

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

JULY 2026

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

## ELEVATE SHEA'S: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE OF SHEA'S

### AN UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR ELEVATE SHEA'S EXPANSION!

Alongside the historic Shea's Buffalo, the future is literally taking shape. This month, crews poured three more pile caps along the North side of the building - the anchors that will carry the weight of our expansion for the next hundred years.



Meanwhile, footers are being formed from the Northwest corner all the way to the stair tower on the South side, and the foundation wall on the Southeast side is going up in real time. Rebar installation on the Northwest and Southwest walls is reinforcing the framework of the building that will welcome patrons.



Every pour, every wall, gets us closer to a Shea's with elevators, more restrooms, more room to gather. You can help lay the foundation for Shea's

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

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

**MORRISSEY**  
SEP 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

**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

**HAIR**  
MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
SEP 17- OCT 4

**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

future. Give today to Elevate Shea's and help us build what comes next. Visit: [www.sheas.org/elevatesheas](http://www.sheas.org/elevatesheas)



## THE MIGHTY WURLITZER TAKES CENTER STAGE AT 100

### THE RICHARD HILLS CONCERT PUT THE HISTORIC ORGAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Mighty Wurlitzer was installed during the construction of Shea's Buffalo Theatre in 1925 and has entertained audiences for the last 100 years. Shea's Wurlitzer is one of the largest instruments built by the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company of North Tonawanda and remains one of the finest and best preserved in the country.

In collaboration with the American Theatre Organ Society, on July 8th, 2026, a special Shea's Mighty Wurlitzer 100th Anniversary Concert featuring Richard Hills was held. Hills has had an esteemed education and career, winning numerous awards including 2010 'Organist of the Year' by the American Theatre Organ Society. Today, Hills is an organist at St Mary's, Bourne Street in London. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and serves as Musical Advisor to the UK's Cinema Organ Society.



Credit: WGRZ Channel 2

"...As a performer, particularly in this day and age, being able to perform on an original instrument, one that's designed and opened with this building — with any theatre building — is a rare privilege, to play an instrument of this caliber. And this is one of the great, great theatre organs of the world, in one of the great, great theatres of the world, on its centenary anniversary — that's a privilege that doesn't come very often."

- Richard Hills, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists

### THE SUPER PICKLE: A HILARIOUS MUSICAL PARODY

OCT 24

### PROOF

SECOND GENERATION THEATRE  
NOV 19- DEC 6

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Produced By: Shakespeare in Delaware Park  
Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park  
JUL 23- AUG 16

### THE PROM MUSICAL

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre  
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre  
AUG 7- 16

### FIDELIO

Produced By: Sotto Voce  
Asbury Hall  
AUG 14 & 16

### APERTURE/AFTERIMAGE

Produced By: Groupwork  
Torn Space Theater  
AUG 14-22

### 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

### 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

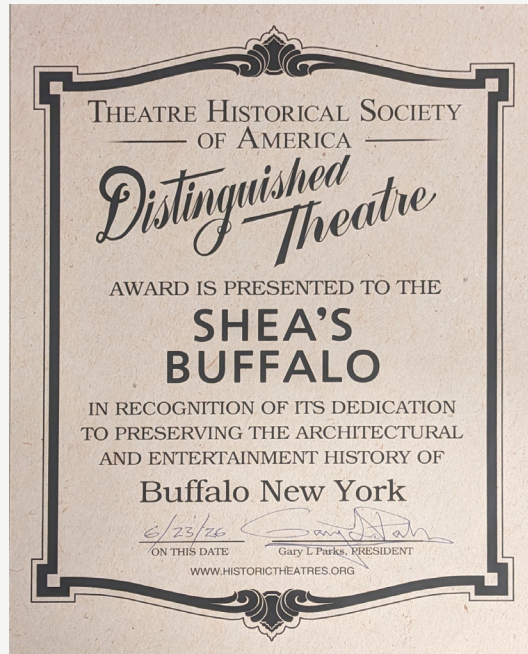
# A STANDING OVATION FROM THEATRE HISTORIANS

## SHEA'S BUFFALO NAMED A DISTINGUISHED THEATRE

On June 25, 2026, Shea's Buffalo Theatre was recognized as a Distinguished Theatre by the Theatre Historical Society of America (THSA), a national nonprofit dedicated to preserving America's great movie palaces and historic theatres.

Shea's Buffalo welcomed THSA members and theatre historians from across the country as a featured stop on the Western New York Conclave Theatre Tour, a four-day conference spotlighting the region's grandest historic venues, from Utica to Buffalo.

Designed by renowned theatre architects Rapp and Rapp and opened in 1926 by Michael Shea, Shea's Buffalo is a 3,019-seat National Historic Landmark widely regarded as one of the finest surviving movie palaces in the country. Many THSA members expressed their excitement and thanks for the opportunity to see our renowned Shea's Buffalo Theatre.



