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MusicalFare and Shea's Performing Arts Center Announce Official Opening of MusicalFare's Season at Shea's 710 Theatre

BUFFALO, NY – MusicalFare and Shea's Performing Arts Center are proud to announce the official opening of MusicalFare's 2025-2026 Season at their new home at Shea's 710 Theatre with *COME FROM AWAY*.

MusicalFare Theatre Founder, Artistic & Executive Director Randall Kramer said, “This marks the start of an all-new era for MusicalFare. There has been such excitement and support from our patrons, the businesses in Buffalo's Theatre District, and the City of Buffalo. This production not only marks a new location for the company, but a new era that will support MusicalFare's ascent to regional theatre status as it becomes as well-known regionally and nationally as it is locally. We look forward to a very bright future for MusicalFare at Shea's 710.”

Brian Higgins, President and CEO of Shea's Performing Arts Center, added, “MusicalFare's move to Shea's 710 brings new energy and long-term activity to this historic stage, advancing our shared mission to make Buffalo a destination for exceptional performing art experiences. The opening of MusicalFare's season here in Buffalo marks another exciting chapter in this city's ongoing story of revitalization. Shea's is proud to welcome MusicalFare to their new home and we look forward to the creativity and connection this collaboration will bring to our community.”

MusicalFare plans to stage 100 performances each year, including five multi-week mainstage engagements, complemented by after-show music and cabaret events. This significant increase in programming will not only energize the theatre district but also provide a strong economic boost for surrounding downtown businesses.

“I am absolutely thrilled that tonight MusicalFare will open our very first musical in our new home — a moment that marks both a milestone and a dream realized,” **said MusicalFare Board President Susan Grelick**. “On behalf of the entire Board, we are deeply grateful for this extraordinary opportunity to grow from 136 seats to 550 — not only expanding our space, but adding to the vibrancy and creative energy of Buffalo’s Downtown Theatre District.”

MusicalFare’s first performance of the 2025-2026 Season is **COME FROM AWAY**, opening Thursday, October 23 and running through November 9. The musical tells the inspiring true story of 7,000 stranded airline passengers on 9/11 and the small town in Canada that welcomed them. Tickets are available through the Shea’s Box Office at 650 Main Street in Downtown Buffalo or online at: www.sheas.org/performances/come-from-away/

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Additional Resources:

B-roll: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/3iwha7qtvotvo9x4n5cib/MusicalFare-s-COME-FROM-AWAY-Sneak-Peek.mov?rlkey=46cg0lfa0wxe4b5jh41bevoxo&st=2b91gphx&dl=0>

Photos (Credit: Doug Weyand):

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/t64wxu6qgtmed2u906q6j/AOqyTJXy5NfET143UHs6zoo?rlkey=b8x9s1tfcx00ge2q5ubjqjgql&st=zphyn8sg&dl=0>

About Shea’s 710 Theatre:

Shea’s 710 Theatre has been part of the Shea’s Performing Arts Center three-theatre campus, which also includes Shea’s Buffalo Theatre and Shea’s Smith Theatre, since 2011. The 558-seat thrust stage theatre house underwent renovations in 2022, and the front of house saw a complete transformation to include a new lounge, cabaret, and outdoor patio in 2025. The 558-seat theatre, previously home to the acclaimed Studio Arena Theatre, has a rich history of delivering top notch performances in downtown Buffalo’s Theatre District. For more information visit: www.sheas.org.

About MusicalFare Theatre:

Currently entering its 36th season, MusicalFare is an independent theatre company operating in residence at Shea’s 710 Theatre. Over the last several decades, MusicalFare has entertained 750,000 people and employed over 3,500 local actors, musicians, and designers. For more information on MusicalFare visit: www.musicalfare.com.