

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

AUGUST 2026

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BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR SHEA'S NEXT ACT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES- ONE POUR AT A TIME

Shea's next act is taking shape- literally. Construction continues to move forward, and the foundation work is beginning to give us a clearer picture of the structure to come.

On the South side of the project, a portion of the foundation wall has now been poured and set. This important step marks visible progress below the future building and establishes a strong base for the work ahead. With each completed section, the project moves from plans and drawings toward a physical space that will soon become part of Shea's next chapter.

Work will continue beyond the basement as the construction team forms and pours the remaining South side foundation and walls. The stair tower foundation will also take shape as part of this next phase of work. These elements are critical pieces of the overall structure, providing the support and framework needed as construction rises from the foundation and begins to move upward.



UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB
TOUR LAUNCH
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
SEP 12-19

MORRISSEY
SEP 22

PITCH 10
OCT 22

ANDREW DICE CLAY
OCT 23

**BORED TEACHERS: IS IT FRIDAY
YET? COMEDY TOUR**
OCT 24

ALICIA KEYS' HELL'S KITCHEN
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
OCT 27- NOV 1

**THE BASEMENT YARD PODCAST
LIVE!**
NOV 6-7

THE GREAT GATSBY
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
NOV 10-15

SWAN LAKE
PRESENTED BY CLASSICAL ARTS
NOV 20

THE NUTCRACKER
PRESENTED BY NEGLIA BALLET IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH BPO AND SHEA'S
DEC 4-6

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
DEC 8-13

THE PRINCESS PROMS
DEC 23

SHEA'S 710

**THE MARVELOUS MISS GENDER
STARRING BOSCO**
AUG 16

**CREATIVE EXCHANGE:
ECHOES OF HAVANA**
SEP 2

HAIR
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
SEP 17- OCT 4

For Shea's, every pour represents more than another construction milestone. It is a tangible sign of progress toward a renewed and reimagined future. The work happening on site today is laying the foundation for the next generation of performances, events, memories, and moments on the Shea's stage.

As the remaining foundation walls and stair tower take shape, we'll continue to share updates along the way. Each new phase brings us one step closer to seeing the full vision become reality.



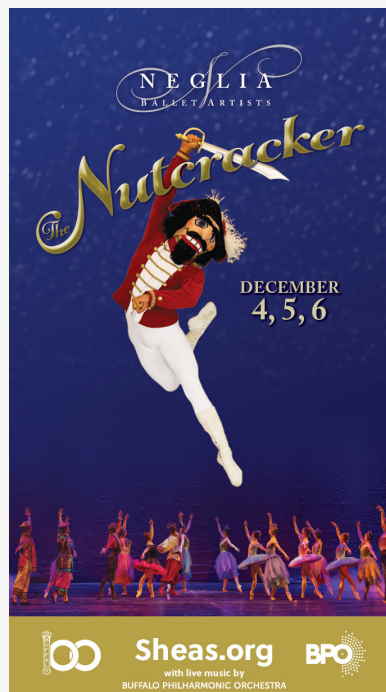
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR YOUTH AUDITIONS FOR "THE NUTCRACKER"

PRESENTED BY NEGLIA BALLET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SHEA'S & THE BPO

Does your child dream of taking the stage at Shea's Buffalo Theatre dancing to the live music of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra? That dream can become a reality this holiday season, as Neglia Ballet opens youth auditions for its beloved holiday tradition, The Nutcracker.

Auditions will be held Sunday, September 13, 2026, with more than 70 roles available for young performers. Interested families must pre-register by August 31; space is limited. For audition questions contact Neglia Ballet at info@negliaballet.org. Learn more and register for auditions here: <https://negliaballet.org/performances/auditions/youth-auditions>.

Presented by Neglia Ballet Artists on the historic Shea's Buffalo Theatre stage with live accompaniment by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, The Nutcracker has become a cherished fixture of the holiday season.



