

SHEA'S CALL-BOARD

OCTOBER 2026

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

GOING UP!

AN UPDATE ON THE ELEVATE SHEA'S EXPANSION!

During the month of September construction has risen skyward as masonry work has commenced on the elevator shafts and stair tower. Starting from the basement level, masons have completed up to the second-floor elevation. They will continue to work upward through October. Once complete, the electricians and plumbers will begin under slab rough-ins, the basement slab will then be prepped and poured, and steel will begin to be installed. Stay tuned for next month's update!



UPCOMING EVENTS: SHEA'S BUFFALO

PITCH 10
OCT 22

ANDREW DICE CLAY
OCT 23

**BORED TEACHERS: IS IT FRIDAY
YET? COMEDY TOUR**
OCT 24

**SHEA'S FREE FILM SERIES: THE
ADDAMS FAMILY**
OCT 25

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

GRACE & GRIT
NOV 3

**SOUTH BUFFALO TO
HOLLYWOOD: LOUIS
MUSTILLO'S HALL OF FAME
HOMECOMING**
NOV 5

**THE BASEMENT YARD PODCAST
LIVE!**
NOV 6-7

THE GREAT GATSBY
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
NOV 10-15

SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE
NOV 19

SWAN LAKE
PRESENTED BY CLASSICAL ARTS
NOV 20

THE NUTCRACKER
PRESENTED BY NEGLIA BALLET IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH BPO AND SHEA'S
DEC 4-6

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
FIVE STAR BANK 2026-27 BROADWAY
SEASON
DEC 8-13

THE PRINCESS PROMS
DEC 23

SHEA'S 710

SWEENEY TODD
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
OCT 22- NOV 8

SHEA'S CENTENNIAL GALA!

GUESTS CELEBRATED SHEA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AT OUR 2026 GALA

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended and made the Shea's 2026 Centennial Gala a massive success!

On October 3rd, we came together to properly celebrate Shea's 100th birthday, which officially took place on January 16th, 2026. The big night began at 4:30 p.m., with guests enjoying hors d'oeuvres and participating in our Silent Auction in the Grand and Petite Lobbies. Everyone had the opportunity to bid on exciting items, including Bills suite tickets, a Taylor Swift-signed guitar, and a luxury vacation to Siesta Key. Shea's exclusive experiences, including VIP tickets, private tours, and dinner on the stage, were also up for auction.

The second portion of the evening featured dinner on Shea's Stage, where guests were treated to a special performance by our guest of honor, Megan Hilty. Hilty is a Tony and Grammy Award-nominated actress and singer, best known for her portrayal of triple-threat Ivy Lynn in the NBC musical drama SMASH. She is also known for her portrayal of Glinda the Good in the Broadway company of WICKED and for originating the role of Doralee Rhodes in 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL. Most recently, Hilty originated the role of Madeline Ashton in DEATH BECOMES HER, earning two Broadway.com Audience Choice Awards, a Tony Award nomination, and a Grammy nomination for her performance.

During the evening, Hilty performed a duet of "That's Life" with Grammy-nominated artist Matt Cusson, who also served as her accompanist. Hilty also gave a nod to her WICKED background with a performance of the iconic song "For Good," which she dedicated to the people who have helped Shea's thrive for 100 years. She then led everyone on stage in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Shea's.

During Hilty's performance and for the remainder of the evening, lights on each seat in Shea's Buffalo Theatre glowed, honoring the generations of audience members who have filled the 3,019-seat theatre throughout its 100-year history.

During dinner, Anthony C. Conte was named the 2026 recipient of The Michael Shea Lifetime Legacy Award. Conte served as President of Shea's for 15 years. During his tenure, he oversaw the restoration of the historic theatre and helped restore Shea's to sound financial footing.

Rounding out the evening, guests had the opportunity to bid on exclusive premium live auction items, including a VIP trip to see The Eagles at Sphere in Las Vegas, a premium Costa Rican vacation, an Italian Escape for 15 people, and more.



