

# SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

CENTENNIAL EDITION!

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

## A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

### HOW SHEA'S CELEBRATED THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE.

This week, Shea's Performing Arts Center reached an incredible milestone. Friday January 16th marked the Centennial Anniversary of the opening of Shea's Buffalo Theatre. Just as the public was welcomed in to the theatre exactly one hundred years ago, the community was welcomed in to Shea's Buffalo once again to share the milestone!

The Centennial Celebration took place in Shea's Grand Lobby and the Shea's Buffalo Stage, featuring live entertainment from D.J. Milk, Curtis Cook on the Wurlitzer, IOT Band (featuring Shea's Staff member and Band member, Bill Hedrick), performances from Shea's Staff members Rachael Buchanan, Equasia Jennings, and Julianna Tracey, and performances from several local theatre partners.



Tickets for the event included a champagne toast, heavy hors d'oeuvres, photo opportunities from the stage, and more. Proceeds from the event went to benefit Shea's for the next 100 years.

The party doesn't end with the Centennial Celebration! Events and collaborations are scheduled throughout the year. Here's a highlight of what's to come.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

### SHEA'S FREE FILM SERIES CLASSIC SUNDAY

JAN 18

### JERRY SEINFELD

JAN 31

### DANCING WITH THE STARS: LIVE!— 2026 TOUR

FEB 3

### BRIT FLOYD

FEB 24

### BLACK CARPET III BUFFALO FASHION RUNWAY

FEB 28

### BRET KREISCHER: PERMISSION TO PARTY

MAR 1

### OCTOBER LONDON, ERIC BENET & J. BROWN

MAR 6

### LORDS OF THE SOUND ORCHESTRA: THE MUSIC OF HANS ZIMMER

MAR 7

### RIVERDANCE

2025-26 GALLAGHER ENCORE SERIES  
MAR 13-15

### KIMBERLY AKIMBO

2025-26 FIVE STAR BANK BROADWAY  
SEASON  
MAR 17-22

### LEGENDS OF LAUGHTER

MAR 28

## SHEA'S 710

### MAMMA MIA!

2025-26 FREY ELECTRIC SEASON  
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE  
COMPANY  
JAN 15- FEB 1

### A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
FEB 19- MAR 8

### JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
APR 2-19

## SHEA'S SMITH

### SHREK THE MUSICAL

O'CONNELL & COMPANY  
JAN 15-25

### January:

- 42 North Wonder Beer Release
- Shea's / AKG Exhibit at Buffalo Niagara International Airport

### February:

- 2/28: Buffalo Fashion Runway Presents Black Carpet III

### March:

- Broadway Season Announcement
- Construction begins on Shea's Buffalo Expansion Project

### April:

- Strategic Plan Release
- Tipico New Centennial Blend Coffee

### May:

- 5/16: Wonder Awards: Shea's High School Musical Awards

### June:

- 6/25: Buffalo Run Club at Shea's

### July:

- 7/8: Mighty Wurlitzer Concert Featuring Richard Hills
- 7/13: Slow Roll Buffalo at Shea's

### August:

- 8/21: Theatre Day at the Buffalo Bisons Game

### September:

- Broadway Season Begins

### October:

- 10/3: Shea's Gala

### November:

- Shea's Anniversary Ornament Release

### December:

- Centennial Year Finale Celebration

Throughout the year, Shea's will also continue to feature outstanding performances, historic tours, educational opportunities, and free films.

While we celebrate Shea's past, we also invite you to invest in Shea's future! A transformative capital campaign is underway to expand Shea's Buffalo Theatre. The community is invited to be part of Shea's enduring legacy by purchasing a [Centennial Seat Plaque](#) or exploring other opportunities to [Elevate Shea's](#).

### LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL

MUSICALFARE THEATRE  
JAN 30- FEB 15

### GOD OF CARNAGE

SECOND GENERATION THEATRE COMPANY  
FEB 27- MAR 15

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### RENT

*Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre*  
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre  
JAN 16-25

### SEE HOW THEY RUN

*Produced By: Niagara Regional Theatre Guild*  
The Ellicott Creek Playhouse  
JAN 30- FEB 15

### THE LITTLE PRINCE

*Produced By: Kenan Center*  
Taylor Theatre  
JAN 31- FEB 8

### SHELTERED

*Produced By: Jewish Repertory Theatre*  
The Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre  
FEB 5- MAR 1

### PRECIOUS LITTLE

*Produced By: Brazen-Faced Varlets*  
Compass Performing Arts Center  
FEB 13-28

### A SKULL IN CONNEMARA

*Produced By: Irish Classical Theatre Company*  
The Anrews Theatre  
FEB 13- MAR 1

### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

*Produced By: O'Connell & Company*  
Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center  
FEB 19- MAR 1

### LUCKY STIFF

*Produced By: Lancaster Opera House*  
Lancaster Opera House  
FEB 20- MAR 8

### EXIT STRATEGY

*Produced By: Road Less Traveled Productions*  
Road Less Traveled Theater  
FEB 20- MAR 22

### THE BROTHERS SIZE

*Produced By: Ujima Company, Inc.*  
Lorna C. Hill Theater  
FEB 27- MAR 8

### HEDDA GABLER

*Produced By: D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre*  
D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre  
FEB 27- MAR 21

### DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE MUSICAL

*Produced By: Theatre of Youth*  
The Allendale Theatre  
FEB 28-MAR 14

### MORNING'S AT SEVEN

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

### SHREK: THE MUSICAL

*Produced By: Historic Lockport Palace Theatre*  
Historic Lockport Palace Theatre  
MAR 13-22

## WONDER BEER!

### BE THE FIRST TO TRY THIS CENTENNIAL BREW!

We're kicking off our first collaboration of 2026 with 42 North! Those who attended the Centennial Celebration were the first to get a taste of the new Wonder Beer.



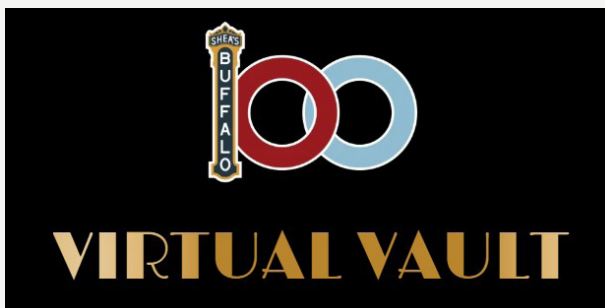
After its debut, the Wonder Beer will be available at Shea's venues, local bars and restaurants across Buffalo, and retail locations wherever fine craft beer is sold.

## SHEA'S VIRTUAL VAULT.

### EXPLORE THE VAULT!

We're bringing the history of Shea's Buffalo Theatre to life through our Virtual Vault. The virtual vault tells the story of Shea's Buffalo Theatre across the decades through photos and descriptive elements. The vault was opened in phases, "Building Shea's Buffalo Theatre," "The Grand Opening," "The Height of the Wonder Theatre," "The Friends Save Shea's Buffalo," "Restoring Shea's Performing Arts Center."

The last chapter of the vault, "The Next Century of Wonder," is coming soon!



## AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

*Produced By: Aurora Players*

Historic Roycroft Pavilion

MAR 13-29

## THEATRE NEWS & FEATURES

**They Belong Together! Ariana Grande and Jonathan Bailey to Star in West End SUNDY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE Revival.**

