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Cast and Creative Team Announced for Electrifying New Production of *DREAMGIRLS*

Show Co-Produced by Shea's Performing Arts Center & AnsariSaxon
Productions Takes the Stage September 10 – 28;
Tickets Are Now On Sale

Shea's Performing Arts Center and AnsariSaxon Productions are pleased to announce the cast and creative team for *DREAMGIRLS*, part of the 2025-26 Frey Electric Season. The locally produced show will be featured during Buffalo's Curtain Up weekend and run for a total of 18 performances at Shea's 710 Theatre from September 10 through 28, 2025.

DREAMGIRLS — a story rooted in Motown — uplifts Black artistry, women, resilience, and brilliance. It mirrors the mission of both Ansari Saxon Productions and Shea's Performing Arts Center: to amplify underrepresented voices and center stories of transformation, joy, and power," said **Karen Saxon, partner at AnsariSaxon Productions**. "Partnering with Shea's, a cornerstone of the Western New York performing arts community, allows us to bring this vision to the stage in spectacular fashion."

"Partnering with AnsariSaxon Productions to bring *DREAMGIRLS* to Shea's 710 Theatre goes beyond presenting a Broadway Favorite—it's a tribute to the voices, stories, and cultural legacy that helped define American music," said **Brian Higgins, President & CEO of Shea's Performing Arts Center**. "This show celebrates resilience, hope, and the courage to dream—values that strongly connect with our community. We're proud to share this iconic production and invite audiences to experience this powerful and uplifting journey."

DREAMGIRLS, Produced by Shea's Performing Arts Center and AnsariSaxon Productions, features **Dasia Cervi** (Effie), **Shylah Douglas** (Lorrell), and **Talia Mobley** (Deena) as the Dreamettes. Leading roles will be played by

George L. Brown* (Curtis), **Augustus Donaldson** (Jimmy), and **Austin Marshall** (C.C). In supporting roles are **Nelquan Jones** (Marty) and **Zhanna Reed** (Michelle).

The ensemble features **Damario Burks**, **Jacqueline Cherry**, **Jonise Hall**, **Taliyah Oaks**, **Anika Pace**, **Nahiem Paris**, **Megan Rakeepile** and **Kendric Warrick**.

The production is led by **Naila Ansari** as Co-Director, Choreographer, and AnsariSaxon Co-producer; **Karen Saxon** serving as Co-Director, Musical Director, and AnsariSaxon Co-Producer, and **Nikiya Campbell** as Lead Producer for Shea's Performing Arts Center. The creative team also includes Stage Manager **Renee Radzavich**, Production Manager **Maureen Sheldon**, TD/Scenic Designer **Ron Schwartz**, Sound/Lighting Designer **Nick Quinn**, Props Designer/Master **Diane Jones**, Costume Designer **Phylicia Dove**, Hair/Makeup Designer **Raphael Santos**, Head Sound **Kevin Faulhaber**, Head Electrician **Katie Ludwig**, and Head Carpenter **Robert Hemphill**.

Inspired by Motown and R&B legends of the 1960s and 1970s, **DREAMGIRLS** is more than a musical — it's a celebration of Black womanhood, excellence, and the pursuit of the American Dream. This story reflects the journey of becoming: from artist to entrepreneur, from overlooked to unstoppable. It captures the complexity of surviving in America while daring to thrive in business, love, and identity. Through music, movement, and heart, we follow the Dreamettes as they navigate ambition, betrayal, joy, and liberation.

DREAMGIRLS sponsors include Erie County, Frey Electric, KeyBank, Moog and Mercedes Wilson, For Our Daughters Inc. **DREAMGIRLS** is presented by arrangement with [Concord Theatricals](#). Book and Lyrics for **DREAMGIRLS** are by **Tom Eyen**, and Music by **Henry Krieger**.

Tickets to **DREAMGIRLS** are now available at the Shea's Box Office at 650 Main Street and online at: <https://www.sheas.org/performances/dreamgirls/>. Groups requesting 10 or more tickets can contact Mary Oshei at 716-829-1153 or moshei@sheas.org.

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** The Actor appears through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.*

Additional Resources:

Video – Introducing the Cast: https://youtu.be/4_oNZQEj2sQ

Cast Bios & Headshots: [Dreamgirls Cast.pdf](#)

Graphic: [DREAMGRILS - SINGLE.jpg](#)

Photos From the Cast Announcement Party:
[DREAMGIRLS Cast with Karen Saxon & Naila Ansari.jpg](#)

[Dreamgirls Cast members - Karen Saxon - Buffalo Common Council Majority Leader Leah Halton-Pope - Naila Ansari.jpg](#)