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BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB
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SEPTEMBER 12-19, 2026

ALICIA KEYS' HELL'S KITCHEN
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
OCT. 27 - NOV. 1, 2026

THE GREAT GATSBY
A NEW MUSICAL
NOVEMBER 10-15, 2026

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
DECEMBER 8-13, 2026

Death Becomes Her
THE TONY-WINNING HIT
MUSICAL COMEDY
FEBRUARY 16-21, 2027

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
THE CURSED CHILD
MAY 31 - APR. 8, 2027

OPERATION MAMBOCAT
THE TONY-WINNING HIT
A NEW MUSICAL
JUNE 22-27, 2027

SHEA'S BUFFALO

SEASON SPOTLIGHT

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHOWS IN THE FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY SEASON

For this issue of the Shea's Call-Board, we'll start with the first two shows of the Five Star Bank 2026–27 Broadway Season, BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB and Alicia Keys' HELL'S KITCHEN. Make sure you read the next few issues for more information on each subsequent show.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SHEA'S BUFFALO

JOHN LEGEND: AN EVENING OF SONGS & STORIES
APR 22

SHEA'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS— LIGHTS UP! A CANDLE MAKING EXPERIENCE AT SHEA'S
APR 25

BAT OUT OF HELL
APR 26

STARRING BUFFALO'S RENT IN CONCERT
MAY 9

DANCING WITH THE STARS: LIVE!— 2026 TOUR
MAY 10

SHEA'S WONDER AWARDS
MAY 16

SHEA'S FREE FILM SERIES A MINECRAFT MOVIE
MAY 17

SUFFS
FIVE STAR BANK 2025-26 BROADWAY SEASON
JUN 2-7

PLANET K—POP
JUN 14

THE BOOK OF MORMON
GALLAGHER ENCORE 2025-26 SERIES
JUN 19-21

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

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

SHEA'S 710

HAIRSPRAY
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
MAY 7-24

A FEW GOOD MEN
FREY ELECTRIC 2025-26 SEASON
ROAD LESS TRAVELED PRODUCTIONS
JUN 11-28

THE MARVELOUS MISS GENDER STARRING BOSCO
AUG 16

BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB

Opening Night on Broadway: March 19, 2025 at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre

Book By: Marco Ramirez

Music & Lyrics By: Buena Vista Social Club

It's been years since legendary singer Omara Portuondo last entered a recording studio. Once known as the "Queen of Feeling," her voice was celebrated throughout Cuba—until she vanished from the spotlight. But when an ambitious young record producer brings her a rare opportunity, the elusive diva must finally reckon with her past.

Hailed as a "jaw-dropping, soul-stirring must see" (The Washington Post), the Tony® and GRAMMY® Award-winning BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB™ is a journey through music and memory into the beating heart of Havana. A world-class company brings the story of the iconic album to thrilling life in this tale of big dreams, second chances, and music that needs no translation.



Photo Credit: Matthew Murphy. Natalie Venetia Belcon and David Oquendo in Buena Vista Social Club.

Alicia Keys' HELL'S KITCHEN

Opening Night on Broadway: April 20, 2024

at the Sam S. Shubert Theatre

Book By: Kristoffer Diaz

Music & Lyrics By: Alicia Keys

Welcome to HELL'S KITCHEN, the hit musical from 17-time Grammy® Award winning Alicia Keys—inspired by her life, her music, and her community. Your journey begins with Ali, a 17-year-old girl full of fire, searching for freedom, passion, and her place in the world. Along the way, you'll meet the musical mentor who changes her life, her dynamic family, and the neighborhood that helps her grow. Relatable, raw, and refreshingly fun, HELL'S KITCHEN is a celebration of finding yourself, your purpose, and the people who lift you up.

More than watching a performance, this experience pulls you out of your seat and has you buzzing when you leave, wondering who to tell about it first. The music—a mix of Keys' greatest



Photo Credit: Marc J Franklin. Maya Drake as Ali and the company of the North American Tour of Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen.