**Darren Criss and Helen J. Schen Set Departure Dates From MAYBE HAPPY ENDING.**

**J. Harrison Ghee, Joshua Colley, Jordan Tyson, Gary Dourdam, Gaby Moreno to Join HADESTOWN on Broadway.**

**Alicia Keys Musical HELL'S KITCHEN Sets Closing Date on Broadway**

**Eva Noblezada Will Return to Broadway's GREAT GATSBY in February; Reeve Carney Joins Cast in March.**

**Jim Parsons, Deborah Cox, Frankie Grande and More Join Cast of TITANIQUE on Broadway.**

**THE FANTASTICKS To Be Reimagined For Broadway As Contemporary Gay Love Story.**

**NYC Broadway Week Returns for 15th Year.**

**Casting Set for the National Tour of THE GREAT GATSBY.**

**Jason Tam, Jade Jones, More Complete Cast of BIGFOOT! Off-Broadway.**

**Kari René Fuller and Emma Flynn to Fly Into WICKED on Broadway This Spring.**

**TWO STRANGERS (CARRY A CAKE ACROSS NEW YORK) Announces Additional Standbys.**

**Adrien Brody and Tessa Thompson to Make Broadway Debuts in Lindsey Ferrentino's Drama THE FEAR OF 13.**

**Laura Benanti to Host BROADWAY SALUTES Honoring Industry Veterans, With Performance by Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer.**

**Broadway's BEACHES Sends Out Casting Call For Young Divas.**

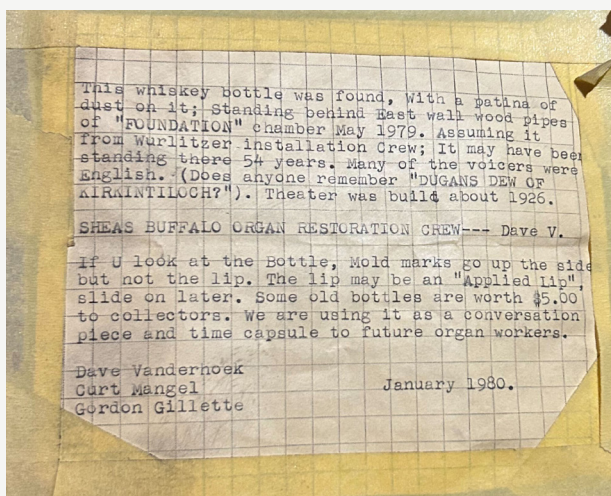


# SHEA'S ORIGINAL TIME CAPSULE.

## OUR HIDDEN, WURLITZER TIME CAPSULE!

To celebrate 100 years, Shea's is putting together a time capsule to be opened in the next 100 years! While we are incredibly excited for this new time capsule, did you know there is already one at Shea's?

If you were to go inside our Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, you would find a small, old whiskey bottle. According to a note left by Dave Vanderhoek, Curt Mangel, and Gordon Gillette, the bottle was discovered behind the east wall wood pipes of the Foundation Chamber in May 1979. They believed it was left by the original Wurlitzer installation crew in 1926. During the restoration of Shea's Buffalo, the bottle was then used as a "conversation piece and time capsule for future organ workers."



The letter left by Vanderhoek, Mangel, and Gillette.

The bottle, unopened since 1980, has certainly served as a conversation piece! Our stagehands treat it with a bit of superstition, keeping it sealed and even rubbing it for good luck.

The bottle has remained unopened for about 45 years. Perhaps one day in the future, we'll discover what was left inside!

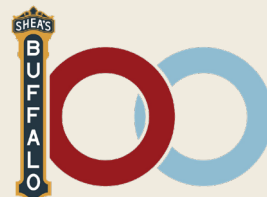


## GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

### BUG

Samuel J. Friedman Theatre

From Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tracy Letts (August: Osage County) and Tony Award-winning director David Cromer (Prayer for the French Republic, The Band's Visit) comes the Broadway premiere of Steppenwolf's acclaimed staging of a cult classic about an unexpected and intense romance between a lonely waitress and a mysterious drifter. What begins as a simple connection between two broken people in a seedy Oklahoma motel room twists into something far more dangerous. When reality slips out of grasp, paranoia, delusion, and conspiracy take over in this sexy psychological thriller. The New York Times warns, "Buckle up and brace yourself because Bug is obscenely exciting."



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