DISNEY'S FROZEN
MUSICALFARE THEATRE
NOV 28- DEC 20

SHEA'S SMITH

BAT BOY
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE COMPANY
OCT 1-18

**THE SUPER PICKLE: A
HILARIOUS MUSICAL PARODY**
OCT 24

PROOF
SECOND GENERATION THEATRE COMPANY
NOV 19- DEC 6

**THE BETSY CARMICHAEL
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**
DEC 18-20

**SISTER'S CHRISTMAS
CATECHISM: THE MYSTERY OF
THE MAGI'S GOLD**
DEC 23

IN THE COMMUNITY

NUTS
Produced By: Desiderio's Dinner Theatre
Bobby J's Italian American Grille
SEP 16- NOV 14

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

**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

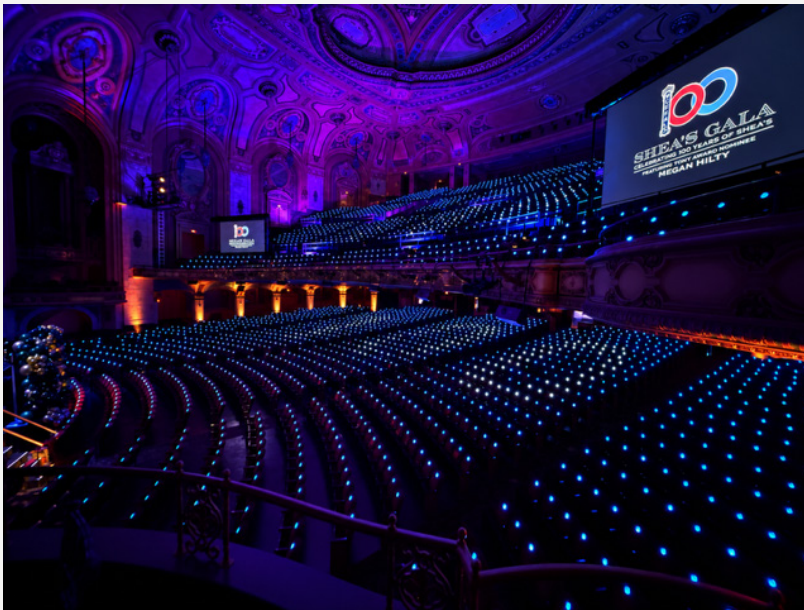
THE LAST YIDDISH SPEAKER
Produced By: Jewish Repertory Theatre
Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre
OCT 29- NOV 22

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

Thank you to everyone who came to the Gala and helped make it the most successful Gala fundraising event of its kind in Shea's history!



A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN & THOSE WHO CHAMPION THEM

BE IN THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS

Join Beth Hollis for an unforgettable evening celebrating extraordinary women and those who champion their achievements, all in support of Golisano Children's Hospital of Buffalo and the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.

The evening will feature an intimate fireside chat with two remarkable cultural icons: Misty Copeland, trailblazing American ballet artist and bestselling author, and Renée Elise Goldsberry, Tony and Grammy Award-winning actress and singer best known for originating the role of Angelica Schuyler in Broadway's *Hamilton*.

Guests will also enjoy a special live performance by Renée Elise Goldsberry, making this an inspiring evening of artistry, perseverance, leadership, and philanthropy.

Celebrate grace, grit, and the power of giving during this exclusive evening where inspiration meets impact.

Doors open: 5:30 p.m. All guests seated by: 6:15 p.m. Get your tickets [here](#).



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

Nicholas Christopher Is Broadway's Next Bobby Darin in JUST IN TIME.

SUFFS to Tour For a Surprise Second Year.

Juan Pablo Di Pace to Make Broadway Debut in SCHMIGADOON!

DIRTY DANCING: THE MUSICAL Is Coming to Broadway.

Savy Jackson to take over as Claire in Broadway's MAYBE HAPPY ENDING.

Tony Award winner Michael Mayer to direct workshop of new musical TINSELTOWN TIPTOE.

Marla Mindelle and Josh Sharp to Deck the Halls in A KIDMAN CAROL Off-Broadway.

Katie Rose Clarke, Carrie St. Louis and More Set for Broadway's DOLLY: A TRUE ORIGINAL MUSICAL

SOUTH BUFFALO TO HOLLYWOOD: LOUIS MUSTILLO'S HALL OF FAME HOMECOMING

Buffalo native and longtime actor Louis Mustillo is coming home- and he's bringing a Hollywood-sized career with him.

On Thursday, November 5, Mustillo will return to Shea's Buffalo Theatre for "South Buffalo to Hollywood: A Hall of Fame Homecoming." The evening will celebrate his more than 40 years in show business and his induction into

the Western New York Entertainment Hall of Fame.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with a lobby reception, followed at 6:15 p.m. by a conversation with Mustillo, led by Shea's Board of Trustee and recent Plaza of Stars Inductee, Meg Quinn. His Hall of Fame induction and a post-event reception will follow.

