

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

MID – NOVEMBER TO MID – DECEMBER 2025

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

DECKING THOSE HALLS!

SHEA'S GETS INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT.

Shea's has officially decked the halls! If you caught any of our holiday favorites this season, THE NUTCRACKER, A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TOUR: LIVE ONSTAGE, Shea's Free Film Series: ELF, 'Twas the Night Before by Cirque du Soleil, or IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS, then you've already seen the Shea's campus sparkling in full holiday splendor.

Once again, the magic came together thanks to the incredible team at Hale Northeastern, along with our dedicated stagehands and Shea's staff. Their hard work brought the entire holiday setup to life in just two days- a true behind-the-scenes holiday miracle!



UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

'Twas the Night Before
2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
DEC 17-28

JERRY SEINFELD
JAN 31

**DANCING WITH THE STARS:
LIVE! – 2026 TOUR**
FEB 3

BRIT FLOYD
FEB 24

**BRET KREISCHER: PERMISSION
TO PARTY**
MAR 1

**LORDS OF THE SOUND
ORCHESTRA: THE MUSIC OF
HANS ZIMMER**
MAR 7

RIVERDANCE
2025-26 GALLAGHER ENCORE SERIES
MAR 13-15

KIMBERLY AKIMBO
2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY
SEASON
MAR 17-22

LEGENDS OF LAUGHTER
MAR 28

SHEA'S 710

MAMMA MIA!
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE
COMPANY
JAN 15- FEB 1

**A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO
LOVE AND MURDER**
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
FEB 19- MAR 8

SHEA'S SMITH

**'Twas a Girls Night Before
CHRISTMAS: THE MUSICAL**
DEC 27

SHREK THE MUSICAL
O'CONNELL & COMPANY
JAN 15-25

**LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR
AND GRILL**
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
JAN 30- FEB 15

GOD OF CARNAGE
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE
COMPANY
FEB 27- MAR 15

This year's décor showcases the iconic colors of Shea's Buffalo: rich golds and maroons, along with the iconic Tiffany blue color featured on our ceilings! The centerpiece of it all is our breathtaking Grand Tree, perched at the top landing of the Grand Lobby staircase. Standing 12 feet tall on a 2-foot base, the tree rises an impressive 14 feet above the lobby, creating a stunning welcome for every guest who enters the main lobby.



Haven't stopped by yet? There's still time! Our holiday decorations will remain up through the remainder of 'Twas the Night Before by Cirque du Soleil. Don't miss the chance to experience both the festive atmosphere and this breathtaking production. Get tickets [here](#).

Be sure to check out more photos from this year's holiday setup and relive the magic of the season at Shea's!



IN THE COMMUNITY

RENT

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
JAN 16–25

SEE HOW THEY RUN

Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
JAN 30– FEB 15

THE LITTLE PRINCE

Produced By: Kenan Center
Taylor Theatre
JAN 31– FEB 8

SHELTERED

Produced By: Jewish Repertory Theatre
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre
FEB 5– MAR 1

PRECIOUS LITTLE

Produced By: Brazen-Faced Varlets
Compass Performing Arts Center
FEB 13–28

A SKULL IN CONNEMARA

Produced By: Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Anrews Theatre
FEB 13– MAR 1

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
FEB 19–22

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Produced By: O'Connell & Company
Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center
FEB 19– MAR 1

LUCKY STIFF

Produced By: Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
FEB 20– MAR 8

EXIT STRATEGY

Produced By: Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theater
FEB 20– MAR 22

THE BROTHERS SIZE

Produced By: Ujima Company, Inc.
Lorna C. Hill Theater
FEB 27– MAR 8

HEDDA GABLER

Produced By: D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
FEB 27– MAR 21

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE MUSICAL

Produced By: Theatre of Youth
The Allendale Theatre
FEB 28–MAR 14

MORNING'S AT SEVEN

Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
MAR 6–22

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Produced By: Aurora Players
Historic Roycroft Pavilion
MAR 13–29

FROM STAGE TO STEIN: 'T'WAS THE LAGER BEFORE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY COLLABORATION!