SWEENEY TODD
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
OCT 22- NOV 8

DISNEY'S FROZEN
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
NOV 28- DEC 20

SHEA'S SMITH

THE GOLDEN GIRLS: THE LOST EPISODES VIII
O'CONNELL & COMPANY
AUG 14-30

BAT BOY
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE COMPANY
OCT 1-18

THE SUPER PICKLE: A HILARIOUS MUSICAL PARODY
OCT 24

PROOF
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE
NOV 19- DEC 6

THE BETSY CARMICHAEL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
DEC 18-20

SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM: THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGI'S GOLD
DEC 23

IN THE COMMUNITY

GULP! THE GAY BEACH MUSICAL
Produced By: Buffalo United Artists
Compass Performing Arts Center
SEP 11- 27

GUYS AND DOLLS
Produced By: O'Connell & Company
Canterbury Woods
SEP 11- 27

A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN
Produced By: D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
SEP 11- OCT 3

BECKY SHAW
Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
SEP 12- OCT 3

FINDING NEVERLAND
Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
SEP 18-27

EMMA
Produced By: Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Andrews Theatre
SEP 18- OCT 4

SWEET CHARITY
Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
SEP 18- OCT 4

THE DA VINCI CODE
Produced By: Road Less Traveled Theatre
Road Less Traveled Theatre
SEP 18- OCT 18

The Nutcracker will take the Shea's Buffalo stage for three performances, Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6. Tickets for performances are on sale now. Tickets are available through the Shea's Box Office at 650 Main Street in Downtown Buffalo or online at: <https://www.sheas.org/performances/the-nutcracker>.



SECURE YOUR SPOT: SHEA'S CENTENNIAL GALA

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY TONY & GRAMMY AWARD NOMINATED MEGAN HILTY

Shea's Performing Arts Center will mark its 100-year anniversary with Shea's Centennial Gala on Saturday, October 3, an evening celebrating the theatre's rich history while raising funds for its future.

Tony Award nominee Megan Hilty will make a special appearance during the evening. Hilty is widely known for originating the role of Ivy Lynn in the NBC musical drama Smash, for playing Glinda in Broadway's WICKED, and most recently for her Tony and Grammy-nominated performances as Madeline Ashton in DEATH BECOMES HER.



1776: THE MUSICAL

Produced By: Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
SEP 25- OCT 11

A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

Produced By: Aurora Players
The Roycroft Pavilion
OCT 9-25

THE HAUNTING OF HOOVERTON HOTEL

Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
OCT 24- NOV 14

DAMES AT SEA

Produced By: Kenan Center
Taylor Theatre
OCT 29- NOV 8

THE LAST YIDDISH SPEAKER

Produced By: Jewish Repertory Theatre
Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre
OCT 29- NOV 22

JULIUS CAESAR

Produced By: D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre
Oct 30- NOV 21

MAN OF LA MANCHA

Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
NOV 6- 22

UNCLE VANYA

Produced By: Road Less Traveled Theatre
Road Less Traveled Theatre
NOV 13- DEC 13

ANNIE

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
NOV 13-22

THE PIGEON GETS A BIG TIME HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Produced By: Theatre of Youth
Allendale Theatre
NOV 18- DEC 19

A SHERLOCK CAROL

Produced By: Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Andrews Theatre
NOV 27- DEC 13

MIKE RANDALL AS CHARLES DICKENS, PRESENTS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
DEC 5-6

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
DEC 5-27

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Produced By: Kenan Center
Taylor Theatre
DEC 11- 20

THE HATEFUL ELF

Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
DEC 11- JAN 2

The event includes red carpet arrival, silent and live auctions, and a gourmet dinner on the Shea's Buffalo Theatre stage. The evening will also honor Tony Conte, former President of Shea's, with the Michael Shea Lifetime Legacy Award, recognizing his leadership and lasting influence on the organization and the community it serves.

A portion of the Gala's proceeds will benefit the Elevate Shea's Buffalo expansion project, supporting accessibility, with the addition of three high-speed elevators, and the future of Shea's as it looks to welcome the community in for the next 100 years. Construction is now underway on the project, with completion scheduled for November 2027.