Photo Credit: Matthew Murphy. The Broadway company of Buena Vista Social Club.

HAIR
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
SEP 17- OCT 4

SHEA'S SMITH

PURE GLITTER
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE COMPANY
MAY 1-17

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

GHOST BROTHERS OF DARKLAND COUNTY
Produced By: Road Less Traveled Productions
Road Less Traveled Theater
APR 17– MAY 17

1776: THE MUSICAL IN CONCERT
Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
APR 24–26

CURTAINS
Produced By: O'Connell & Company
Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center
APR 30– MAY 16

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) [REVISED] [AGAIN]
Produced By: Kenan Center
Taylor Theatre
APR 30– MAY 10

THE UNAUTHORIZED JIM'S STEAKOUT MUSICAL
Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
MAY 1–3

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS
Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse
MAY 1–17

CORDUROY
Produced By: Theatre of Youth
The Allendale Theatre
MAY 2–16

JUST FOR US
Produced By: Jewish Repertory Theatre
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre
MAY 7– JUN 7

GHOST: THE MUSICAL
Produced By: Bellissima Productions
Third Space Cafe and Entertainment
MAY 22–30

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
Produced By: Aurora Players
Historic Roycroft Pavilion
MAY 29– JUN 14

hits and new songs written exclusively for the show—is brought to life through exhilarating choreography. It's a soundtrack of rebellion, life, and love that speaks



Photo Credit: Marc J Franklin. The company of the North American Tour of Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen.

to you no matter where you're from, where you've been, or where you're going.

Hailed as a New York Times Critic's Pick that is, "thrilling from beginning to end – a rare must-see!" HELL'S KITCHEN is directed by four-time Tony Award nominee Michael Greif (Rent, Dear Evan Hansen

and The Notebook), with choreography by four-time Tony Award nominee Camille A. Brown, a book by Pulitzer Prize finalist Kristoffer Diaz, and the music of Alicia Keys.

Feel the energy of this multi-award-winning musical and experience where dreams begin: HELL'S KITCHEN.

HELL'S KITCHEN is recommended for ages 8 and up and contains some strong language and moments with mature themes.

A VOYAGE TO THE STAGE

SHEA'S AND EXPLORE & MORE CELEBRATE SHEA'S CENTENNIAL

Explore & More - The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum and Shea's Performing Arts Center unveiled earlier this month a new exhibit at Explore & More to celebrate Shea's Buffalo Theatre's centennial anniversary.

"A Voyage To The Stage" located on the museum's second floor, reimagines the beloved packet boat play space as the set of a new Broadway production, combining the lore of the Erie Canal with Buffalo's rich theatre history.

The new exhibit invites children and families to discover the behind-the-scenes magic of bringing a show to life. Visitors can explore the ropes, sheaves, and other components that power theatrical rigging and fly systems. They can touch and learn about the history of fabrics utilized in costume design.

Interactive elements introduce common theatre sounds and language, including the meaning of "stage right/stage left" and the chimes used to signal the start of a show. Children can also step into 1800s-era costumes and take the stage for a performance of their own.

Visit exploreandmore.org for hours and more information.



THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE

Produced By: Torn Space
Torn Space Theater
MAY 29 – JUN 20

HIS GIRL WATSON: A SHERLOCK NOIR

Produced By: Alleyway Theatre
Alleyway Theatre
Jun 5 – 27

SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK 2026 TOUR SHAKESPEARE'S FOOLS AND FOES

Produced By: Shakespeare in Delaware Park
Various Locations
JUN 10 – AUG 24

GIRL ON AN ALTAR

Produced By: Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Andrews Theatre
JUN 12 – 28

FOOTLOOSE: THE MUSICAL

Produced By: Lancaster Opera House
Lancaster Opera House
JUN 12 – 28

PERICLES, PRINCE OF TYRE

Produced By: Shakespeare in Delaware Park
Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park
JUN 18 – JUL 12

YALLA B****

SUMMER TOUR

Produced By: Ujima Company, Inc.
Ujima Company, Inc.
JUN 21, 27, 28

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

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

WEST SIDE STORY

Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre
JUL 9 – 19

THEATRE NEWS & FEATURES

Alfie Boe, Killian Donnelly, Samantha Barks, More Will Lead LES MISÉRABLES at Radio City Music Hall.