Before you see the incredible 'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE by Cirque Du Soleil, stop by Big Ditch Brewing Company to try their newest creation, 'Twas the Lager Before! This American Lager was brewed in collaboration with Cirque Du Soleil to celebrate their dazzling holiday production, running here at Shea's Buffalo from Dec 17-28.

This creation is perfect for the holiday season! It is light, refreshing, and crisp with subtle notes of cranberry and spruce. It is only available during the show's run, so head over to Big Ditch Brewing Company's Downtown Tap Room to try it now!



DONATIONS FOR GOOD THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the WICKED For Good Food Drive! During the run of WICKED Shea's teamed up with FeedMore WNY to collect non-perishable food items. During this run, the Buffalo community showed they are truly the City of Good Neighbors, bringing an incredible amount of donations to the performances. The total weight of donations collected from the food drive was 3,283 pounds! That will help feed over 2,735 hungry neighbors in need.

We thank you so much for your incredible generosity and encourage you to continue helping the community during this wickedly wonderful season of giving.



SHREK: THE MUSICAL
Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
MAR 13-22

CASTING CALL

SHREK: THE MUSICAL
The Historic Lockport Palace Theatre will be holding auditions for **SHREK: THE MUSICAL** on DEC 22. Please prepare a 32 bar cut of music FROM THE SHOW! Piano accompanist provided. Seeking adult cast only. Email Company Manager Ryan Henneberger Ryan@LockportPalaceTheatre.org for an audition time.

THEATRE ALLIANCE OF BUFFALO
The Theatre Alliance of Buffalo will be hosting their annual TAB Auditions. This year's TAB Auditions will be hosted by Alleyway Theatre! Auditions are by appointment only. Play Auditions will be held JAN 26 and Musical Auditions will be held FEB 2.

THEATRE NEWS & FEATURES

BEACHES, a Novel and Film, Will Spread Its Wings on Broadway.

WICKED Stars Ariana Grande & Jonthan Bailey Eye Reteam For **SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE** At London's Barbican in 2027.

Siu Liu Will Make His Broadway Debut in **OH MARY!**

McKenzie Kurtz Departs Off-Broadway's **HEATHERS**; Star **Jodie Steele** Will Return.

TITANIQUE, Singing and Spoofing Celine Dion, Sets Sail for Broadway.

CARNIVAL Replaces **DO I HEAR A WALTZ?** in J2 Spotlight Season Off-Broadway.

Playbill Will Give **MASQUERADE** Phans an Exclusive Tour Into the Phantom's Lair.

Broadway Revival of **ART** Recoups Investment.

OPERATION MINCEMEAT Extends Broadway Run Through July 2026.

LEAVE A LEGACY – TAKE A SEAT

BECOME A LASTING PART OF SHEA'S

Become a lasting part of Shea's Buffalo Theatre's storied legacy. With Leave a Legacy - Take a Seat, you have a unique opportunity to inscribe your name or honor a loved one on a seat in historic Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Whether you're commemorating a special moment, celebrating a life, or showing your love for the arts, your gift will be etched into the next century of performances.



Donation levels are
\$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000

Click Here to
Buy a Seat Plaque

Seats are limited. Don't miss your chance to be part of Shea's story.

Proceeds benefit the Elevate Shea's Capital Campaign, supporting the exciting Shea's Buffalo Expansion Project!

HISTORIC DEBUT!

BLACK CARPET III ARRIVING AT SHEA'S

Buffalo Fashion Runway is proud to present Black Carpet III presented by The John R. Oishei Foundation, arriving at Shea's Buffalo Theatre for the very first time on Saturday, February 28, 2026.



Click Here to Buy Tickets!

In 2026, Black Carpet III elevates its mission and creativity, transforming the storied Shea's stage into a runway that spotlights cultural expression and visionary artists shaping Buffalo's vibrant creative community. Audiences can expect an immersive, high-energy evening showcasing bold artistic voices and dynamic fashion moments. As the first fashion production in Shea's century-long history, Black Carpet III will cement fashion as a respected art form in one of Buffalo's legendary landmarks.

