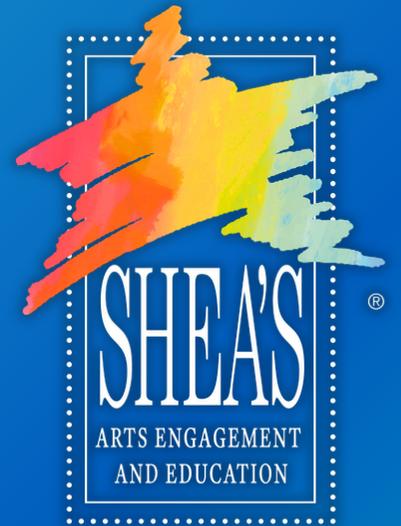
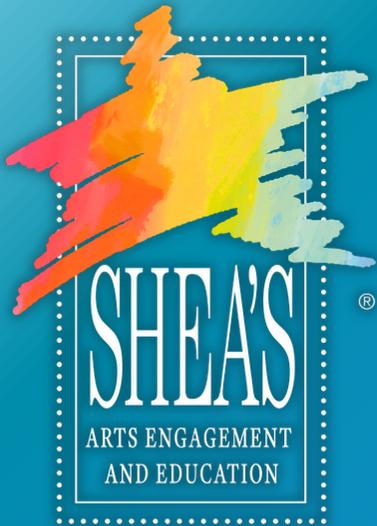


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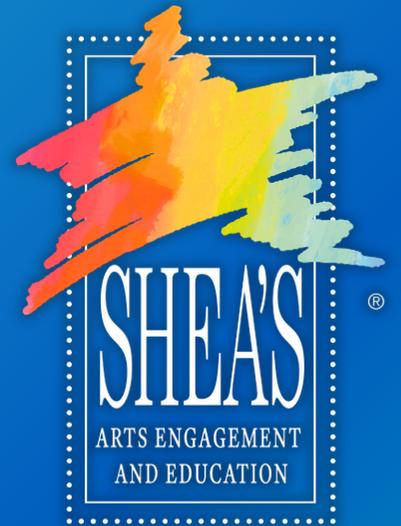
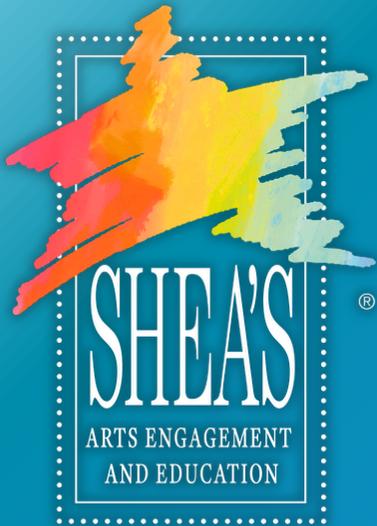
Ricky Needham
Camp Director

Ricky is thrilled to be returning to camp this year! He is an Artie Award winning actor with a BA in Theatre from SUNY Buffalo State.

He's also studied at The Second City in Chicago, IL. Some past professional show credits include *ROCK OF AGES* (Kavinoky Theatre),

SOMETHING ROTTEN! (MusicalFare Theatre), *BIG FISH* (Second Generation Theatre), *WEST SIDE STORY* (MusicalFare Theatre), and many more. He is eager to see what this year's group of fabulous performers bring to the Shea's stage!

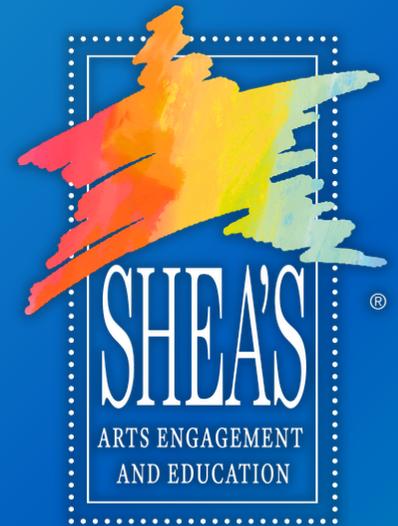
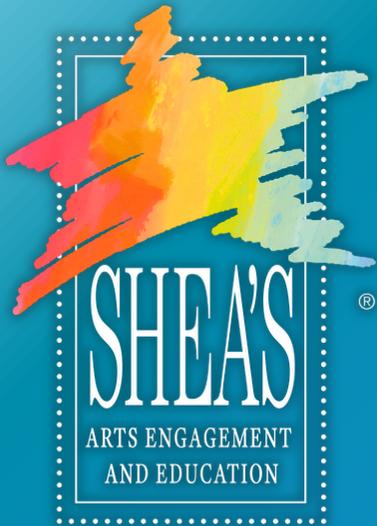
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Moriah Armstrong
Assistant Director

Moriah graduated with her Theatre Performance BFA at the University at Buffalo and is currently pursuing her MA in Theatre Arts Administration. Her recent credits include Directing *PUFFS!* at the University at Buffalo, Eurydice in *EURYDICE* (Irene Ryan Acting Nominee), Dotty Otley in *NOISES OFF!* (Irene Ryan Acting Nominee), and Maria in *TWELFTH NIGHT*.