Presenting sponsors include Rupp Pfalzgraf LLC, Carmina Wood Design, and Ticketmaster. Chairing this year's gala are Shea's Board of Trustees Chair Marco Cercone and his wife Kari. Single tickets, tables, and sponsorship opportunities are now available. Act quickly, Shea's Gala typically sells out. For more information, visit sheas.org/gala.

Megan Hilty is a Tony and Grammy Award nominated actress and singer, most recognizable for her portrayal of triple-threat Ivy Lynn in the NBC Musical Drama SMASH.



Immediately after graduating from the prestigious Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama, she went into the Broadway company of WICKED and spent 4.5 years playing Glinda the Good. She originated the role of Doralee Rhodes in 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL and went on to play Brooke Ashton in NOISES OFF where she was honored with her first Tony Award nomination.

Other stage credits include Audrey in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (Kennedy Center), Annie Oakley in ANNIE GET YOUR GUN (Encores/NY City Center), Lily St. Regis in ANNIE (Hollywood Bowl) and Lorelei Lee in GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES (Encores/NY City Center). Most recently, Hilty originated the role of Madeline Ashton in DEATH BECOMES HER, THE MUSICAL, earning two Broadway.com audience choice awards, a Tony Award nomination and a Grammy nomination for her performance.

Her numerous television credits include SEAN SAVES THE WORLD with Sean Hayes, DIFFICULT PEOPLE, BRAINDEAD, THE GOOD FIGHT, and playing the iconic Patsy Cline in PATSY AND LORETTA which earned her a Critics

THEATRE NEWS & FEATURES

Whitney Leavitt Reveals She's Returning to Broadway to Star in JUST IN TIME After Breaking Box Office Records in CHICAGO.

Mamdani to Give Free Broadway Tickets to High Schoolers.

The CHESS Revival Cast Recording, Featuring Aaron Tveit, Lea Michele, and Nicholas Christopher, Will be Released on CD and Vinyl.

ATG Entertainment, Owner of 7 Broadway Theatres, Acquired by MARI.

JERSEY BOYS 20th Anniversary Tour Announces Complete Cast.

AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS' Reece Weaver Will Make Broadway Debut in CHICAGO.

Kara Lindsay Will Play Title Role in Paper Mill Playhouse's MARY POPPINS.

Anneliese van der Pol, Morgan Dudley and Nicholas A. Wilkinson Join HEATHERS THE MUSICAL.

GAZILLION BUBBLE SHOW Isn't Closing Yet- New York Run Extends to 2027.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Broadway Revival Casts Jimin Moon and George Salazar.

Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton on their new children's book inspired by Andrews' MY FAIR LADY era.

Recipients Revealed For Educational Theatre Foundation's 2026 Scholarships.

Rockstar Slash to Join THE LOST BOYS on Broadway for 1 Night Only.

IN THE HEIGHTS at New York City Center Will Offer \$28 Tickets.

Get a 1st Listen to Ana Gasteyer Singing "Tribulation" On the SCHMIGADOON Broadway Cast Album.

Skylar Astin and Sarah Hyland Will Be Next Stars of London Cabaret.



Choice Nomination. She also had the great pleasure of playing Lily in NBC's ANNIE LIVE! Megan's voiceover work spans from full-length audiobooks to kids animated favorites on Disney, Nickelodeon, Netflix, Hulu & Cartoon Network. Hilty continues to tour her cabaret show with her band, led by Grammy Nominated Matt Cusson, which has been taped for LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER on PBS, and regularly appears with world-renowned orchestras including the NY Pops, Boston Pops and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Bebe Neuwirth Will Celebrate John Kander and Fred Ebb in 2027 NYC Concerts.

Adam Pascal Will Direct Connecticut CABARET.

Get a 1st Look at MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING at San Diego's Old Globe.

Joshua Henry, Caissie Levy, Brandon Uranowitz, Joy Woods, More Will Perform at DRAMA AT THE DISCO Benefit.

Noah Schnapp to Star in AFFLUENZA in London.

See Who's Starring in the Off-Broadway Revival of THE HAIRY APE.