Buffalo Fashion Runway is a community-driven movement dedicated to showcasing emerging local talent and

creating platforms where creativity fuels connection. The Buffalo Black Icons segment serves as a living tribute honoring the ten lives lost on May 14, 2022. A portion of the proceeds from Black Carpet III will support the 5/14 Memorial Foundation.

Helen Shaw Joins The Times as Chief Theater Critic.

WICKED and WICKED: FOR GOOD Supervising Music Editor Jack Dolman Details a Day in the Life of Revising the Music For the Blockbusters.

HAMILTON, WICKED, & More Are Spotify's Most-Streamed Cast Albums of 2025.

Stephen Sondheim's **DO I HEAR A WALTZ?** To Receive Rare NYC Staging.

Concord Theatricals Acquires Licensing Rights to Tony Award-Winning Musical **THE OUTSIDERS**.

Kate Baldwin Extends Run in Chicago On Broadway.

PEOPLE's 10 Best Broadway Performances of 2025: From Jonathan Groff and Betty Boop to the Daring Women of Liberation.

THE JONATHAN LARSON PROJECT to Have UK Premiere.

WICKED: FOR GOOD: Read the Screenplay For the Film That Follows the Yellow Brick Road All the Way to **THE WIZARD OF OZ**.

Singer-Songwriter Laufey Wants to Play Claire in **MAYBE HAPPY ENDING**.

NSYNC's Joey Fatone is Set to Hit the Road in **&JULIET** Tour.

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

TWO STRANGERS (CARRY A CAKE ACROSS NEW YORK)
Longacre Theatre

A New York Times Critics' Pick, Two Strangers (Carry a Cake Across New York) "delivers lavishly on laughter, escape, and fantasy."

Meet Dougal, an impossibly upbeat Brit who has just landed in New York City for the first time to attend the wedding of the father he's never met. Meet Robin, the sister of the bride and a no-nonsense New

GIVE THE GIFT OF EXPRESSION

SING YOUR STORY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Shea's annual Sing Your Story mid-winter camp runs February 16-20, 2026. Using a song of their choice, students will explore their unique life experience to create a connecting monologue and Sing their Story. Students will devise their own ideas, lighting, and costumes leading to a personalized performance where they are the STAR!



Sing Your Story will culminate in a showcase on the Shea's Smith Theatre stage open to the community. Led by our lead Teaching Artist, Alejandro Gómez. The program will culminate with a song showcase on Friday at Shea's Smith Theatre for an invited audience of family and friends. Ages 10-17. Space is limited and financial assistance is available!

Learn More and Register Today!

SHEA'S CENTENNIAL IS ALMOST HERE

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

On Friday, January 16, 2026 you can celebrate Shea's centennial with live music, food, and fun all while enjoying the ornate opulence of Shea's Buffalo Theatre!

The evening's festivities run from 5:30PM to 8:30PM and feature a champagne toast, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar with specialty cocktails. Live entertainment will be available throughout our lobbies and on stage.



Step onto the legendary Shea's Buffalo stage for an unforgettable evening honoring 100 years of artistry, community, and wonder.

Get Your Tickets Here and Support Shea's!

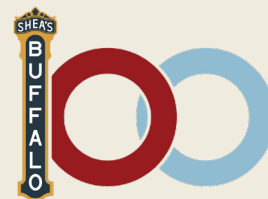
Yorker with a lot of errands to do for the bride—including picking up the groom's estranged son from the airport.

These two strangers begin their journey together navigating New York City, secrets, and second chances. The Boston Globe proclaims, it's "IRRESISTIBLE! Clever, funny, and delightfully surprising!"

LIBERATION

James Earl Jones Theatre

1970s, Ohio. Lizzie gathers a group of women to talk about changing their lives, and the world. What follows is a necessary, messy, and biting funny exploration of what it means to be free, and to be a woman. In **LIBERATION**, Lizzie's daughter steps into her mother's memory—into the unfinished revolution she once helped ignite—and searches the past to find the answer for herself.



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