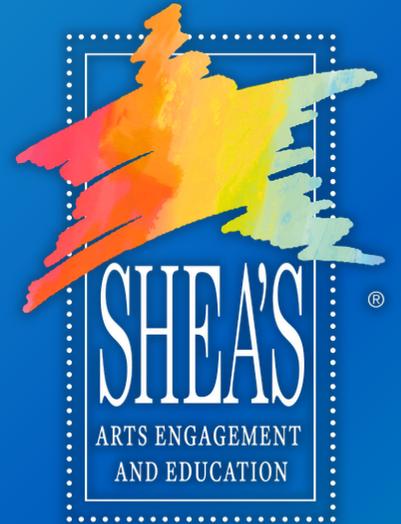
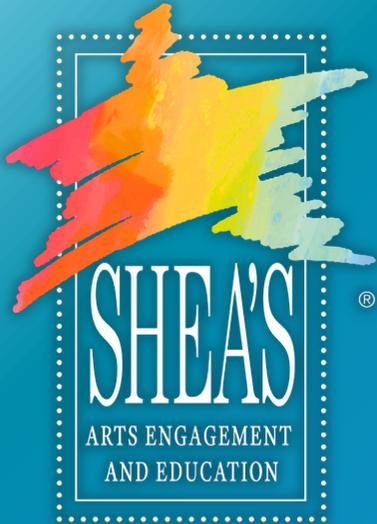
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Allan Paglia
Music Director

Allan is a music director/musician and is thrilled to be a part of *Sing Your Story* and to get to work with these incredibly talented young actors! Allan has music directed over 30 musicals during the last 20 years, as well as performing as a pit orchestra keyboardist/pianist. Previous favorite musical director credits include: *MAMMA MIA!* (Second Gen/Sheas 710), *URINETOWN* (Second Gen/Sheas Smith), *HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH* (Second Gen/Sheas Smith), *MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG* (Second Gen/Sheas Smith), *ROCK OF AGES* (Kavinoky Theater), *BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY* (Kavinoky Theater), *SPAMALOT* (Kavinoky Theatre), and many more. He has also music directed for the Artie Awards ('16-'19) and for Starring Buffalo's production of *RENT* at Shea's 710. Many thanks to Jake and Vicky for this opportunity!!!

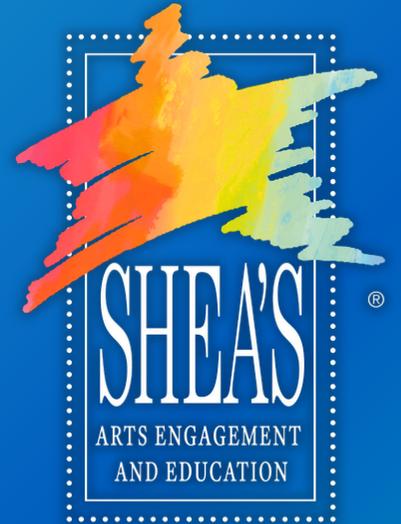
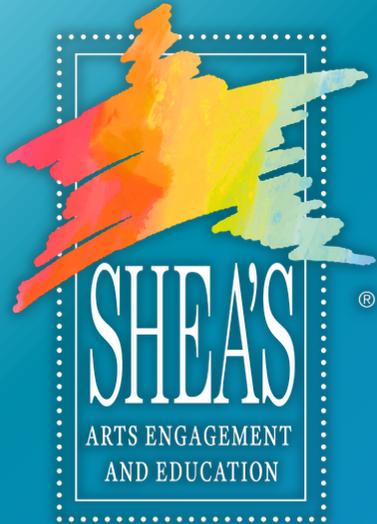
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Kara Sandoval
Choreographer

Kara is thrilled to return for her third year of *Sing Your Story*! As of 2021, Kara has been working locally as a youth director, choreographer, and teaching artist. Prior to that, she traveled the country performing and teaching theatre writing workshops with Child's Play Touring Theatre, taught Theatre Arts at Westside Neighborhood School in LA, as well as honed her writing and circus skills at The Actor's Gymnasium and choreographed at Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago. Since returning to Buffalo, Kara has served as director and choreographer for Eden High School's musical productions: *MATILDA* (2023), *FOOTLOOSE* (2024), *FREAKY FRIDAY* (2025) and *GREASE* (2026). Kara takes immense pride in working with young people and helping them cultivate their love of theatre and dance.

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Lauren Helper
Song Coach

Lauren Helper received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia and her Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from the University at Buffalo. Lauren teaches general/vocal music at West Elementary School in West Seneca, NY, where she teaches K-5th grade music classes, chorus, directs the 5th grade musical. Her musical theater program was the recipient of the Disney in Schools Stage Connect Award this year. She is a member of the Erie County Music Educators Association and recently conducted the 2025 Chautauqua County Elementary All County Chorus. She teaches private voice and piano lessons for the South Buffalo School of Music, and is the music director for the Musical Theater Intensive Summer Camp at the Walh Performing Arts Studio. Lauren is a member of the Buffalo Alumnae chapter of the Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, and has served as the president and vice president of membership.