## 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

## 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

## THEATRE NEWS & FEATURES

Jackie Burns and Kristen Beth Williams to Lead DEATH BECOMES HER North American Tour.

## FREY ELECTRIC SHEA'S 710 SEASON

**AN EXCITING NEW SEASON, WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

Last edition of the Call-Board, we finished highlighting the Five Star Bank 2026-27 Broadway Season. This edition, we'll take a look at the Frey Electric 2026-27 Season at Shea's 710 Theatre. Each year, Shea's Performing Arts Center partners with several local theatre companies to bring exceptional regional productions to the Shea's 710 Theatre's 558-seat house. This year, the three-show season offers something for everyone!

### THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL PRODUCED BY D'YOUVILLE KAVINOKY THEATRE

Opening Night on Broadway: December 4, 2017, at the Palace Theatre.

Book By: Kyle Jarrow

Music By: Various Artists

Lyrics By: Various Artists

Based on the SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS TV Series by Stephen Hillenburg.

When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises up. The power of optimism really can save the world!

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL Runs Jan 14-31, 2027 at Shea's 710 Theatre. Buy your tickets [here](#) or visit our Box Office!

### MISS HOLMES PRODUCED BY ROAD LESS TRAVELED THEATRE

World Premiere: The Lifeline Theatre, Chicago, IL, September 2016.

By: Christopher M. Walsh

Inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

When an anonymous note sends a newlywed wife looking for help, Miss Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Dorothy Watson work together to uncover the secrets surrounding a corrupt police inspector whose wives have a habit of turning up dead. But this Holmes and Watson face far greater challenges than bringing the cunning criminal to justice. Miss Holmes possesses one of the greatest deductive minds of her generation, but she chafes at the restraints imposed upon her by society and family. Dr. Watson struggles to make a difference at the only hospital in London that will hire female doctors. In a time and place where gender roles are rigidly defined, these unconventional women dare to challenge societal norms by providing an unusual, but necessary,



**OH MARY!** Starring Cole Escola to Be Filmed in London for Upcoming Release.

**CATS: THE JELLCLE BALL** to Close Early on Broadway.

**China Anne McClain to Make Broadway Debut Alongside Ryan McCartan in THE GREAT GATSBY.**

**Eddie Cooper Joins Broadway's CHICAGO** as Amos Hart.

**Derek Hough to Join CHICAGO on Broadway for One Night Only; Host Talkback With Mark Ballas.**

**The Savannah Bananas Have Teamed Up With Pasek and Paul for New Single 'Show Starts Now.'**

**Alicia Keys' Kaleidoscope Dreams Foundation Announces Partnership With Musical WANTED.**

**Kenny Leon Elected Chair of American Theatre Wing Board.**

**Original West End SIX Stars, Natalie Paris and Aimie Atkinson Join Broadway Cast.**

**Paramount Hotel Announces Partnership With Three Broadway Shows.**

**LES MISÉRABLES** Is Now Available For Amateur Licensing in U.S. and Canada.

**Eva Kaminski Joins PARANORMAL ACTIVITY on Broadway.**

**Broadway Cleaners Reach Tentative Contract Agreement With Theater Owners, Avoiding Potential Strike.**

**Deaf West WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND** Finds Casting for Developmental Run.

**TITANIQUE Co-Creator Tye Blue Joins DANCE MOMS Parody Musical as Creative Producer.**

**Kelli O'Hara Sets Return Engagement at Café Carlyle.**

**Understudies From THE LOST BOYS, SCHMIGADOON!, HAMILTON, More Will Step Into the Spotlight This Month.**

service. Inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, this theatrical fan fiction shines a new light on favorite characters from the canon, re-examining the Victorian world of Holmes and Watson by exploring the added obstacles faced by these two iconic characters if they were women.

MISS HOLMES Runs Apr 2-11, 2027 at Shea's 710 Theatre. Buy your tickets [here](#) or visit our Box Office!

## MEAN GIRLS

PRODUCED BY SECOND GENERATION THEATRE

Opening Night on Broadway:

Book By: Tina Fey

Music By: Jeff Richmond

Lyrics By: Nell Benjamin

Based on the movie of the same name, by Tina Fey and the book, QUEEN BEES AND WANNABES by Rosalind Wiseman

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naive newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

MEAN GIRLS Runs Jun 3-20, 2027 at Shea's 710 Theatre. Buy your tickets [here](#) or visit our Box Office!

## ANOTHER SEASON, ANOTHER SHOW TAG!

CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW SHOW TAGS FROM THE PAST FIVE STAR BANK 2025-26 BROADWAY SEASON!

With our Broadway season winding down, it's time to show off the incredible show tags that grace the walls of our Catering Room! Broadway touring shows (and some special events- like Black Carpet III!) can commemorate their time here at Shea's by leaving their mark on the building!