Amand Seyfried, Rachel Zegler, Phillipa Soo, Jonathan Groff, More Set for OCTET Film.

Billy Crystal Returns to Broadway in New-ne Man Show 860 This Fall.

RWS Global Announces Executive Leadership Transition.

New Musical About The Fall of the Berlin Wall Announces Private Reading.

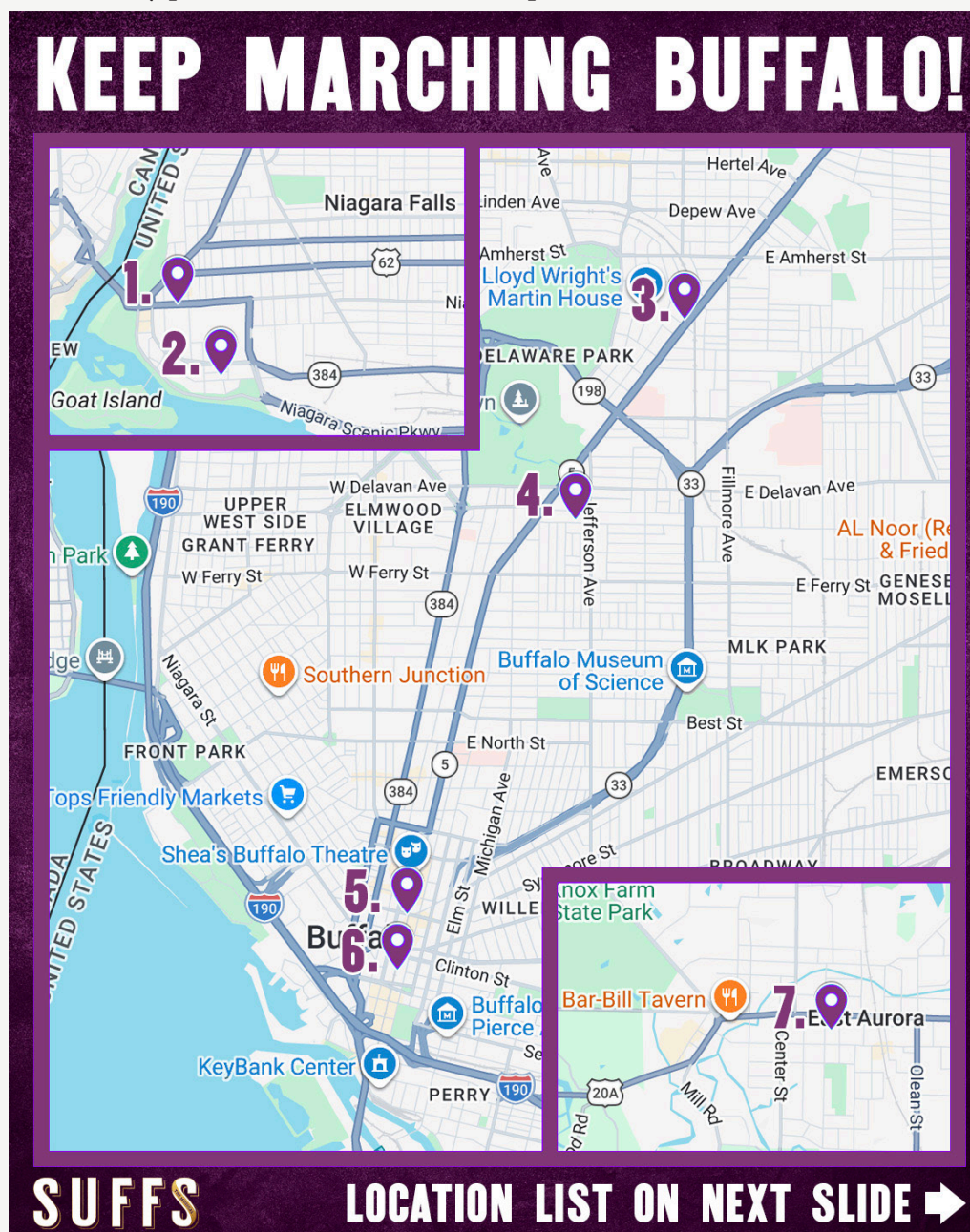
CELEBRATING THE WOMEN WHO LED THE WAY— ON STAGE AND IN OUR COMMUNITY

CELEBRATE THE WOMEN WHO MADE HISTORY THIS JUNE

Coming to Shea's Buffalo Theatre June 2-7, is **SUFFS**, the Tony Award®-winning musical is a story about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote. From creator Shaina Taub, this “thrilling, inspiring, and dazzlingly entertaining” new musical is a celebration of courage, persistence, and the power of women standing together.

Make sure you're following us on social media as we will be highlighting locations on the National Votes for Women Trail in WNY in the coming weeks. This Mother's Day, celebrate the women who shaped your world. Take Mom, or a woman who has made an impact on your life, on a journey through local historic sites that changed the trajectory for women's rights, then continue the experience with a stop at Shea's to see **SUFFS** this June.

Behind every powerful woman... are more powerful women.



Jon Cryer Returning to the Stage in Off-Broadway's **SPELLING BEE** Revival.

Cast and Creative Team Revealed for Signature's **PIPPIN**.

Alicia Keys's Broadway Musical **HELL'S KITCHEN** to Open First Non-English Production in Korea.

Broadway Expands into Fine Art With New Exhibit.

Roundabout's 2026-2027 Season to Include New Play by Dominique Morisseau, **FULL MONTY** Revival and More.

HADESTOWN Live Capture to Premiere at Tribeca Film Festival.

Lindsay Mendez, Harvey Guillén, J. Harrison Ghee, and More Join 1-Night-Only **MAN OF LA MANCHA** Concert.

Talia Suskauer to Star in A **WALK ON THE MOON** Musical Off-Broadway.