You may recognize Mustillo from his role as Vince Moranto on MIKE & MOLLY, or from appearances on THE SOPRANOS, SEINFELD, ER, CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM, LAW &



LOUIS MUSTILLO

SOUTH BUFFALO TO HOLLYWOOD:
A HALL OF FAME
HOMECOMING

NOV 5 2026

From **Mike & Molly** and **The Alto Knights** to **The Sopranos** and **Bartenders**, Lou Mustillo has left his mark on the stage and screen for decades. Join us for an evening celebrating his remarkable career, featuring a conversation with Meg Quinn and his induction into the WNY Entertainment Hall of Fame.

SHEA'S BUFFALO THEATRE
5:00PM - 8:00PM
6:15PM: PROGRAM IN THE THEATRE
PRE & POST EVENT RECEPTION
CASH BAR & LITE BITES

TICKETS: \$50
VISIT: WWW.SHEAS.ORG

ORDER: SVU, NCIS, BLUE BLOODS and many other popular shows. He also co-created and starred in AMC's COOPER'S BAR. Most recently, he appeared with Robert De Niro in ALTO KNIGHTS, directed by Barry Levinson.

Before Hollywood, Mustillo was a South Buffalo kid, attending Lorraine Academy and Bishop Timon High School, where he got his start performing skits at school sports rallies. After working as a bartender, he headed to New York City to study acting. His one-man play BARTENDERS, inspired by his father's career as a Buffalo bartender, went on to run for a year and earn critical acclaim.

Now, decades after leaving Buffalo, Mustillo is returning to the city where it all began- this time as a member of the Western New York Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at Shea's Box Office, 650 Main Street, or online [here](http://www.sheas.org).

**Stella Cole Joins Broadway's
MAYBE HAPPY ENDING.**

**Andrew Rannells, Megan Hilty
and Tituss Burgess to Star in
Broadway's IT'S A WONDERFUL
LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY.**

**Neil Patrick Harris, Julianne
Hough and Austin Scott to Star
in Broadway Revival of DAMN
YANKEES.**

**T.R. Knight and Hannah Cruz
to Star in LITTLE SHOP OF
HORRORS Off-Broadway.**

**Blue Man Group Makes
Broadway Debut with A NEW
HOLIDAY SURPRISE.**

**Diego Rodriguez, James Olivas,
Bella Brown and More Join
Rachel Zegler in Broadway's
Evita.**

**Bella Coppola Joins Todrick
Hall's MIDNIGHT Off-Broadway.**

**New Production of LORD OF THE
RINGS Musical to Embark on
World Tour.**

**THE OUTSIDERS Educational
Initiative THE STAY GOLD
PROJECT, Partners with City
Year.**

**Casting directors of LIBERATION,
RAGTIME, SCHMIGADOON! and
more nominated for 42nd Artios
Awards.**

**Lilli Cooper and George Abud
Join Spring Awakening Off-
Broadway Revival.**

**Talia Suskauer and A.J. Shively
Will Star in MARY POPPINS in
New Hampshire.**

**Eliza Doolittle casting
announced for MY FAIR LADY
with Alan Cumming.**

**Kara Lindsay Will Co-Host
#LightUpMBC Virtual Fundraiser.**

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA,
Starring Jordan Donica, Will Be
Filmed Live in London.**

**Glenn Close Will Be the Final
King Herod in West End JESUS
CHRIST SUPERSTAR.**

**Troy Anthony and Eleri Ward
Will Launch Town Hall Café
Series.**

SHEA'S FREE FILM SERIES RETURNS WITH A HALLOWEEN TREAT

FREE FILMS AND HALLOWEEN FUN RETURN TO SHEA'S

Get ready for a spooky afternoon of family fun as Shea's Performing Arts Center kicks off its 2026–27 Free Film Series with animated-favorite, *THE ADDAMS FAMILY* on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Shea's Buffalo Theatre.

Doors open at noon, giving moviegoers plenty of time to enjoy pre-film activities, test their knowledge with trivia, and browse the book table for a free, new or gently used book to take home. The series is also introducing a new feature this year: a live performance will accompany each film event! Before *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*, audiences can enjoy Fusion Dance Studio's performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Released in 2019, and rated PG, *THE ADDAMS FAMILY* features an all-star voice cast, including Oscar Isaac as Gomez Addams, Charlize Theron as Morticia Addams, Chloë Grace Moretz as Wednesday Addams, Snoop Dogg as Cousin Itt, and Bette Midler as Grandma. The animated comedy follows the delightfully macabre Addams family after they relocate to suburban New Jersey, where their unusual traditions clash with their new surroundings. As the family prepares for a major celebration with their extended relatives, they find themselves caught up in the schemes of a devious reality-television host.