The artwork on the walls are usually painted by a member of the show's company. Some feature quintessential Buffalo aspects, like Niagara Falls, (as seen in WATER FOR ELEPHANT's mural), Buffalo wings, or even actual buffaloes (as seen in KIMBERLY AKIMBO and WICKED's tags). The aptly named "Elphabuf," for example, will grace the halls of Shea's for a very long time! Check out the show tags that joined our walls during the Five Star Bank 2025-26 Broadway Season and the Gallagher Encore 2025-26 Series!



**Two River Theater Will Present Intimate Concert Series With Joe Iconis.**

**Jurnee Smollett to Join Off-Broadway's THE WHOOP! MONOLOGUES.**

## GET TO KNOW THE UPCOMING MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

**THE FANTASTICKS**  
Hayes Theatre

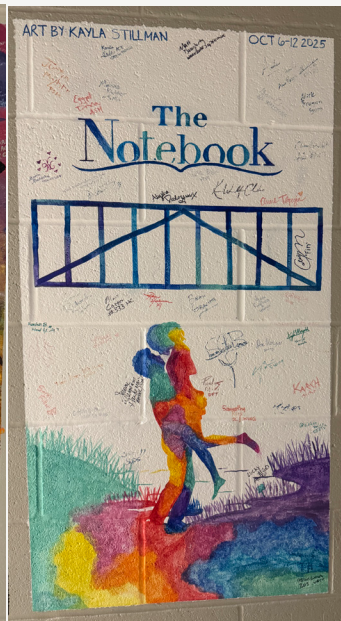
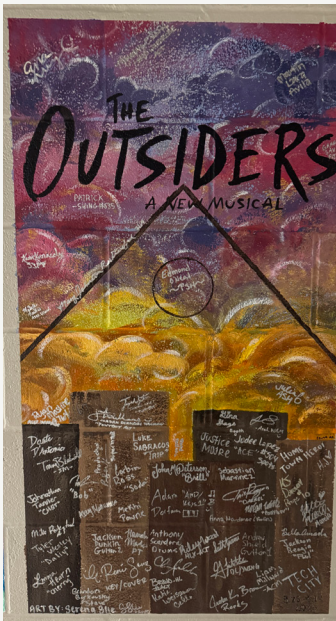
It's the longest-running musical of all time, but it's never been on Broadway – until now.

Two boys. Their two mothers. And a mischievous plan to make the young men fall in love. This is The Fantasticks, known and adored across the globe, in a Broadway premiere that brings glorious new life to the beloved classic. With a book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, this inspired reinterpretation celebrates love, reconciliation, and the singular power of theater. Brilliantly reconceived by Jones himself, it retains all the heart and humor that have made The Fantasticks one of the most iconic musicals of all time. Tony Award winner Christopher Gattelli (Schmigadoon!, Newsies) directs.

**WANTED**  
James Earl Jones Theatre

Texas, 1893 — Twin sisters Mary and Martha Clarke are on the run. As Black women who pass for white and hide in plain sight, they straddle a dangerous line between two Americas. But as powerful forces close in to keep their family from claiming a future of their own, Mary and Martha are driven to desperate measures to save their mother and their family's legacy. When survival demands they do the unthinkable, the sisters nevertheless fight for self-determination, dignity, and the inheritance they have long been denied.

A soulful and dangerous new Broadway musical, Wanted is the mostly true story of Mary and Martha Clarke: sisters, outlaws, legends. This New York Times Critic's Pick has been

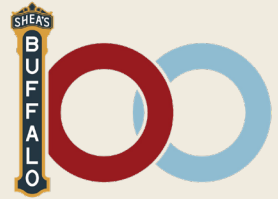


hailed as “thrillingly original” with an “audacious and rollicking story.” The production stars Solea Pfeiffer as Mary and Liisi LaFontaine as Martha, with Grammy® winner Ledisi as Tallulah and Grammy nominee Luke James as Elijah. The Kinfolk, a vibrant chorus of ancestors, guide them forward on an odyssey of sisterhood, rebellion, and freedom.

Wanted features book and lyrics by Variety “Star to Watch” Angelica Chéri, a descendant of the Sisters Clarke, and music by Richard Rodgers Award-winning composer Ross Baum. The production is directed by Tony Award® nominee and Obie Award® winner Stevie Walker-Webb, with choreography by Chelsey Arce.

## MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Winter Garden Theatre

Two of their generation’s finest actors star in Tony winner Jamie Lloyd’s joy-fueled reinvention of Much Ado About Nothing. This giddily funny and beautifully tender battle of wits comes to Broadway after a record-breaking run in London, where it was named the “#1 Best Show of the Year” (Time Out).



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Shear's website ([www.shears.org](http://www.shears.org)) and Ticketmaster.com are the official ticket retailers of tickets to shows at Shear's Performing Arts Center.



We absolutely love this year's show tags, and cannot wait for the artwork that the Five Star Bank 2026-27 Broadway Season will bring to Shear's Buffalo!

Thank you to these incredible shows for sharing their talent with us all season long!