Comedian Cat Cohen's One-Woman Show **BROAD STROKES** Sets Off-Broadway Debut.

Watch New Trailer for London Audra McDonald Concert, Set to Stream This Month.

What Shows Are Newly Available For Licensing?

New Musical **WE SHALL SOMEDAY** Will Release Cast Album.

Christine Baranski Will Make West End Debut in Noël Coward's **HAY FEVER**.

I CAN DIE TOO—By Frances Ruffelle, Sally George, and Alan Cumming—Sets World Premiere in Scotland.

New Musical **ALICE IN NEVERLAND** to Premiere in Seattle.

Dylan Guerra Wins Playwrights Horizons Weissberger/Harris Award for **SIGNALING**.

Tiler Peck Choreographs Her Second Ballet for New York City Ballet.

NATIONAL VOTES FOR WOMEN TRAIL IN WNY

NIAGARA FALLS

1. 362 2ND ST, NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14301

Charlotte Dett was an African-American suffragist and clubwoman who was active in the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs. This is the site of her former home from 1920-1930.

2. 430 BUFFALO AVE, NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14303

Annual NYS Women's Rights Convention. In October, 1910, the New York State Woman Suffrage Association held its meetings in the auditorium of the factory complex. Isabel Howland and others were chosen as officers there.

BUFFALO

3. 15 JEWETT PKWY, BUFFALO, NY 14214

National American Woman's Rights Convention and celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the first SF convention. Emily Howland gave a talk "The Spirit of 1848". Speeches also by Eliz. Smith Miller, Blatch, Catt, etc. Formation of the National College Women's Equal Suffrage League.

4. 118 NORTHLAND AVE, BUFFALO, NY 14208

Mary Talbert's last residence in 1923

5. 554 MAIN ST, BUFFALO, NY 14202

Annual NYS Women's Rights Convention

6. THE CORNER OF MAIN ST & E EAGLE ST, BUFFALO, NY 14203

Women's Rights convention/lecture. Met with hecklers.