The Free Film Series will continue in 2027 with Disney's *Zootopia 2* on January 10 and *The Princess and the Frog* on February 7. All films will be shown at Shea's Buffalo Theatre, located at 646 Main Street in Buffalo, with films beginning at 1:00 p.m. and doors opening at noon.

Tickets to the Free Film Series are free and open to the public, although seating is limited. Free tickets must be reserved online through [Shea's website](#), with tickets becoming available approximately three weeks before each film.

Shea's Free Film Series is made possible through grant support for arts engagement and community programming from Erie County, with [WUFO – Power 96.5 Radio](#) serving as a media partner for the series. Families are invited to come early, enjoy activities and live entertainment, pick up a free book, and settle in for a fun afternoon of movies at Shea's.

FALSETTOS Reunion Concert Adds 3rd NYC Date and London Run; Live Stage Film Sets Streaming Return.

Lin-Manuel Miranda Reveals *ENCANTO* Stage Show Aboard Disney Cruise Ship.

CHICAGO Will Celebrate 30 Years On Broadway With Bebe Neuwirth, James Naughton, Alex Newell, Reece Weaver, More.

GET TO KNOW THE MUSICALS & PLAYS ON BROADWAY

THE LOST BOYS, A NEW MUSICAL PALACE THEATRE

Get ready for the ride of your life with *THE LOST BOYS*, the most Tony Award®-winning new musical of the year. It's a "thrilling, blockbuster event" (People), "a breathtaking adventure unlike any musical seen before" (New York Post), and "the best new musical of the season" (The Washington Post).

When Michael moves to California with his younger brother Sam and their mother Lucy, he's desperate to leave his old life behind and start fresh. A wild night out on the boardwalk finds him in the shadows of Santa Carla and brings him face-to-face with David, the magnetic leader of a local rock band. David and his bandmates offer Michael freedom, adventure, and the connection he's been longing to find. But when the band's dark secret finally comes out, Michael must decide how far he's willing to go to belong.

Based on the classic Warner Bros. film, *THE LOST BOYS* is "a jaw-dropping, rock-fueled must-see" (Cosmopolitan) featuring Tony-winning performances from Shoshana Bean and Ali Louis Bourzgui. Directed by three-time Tony winner Michael Arden (*MAYBE HAPPY ENDING*, *PARADE*), the production features Tony-nominated music and lyrics by The Rescues, a book by Tony nominee David Hornsby and Chris Hoch, choreography by Tony nominee Lauren Yalango-Grant and Christopher Cree Grant (*PARADE*), and music supervision by Tony nominee Ethan Popp (*TINA*). *THE LOST BOYS* is produced by James Carpinello, Marcus Chait, and Patrick Wilson.

SHOP LOCAL AT SHEA'S SHOPPING SOIREE

A FESTIVE NIGHT OF LOCAL SHOPPING, COCKTAILS, AND HOLIDAY CHEER.

Gather your friends and family for a festive evening of local shopping at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Thursday, November 19, from 4:30–8:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Shea's Shopping Soiree brings together dozens of local vendors, including some of the region's most creative kid-run businesses. Enjoy a cocktail while exploring the beautifully decorated historic theatre and discover unique gifts, from handmade jewelry and clothing to pottery and instant cocktail kits.

With something for everyone on your holiday shopping list, it's the perfect way to shop local while supporting a great cause. All proceeds, organized by Shea's Young Professionals, benefit Shea's Buffalo Theatre.

Admission:

Early Bird: \$10 through October 31 with code 26SOIREE

Presale: \$15 starting November 1

At the door: \$20

Learn more and reserve your spot [here](#).



THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW STUDIO 54

You reach towards the door.
You're not sure what's going to happen,
but you know you want to find out.
In fact, you just may be shivering with
anticipation.

Welcome to the legendary Studio 54,
with its infamous history of decadent
fun, and the new Broadway production
of Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror
Show. Inside, you'll find a stage full of
strangely irresistible characters who've
been captivating audiences around the
globe for over 50 years, now brought to
reanimated life by a thrilling cast. You're
going to hear such songs as "Sweet
Transvestite," "Dammit Janet," and "Time
Warp." And you're going to experience
it all masterminded by Tony Award®-
winning director Sam Pinkleton, of Oh,
Mary! fame. And nothing will ever be the
same.



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