It's His Life! Ben Jackson Walker Returns as Romeo in Broadway's & JULIET.

WAITRESS 10th Anniversary Tour Announces Full Cast.

MAYBE HAPPY ENDING North American Tour Sets Complete Cast

A SUMMER OF CREATIVITY AT SHEA'S YOUNG TALENT TAKES CENTER STAGE AT SHEA'S THIS SUMMER.

Our Arts Engagement and Education team was busy this summer welcoming excited students to the Shea's campus across five weeks of camps!

The first camp was Comedy on Cue, a sketch comedy camp for ages 9-12. Nineteen students took a deep dive into joke structure, improvisation, and sketch comedy through workshops throughout the week, hosted by our talented local teaching artists: Ricky Needham, Zoe Gonez, Chris Kelly, Charmagne Chi, Scott Wojtanik, and Alejandro Gómez. The week ended with a final showcase performance of the



GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

GALILEO SHUBERT THEATRE

GALILEO is the electrifying and emotional new Broadway musical about maverick scientist Galileo Galilei. When he makes astronomical discoveries that revolutionize humanity's understanding of the universe, he must defend his findings before the most powerful religious institution in the world.

Featuring a book by Danny Strong (CHESS, DOPESICK, EMPIRE, THE BUTLER) and an original score by Zoe Sarnak (THE LONELY FEW, EMPIRE RECORDS) and Michael Weiner (13 GOING ON 30, FIRST DATE), GALILEO is directed by Tony Award® winner Michael Mayer (CHESS, SPRING AWAKENING, AMERICAN IDIOT, FUNNY GIRL) and choreographed by Tony Award® nominee David Neumann. Four-time Tony Award® nominee Raúl Esparza will star in the title role, alongside Jeremy Kushnier and Tony Award® nominee Joy Woods.

students' skills and talent in front of an audience of friends and family at Shea's Smith Theatre.

Our summer camps continued with the Shea's Summer Musical Theatre Intensive (SSMTI) for ages 10-17. For two weeks, we welcomed 78 students and 17 teaching artists to our campus. Students took classes in dance, acting, writing, and vocal music, all while preparing for the final showcase of their own original musical at Shea's Buffalo Theatre.

Actor's Edge was the final camp of the summer and welcomed nineteen students ages 13-17. The two-week camp exposed students to various acting approaches and then applied them to a monologue and/or scene. Led by local teaching artists, Ricky Needham, Zoe Goñez, and Anika Pace, this camp ended with a final showcase of students' scenes and monologues at Shea's Smith Theatre.

Congratulations to the entire Arts Engagement and Education team and the over one-hundred students who joined us this summer!

BEHIND THE SHINE: PREPARING SHEA'S BUFFALO FOR A NEW SEASON

DISCOVER HOW SHEA'S GETS SEASON-READY

In September, thousands of guests will walk through the iconic gold doors of Shea's Buffalo Theatre to experience the first show of our Five Star Bank 2026-27 Broadway Season, *BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB*. While audiences are getting ready for an unforgettable season of music and theatre, our teams behind the scenes have been hard at work preparing the theatre itself.

From sparkling chandeliers to meticulously cleaned and cared-for details throughout the building, our Environmental Services and Restoration teams have been giving Shea's its own pre-season refresh. They're making sure the theatre is looking its very best when the curtain rises.

One of the biggest jobs on the list? Our magnificent auditorium chandeliers.

These massive fixtures may look delicate and dazzling from the theatre floor, but there is a lot of work that goes into keeping them that way. To give them the deep clean they deserve, our chandeliers



Our Historic Restoration Consultant, Doris Collins, standing next to one of the chandeliers in the balcony for a height comparison.

A FEW GOOD MEN

VIVIAN BEAUMONT THEATER

Military lawyer Daniel Kaffee is known for his wit, charm, and uncanny talent for closing cases before they ever get to trial. When assigned to defend two young Marines accused of murder, his typical strategy is upended by Lt. Commander JoAnne Galloway, a sharp attorney determined to prove the men's innocence. But the evidence soon leads them to a cover-up, putting them on a collision course with the entire chain of command.