EAST AURORA

7. 40 S GROVE ST, EAST AURORA, NY 14052

Alice M. Hubbard, author and editor, championed women's suffrage and led a strong women's suffrage movement at the Roycroft Campus. Marched in 1913 Suffrage Parade in Washington D.C. died in 1915 sinking of the Lusitania. William G. Pomeroy Foundation 2018

SHEA'S SPOTLIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTS BROADWAY "MEATS" BUFFALO MEAT RAFFLE SUPPORTS SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Shea's Performing Arts Center's volunteer Spotlight Committee invites the community to the 5th Annual Broadway "Meats" Buffalo on Saturday, May 16, 2026. The meat raffle fundraiser will be held at the Buffalo Irish Center, at 245 Abbott Road in Buffalo, with doors opening at 6pm, and the first round beginning at 7pm.

This annual event brings supporters together for an evening of fun, community engagement, and fundraising to benefit Shea's Performing Arts Center, a non-profit organization. Attendees will have multiple opportunities to win throughout the evening, including basket raffles, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a Queen of Hearts board.

**Kermit the Frog Presents
Darren Criss With Sardi's
Portrait.**

**Natalie Joy Johnson Will Be
Leona Helmsley in QUEEN OF
MEAN Concert.**

**Jason Robert Brown's THE
CONNECTOR Can Now Be
Licensed Via Music Theatre
International.**

**He's a Playwright, His Mother's
a Physicist--And They're
Performing a Show Together.**

**Theatre UCF's LEGALLY
BLONDE Brought Robot Dogs to
the Stage.**

**Gavin Creel Documentary Now
Streaming in Honor of Late
Actor's Birthday.**

**Tonya Pinkins and More
Complete the Cast for Encores!
LA CAGE AUX FOLLES.**

**Met Opera and MOMA Partner
to Celebrate Frida Kahlo and
Diego Rivera**

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

**SCHMIGADOON!
Nederlander Theatre**

Everybody needs an escape.

Welcome to Schmigadoon—the magical town where every day is a musical. Everybody has a song for everything, the corn is as high as an elephant's eye, and the only bridge out of town leads nowhere. When one couple accidentally wanders in, they discover the only way to escape is by finding true love—which may or may not be with each other.

From Saturday Night Live's Lorne Michaels and based on the award-winning Apple Original series from Universal Television, this brand-new comedy trapped inside a big Broadway musical is directed by Tony Award winner Christopher Gattelli (Newsies, Death Becomes Her) with a book and Emmy Award-winning score by Cinco Paul (Despicable Me, The Secret Life of Pets).

Warning: You can never leave ...
without a smile.

Attendees are encouraged to bring friends and family, plenty of singles, and a cooler for any winnings. The event is designed to foster an energetic, social atmosphere while supporting a meaningful cause. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks; however, outside alcohol is not permitted.

A \$10 ticket includes beer, wine, and soda. A cash bar is also available. Table reservations for up to eight people can be made for \$75 by calling 716-912-6238. Tickets are now available at: <https://bit.ly/sheasmeataffle>
Interested in getting involved? Shea's Spotlight Committee is always looking for new members.

To learn more about the volunteer program visit: www.sheas.org/volunteer-program.

Shea's Spotlight Committee Presents



BROADWAY MEATS BUFFALO



5TH ANNUAL MEAT RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SATURDAY MAY 16TH, 2026

DOORS OPEN: 6 PM, FIRST SPIN: 7 PM

AT THE BUFFALO IRISH CENTER

245 ABBOTT ROAD, BUFFALO NY 14220



\$10 PER PERSON INCLUDES BEER, WINE & SODA

\$75 TABLE RESERVATIONS OF 8

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR CALL- 716-912-6238

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PROOF

Booth Theatre

Emmy Winner Ayo Edebiri and Golden Globe Winner Don Cheadle make their long-awaited Broadway debuts in David Auburn's Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning **PROOF**. Directed by Tony winner Thomas Kail (Hamilton), this landmark revival returns to Broadway for the first time: reawakening a haunting story of brilliance, inheritance, and belief.

