



SHEA'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Shea's Performing Arts Center provides a wide variety of quality performing arts and educational experiences for area youth. Field trip opportunities, including Broadway performances, on school time programming, and historic tours. We also offer a number of educational workshops and classes both in and outside the classroom. *Please contact Jennifer Fitzery, Education Program Coordinator at (716) 829-1152 or jfitzery@sheas.org for more information.*

BUFFALO BOB ON SCHOOL TIME SERIES

The On School Time Series provides shows specifically for school groups and is also open to the general public. Children's picture books, United States history, world history and classical literature are transformed and presented on stage allowing students to think, create, and learn from live theatre. This series is designed to introduce students to the world of live performing arts. This season, Shea's is proud to present a very exciting series that students of all ages are sure to enjoy.

2009-2010 On School Time Season

Four Score & Seven Years Ago

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:30 AM

Tickets: \$7

Grades: 3-8

To young Lemuel, who has escaped slavery in Georgia, life in Gettysburg is everything he had dreamed it would be. His ideas about the North and the South, as well as what it means to be a free man, are challenged, however, when he unexpectedly befriends Jacob, a young Confederate soldier. The two men may be of different races and on different sides of the Civil War, but they have much to teach each other about bravery and loyalty in ArtsPower's exciting and suspenseful musical. *Supports NYS Learning Standards: The Arts-Theatre 3, Music 3; Social Studies 1, 5; ELA 1, 2, 3. Character Development, Peer Relationships.*

Nobody's Perfect – Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour

Date: Friday, May 14, 2010 10:30 AM

Tickets: \$7

Grades: 3 and up

To Megan, Alexis has it all: beauty, brains, and athletics—she's practically perfect in every way. Though Megan tries to be nice to her, Alexis is anything but friendly, making Megan wonder, "Does she not like me because I'm deaf?" When they're forced to collaborate on a science project, Megan discovers Alexis's secret. Based on the children's book by Academy Award® winner Marlee Matlin and Doug Cooney, this touching new musical—simultaneously performed in spoken English and American Sign Language—is an important reminder that despite first impressions, nobody's perfect. Adapted for the stage by Doug Cooney. A co-commission with VSA arts, music by Deborah Wicks La Puma, ASL translation by Alexandria Wailes, directed by Coy Middlebrook. *Supports NYS Learning Standards: The Arts-Theatre 3, Music 3; ELA 1, 2, 3; Languages other than English 2. Deaf Culture, Peer Relationships, Communication.*

The Incredible Speediness of Jamie Cavanaugh

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:30 AM

Tickets: \$7

Grades: 3-8

Fast-paced, funny and full of energy, this great new play tackles the issues of bullying, violence, peer pressure, learning disabilities and the struggles to fit in. An insightful story of three youths who discover hope, tolerance and friendship in their journey to understanding and acceptance. Jamie and Max are best friends – she's a trouble magnet who thinks her ADHD is some kind of amazing 'super speed' superpower and he's the smartest kid in his grade. But when Jamie tries to help Max against a bully named Rock, her 'super power' ends up creating more trouble for both of them. Jamie learns that to be a good friend, she needs to slow down and listen, but how do you turn off a super power? A Roseneath Theatre production written by Chris Craddock and directed by Richard Greenblatt. *Supports NYS Learning Standards: The Arts-Theatre 3; ELA 1, 2, 3. Character Development, Tolerance, Family Relationships.*

History of The Word

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 10:30 AM

Tickets: \$7

Grades: 6-12

History of The Word is an innovative, interactive performance that incorporates a “live theatre experience.” This fresh, captivating theatrical performance captures the voices of today’s youth through hip-hop and spoken word poetry and is specifically created for middle and high school students. The 60 minute performance follows six high school students over a single day as they navigate a world filled with challenges, fear and hope. It celebrates diversity with a cast of actors from all different ethnic backgrounds and authentically features current social and political topics that affect our society and communities. The performance challenges students to think about, write about and discuss social issues in an invigorating creative manner. *Supports NYS Learning Standards: The Arts-Theatre 3; Music 3; ELA 1, 2, 3. Character Development, Ethnicity.*

SHEA’S IN SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Shea’s Education Program staff will come to your classroom and custom design a workshop made specifically to fit your class, students and curriculum. This is an exciting audience enrichment program that introduces students to the basics of theatre performance and production. Workshops can be done in connection with a specific Shea’s performance or as a part of your specific curriculum needs.

HANDS ON BROADWAY sponsored by

Bring your school group to spend an afternoon or evening at Shea’s. Dine at the Smith Theatre or a Theatre district restaurant, and top it all off with a Broadway show!

EXPLORING THE ARTS sponsored by


This new program will bring together high school students, from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests and introduce them to a number of art forms including the visual, literary and performing arts. Through work with teaching artists, visits to cultural institutions and hands on art activities students will make a connection among various art forms and learn to appreciate the perspectives and talents of others. This program will instill participants with a greater knowledge and appreciation of the arts and expose them to a number of social and cultural perspectives.

THE KENNY AWARDS

Shea’s Performing Arts Center and the Lipke Foundation are proud to present The Kenny Awards, an endeavor that recognizes the talent, dedication, and effort of our local high school youth. All high schools in Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara counties are invited to apply to the program.

For the past 16 years, over 100 outstanding musical productions in local high schools have been recognized and honored by The Kenny Awards. As a part of the program finalists will perform a selection from their school’s musical at a ceremony in May on the Shea’s stage. The school selected to receive “The Kenny” for Outstanding Musical Production receives a \$5000 grant from the Lipke Foundation to be used for their theatre department. Other awards and recognitions include categories for individual performances in leading and supporting roles as well as areas of technical production, orchestration, choreography, set design and creative interpretation.

CAMP Broadway®

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Every summer children, ages 10-17, take center stage at Shea's Performing Arts Center for Camp Broadway®. This five-day performing arts summer program is directed by Broadway theatre professionals, who provide instruction in singing, acting, dancing and ensemble work. The week long program culminates in the Family Finale, a final presentation on the Shea's stage for family and friends.

The 2010 camp will be held July 26-30

SHEA'S MASTER CLASSES

Shea's Master Class Programs allow high school students to explore the various aspects of the arts and education including acting, creative writing, technical theatre and history. This program is presented once a year and is connected to a specific Broadway production presented at Shea's. Students have the opportunity to learn from working professionals in the arts, receive complimentary tickets to a Shea's Broadway Series performance and meet cast members from the Broadway production they are studying. There is no fee to participate in this program. Students must apply each year to be considered for the program and enrollment is limited.

Shea's Also Offers

- **Historic Tours**
Experience the original history and living grandeur of one of North America's most beautiful theatres! Historic tours of Shea's Performing Arts Center are free to school groups and offered to grades 3-12. To book a historic tour please contact Shea's Tour Coordinator at (716) 829-1166.
- **Internships**
Restoration Internships are available to high school students for community service credit and experience. Please call Shea's Education Program Coordinator at (716) 829-1152 for more information.

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