced By: *Shakespeare in Delaware Park*  
Shakespeare in Delaware Park  
JUL 24– AUG 17

### THE BOOK OF WILL

Produced By: *Road Less Traveled Productions*  
Road Less Traveled Theater  
SEP 19– OCT 19

## THEATRE NEWS

**One Last Turn: GYPSY, Starring Audra McDonald, Sets Final Broadway Performance.**

**MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG Broadway Live Capture Gets December Theatrical Release Date.**

**Kenny Leon, Kathleen Marshall, Late Rebecca Luker Among 2025 Theater Hall of Fame Inductees.**

**Phillipa Soo, Josh Gad, Zachary James, Tyrone Huntley, Brian Crum Join Hollywood Bowl JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.**

**THE DROWSY CHAPERONE Sets New York Benefit Concert With Laverne Cox, Jonathan Van Ness, Betty Who and Alex Newell.**

**MAYBE HAPPY ENDING Sets Cast Album Signing at The Drama Book Shop.**

**&JULIET Will Receive Exhibition Honoring Max Martin at the Grammy Museum.**

**Social Media Network Devoted to Broadway Fans Announces Public Availability Date.**

**Cayleigh Capaldi, Kevin Earley and Christiane Noll to Lead THE SOUND OF MUSIC North American Tour.**



## 'Twas the Night Before

Date of Premier: November 29, 2019 at the Chicago Theatre

Based on the 1823 Christmas Poem, *A Visit From St. Nicholas*.

It's the holidays, and this year, things are different. For years, Isabella and her father have read "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" "Twas the Night Before Christmas" together. But this year Isabella feels like she's outgrown the family tradition. But then the magic of the poem comes to life, and Isabella and her father are unexpectedly separated by a snowstorm that sends them on a fantastical journey.

In a winter wonderland inspired by the poem, they discover whimsical characters, acrobats, children and reindeer who reunite father and daughter in the holiday spirit.



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**New York Times Chief Theatre Critic Jesse Green to Be Reassigned; Paper Searching for New Critic.**

**Kumail Nanjiani, Michael Urie and Jenn Harris to Join Jinkx Monsoon in OH, MARY! On Broadway.**

**Cast Members of Broadway's MAMMA MIA! Will Perform at Ellen's Stardust Diner on July 22.**

**Get a Sneak Peek at Upcoming Hirschfeld's Sondheim: A Poster Book.**

**Date Announced for 2025 Broadway Flea Market & Grand Auction.**

**RuPaul's Drag Race Star Onya Nurve and Noah Silverman to Star in KINKY BOOTS on Tour.**

**PHANTOM, Transformed: A First Look at the Costumes of New York's Immersive Masquerade.**

**Tony Awards Administration Committee Announces 2025–26 Season Nominators.**

**New York Yankees to Celebrate HAMILTON's 10th Anniversary With Special Cap.**

**Nicole Scherzinger, Shoshana Bean, Cheyenne Jackson to Headline Carnegie Hall Concerts.**

**CALL ME IZZY Extends Broadway Run; Jean Smart Sets Return Date.**

**Ariana Grande, Josh Gad Will Lead OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO Animated Movie Musical.**

**Matte Martinez Will Be Broadway's New MJ.**

**GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY**

**OPERATION MINCEMEAT: A NEW MUSICAL**  
*John Golden Theatre*

It's 1943, and the Allied Forces



# KIMBERLY AKIMBO

Opening Night on Broadway: October 12, 2022 at the Booth Theatre

Book By: David Lindsay-Abaire

Music By: Jeanine Tesori

Lyrics By: David Lindsay-Abaire

WINNER

BEST MUSICAL

THE MOST TONY AWARD-WINNING  
SHOW OF ITS SEASON

A new musical about growing up and growing old (in no particular order), KIMBERLY AKIMBO is the winner of 5 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL. It features

Tony Award-winning book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire (Shrek), a Tony Award-winning score by Jeanine Tesori (Fun Home), choreography by Danny Mefford (Dear Evan Hansen) and direction by Tony-nominated director Jessica Stone (Water for Elephants).

Kimberly is about to turn 16 and recently moved with her family to a new town in suburban New Jersey. In this “howlingly funny heartbreaker of a show” (The New Yorker), Kim is forced to navigate family dysfunction, a rare genetic condition, her first crush ... and possible felony charges. Ever the optimist, she is determined to find happiness against all odds and embark on a great adventure.



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are on the ropes. Luckily, they've got a trick up their sleeve. Well, not up their sleeve, per se, but rather inside the pocket of a stolen corpse. Equal parts farce, thriller, and Ian Fleming-style spy caper (with an assist from Mr. Fleming himself), Operation Mincemeat: A New Musical tells the wildly improbable and hilarious true story of the covert operation that turned the tide of WWII.

## WAITING FOR GODOT Hudson Theatre

Celebrated actors Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter are real-life friends who will be starring on Broadway as two friends searching for meaning in an absurd world. Waiting for Godot is the greatest play ever written about nothing. Nothing and everything. But mostly nothing. Seriously, nothing happens.

Directed by Olivier & Tony® Award-winning visionary Jamie Lloyd (Sunset Blvd., A Doll's House, Betrayal), this exhilarating, hilarious and deeply human new production of Samuel Beckett's self-proclaimed "tragicomedy" asks all of life's big questions—and answers none of them. It's ridiculous! Life, and this play. But the wait is worth the wait.



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