Starring Emmy Award® winner Bradley Whitford (*THE WEST WING*) and Tom Blyth (*THE HUNGER GAMES: BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES*), and directed by six-time Tony Award winner Michael Arden (*MAYBE HAPPY ENDING*), *A FEW GOOD MEN* shows the cost of following your conscience in a system built on secrecy and obedience—and asks us to choose the truth anyway. Gripping, high-stakes, and ultimately hopeful, it reminds us that a country's ideals are only as strong as our willingness to stand behind them.

PADDINGTON THE MUSICAL

AL HIRSCHFELD THEATRE

The most award-winning new musical in West End history is playing to sold-out audiences and capturing the hearts of all ages. Now, Paddington is packing his suitcase and preparing for his next adventure: Broadway.

In *PADDINGTON THE MUSICAL*, a small, lost bear from Peru arrives in London in search of a place to call home. A chance encounter with the Browns leads him into an unexpected world of adventure, where kindness has the power to change lives and strangers can become family.

But London isn't all afternoon tea and friendly faces—and even the seemingly happiest of families can have cracks beneath the surface. So, when a mysterious and vengeful villain sets her sights on Paddington, the Browns embark on a thrilling rescue mission, realizing they need this special bear as much as he needs them.

Filled with laughter, wonder, spectacular songs, dazzling choreography, and generous helping of marmalade, *PADDINGTON THE MUSICAL* is based on Michael Bond's beloved characters, with a story inspired by the award-winning films developed and produced by STUDIOCANAL with Heyday films and distributed by STUDIOCANAL worldwide. It features original music and lyrics by Tom

were carefully lowered to the ground, allowing our teams to reach every crystal and detail.

Once they were within reach, our Restoration Specialists got to work. All crystals and decorative elements of the auditorium chandeliers and wall sconces were meticulously cleaned and repaired, with missing crystal elements and burned-out light bulbs replaced. It's easy to miss the individual pieces when the chandeliers are hanging high above your head, but up close, you can truly appreciate just how intricate-and massive-these fixtures are.

While the chandeliers received some extra sparkle, our Environmental Services team was busy throughout the rest of the building. Their deep-cleaning efforts help remove dust and buildup from the theatre's many surfaces and details, ensuring that Shea's continues to look as vibrant and beautiful as the day audiences first walked through the doors.

A theatre like Shea's requires constant care, and much of that work happens long before the audience arrives. The people who clean, restore and maintain the building play an essential role in creating the experience our guests have come to expect.

So, when you step through Shea's gold doors this September for BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB, take a moment to look around. Notice the sparkle overhead, the details throughout the theatre and the care that goes into preserving this historic space.

The stage may be where the show happens, but behind the scenes, the show is already underway.



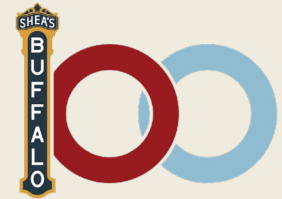
Doris Collins, Shea's Historic Restoration Consultant, next to the crystal beads of one of our auditorium chandeliers.

Fletcher, a book by Jessica Swale, and direction by Luke Sheppard.

New York, please look after this bear.

DOLLY: A TRUE ORIGINAL MUSICAL **ST. JAMES THEATRE**

DOLLY: A TRUE ORIGINAL MUSICAL takes us on a journey through the life of this rhinestone in the rough, from her barefoot beginnings in the Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee to performing in platform heels under the bright lights of Hollywood. Featuring all her beloved hits, including "I Will Always Love You," "Jolene," "Coat of Many Colors," and "9 to 5," and new songs written by Dolly, this joyful and moving new musical will take you inside the literal rags-to-riches story of Dolly Parton and give you new insight into her triumphs, trials, and trailblazing. Directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher with a book by Dolly Parton and Maria S. Schlatter, DOLLY: A TRUE ORIGINAL MUSICAL is as endearing and inspiring as the global superstar herself.



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