Catherine (Edebiri), the brilliant but restless daughter of renowned mathematics professor Robert (Cheadle), is thrust into turmoil when a notebook containing a revelatory proof is discovered after his death. As debate erupts over its true authorship, Catherine must confront the power of legacy, and the cost of proving herself.

THE FEAR OF 13

James Earl Jones Theatre

The Fear of 13 tells the extraordinary true story of Nick Yarris, who spends more than two decades on death row for a murder he insists he did not commit. Through a series of prison visits with a volunteer named Jackie, Nick traces a life shaped by impulse and consequence. As Nick and Jackie's conversations deepen, the line between witness and participant blurs, forcing both to confront what justice demands, what belief requires, and the perilous distance between true freedom and the illusion of self-determination. By turns devastating, darkly funny, and life-affirming, The Fear of 13 is a powerful exploration of truth and trust, conscience and connection.

TITANIQUE

St. James Theatre

Want to find out what really happened to Jack and Rose on that fateful night?

Our story begins when Céline Dion hijacks a Titanic Museum tour and enchants the audience with her totally wild take, recharting the course of Titanic's beloved moments and characters with her iconic song catalog.

Featuring powerhouse voices and show-stopping numbers (plus, contemporary pop culture and punchy odes to the 90s film), Titanique is a one-of-a-kind musical voyage bursting with nostalgia & heart. It's a pure love letter comedy, fun and all things joyful!

See you aboard the Ship of Dreams!

AT THE HEART OF SHEA'S: CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THE MAGIC HAPPEN.

April is Volunteer Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the individuals who generously give their time and energy to make a meaningful difference in their communities. At Shea's Performing Arts Center, more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers play an essential role in bringing the magic of live theatre to life each and every day.

From the moment guests arrive, our volunteers are there to create a welcoming and memorable experience- greeting patrons with a smile, assisting with seating, and helping ensure that every visit runs smoothly. Behind the scenes, their support is just as vital, contributing to the success of performances and special events in countless ways. Their presence helps foster the warm, vibrant, and inclusive atmosphere that makes Shea's such a beloved destination.

Volunteering at Shea's is more than just giving time- it's about sharing a passion for the arts and a commitment to community. Our volunteers bring enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication to everything they do, enhancing the experience for audiences and staff alike. Many have been part of the Shea's family for years, building lasting connections and traditions that enrich our organization.

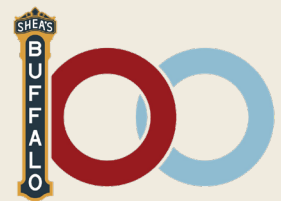
We are deeply grateful for each and every one of our volunteers. Their generosity, spirit, and unwavering support are at the heart of everything we do, and their contributions continue to make Shea's a place where unforgettable moments happen.

THE GREAT GATSBY Broadway Theatre

The party's roaring on Broadway! The Great Gatsby is a "great, big Broadway extravaganza that explodes with life and energy" (Entertainment Weekly). Directed by Marc Bruni (Beautiful: The Carole King Musical), this story of extravagance and longing features choreography by Dominique Kelley (So You Think You Can Dance), a book by Kait Kerrigan (The Mad Ones) and a jazz- and pop-influenced original score by Jason Howland (Little Women) and Nathan Tysen (Paradise Square).

"This production is a big, bold, Broadway version of The Great Gatsby. It's thrilling to see these indelible characters and iconic moments from the novel come to life on stage. This stage production, which honors the novel and its history while also speaking clearly to today's audiences, is a terrific new iteration of this classic work."

- The Estate of F. Scott Fitzgerald



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Volunteer Appreciation Month

Thank You!

To the more than 1,000 volunteers who support Shea's as ushers and Spotlight members, we are grateful for your dedication and for helping to make every visit to Shea's welcoming and memorable.
Shea's shines brighter because of you!

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