



**Shea's Performing Arts Center and Albert Nocciolino
Present the 2011-12 M & T Bank Broadway Series**

The 2011-2012 M & T Bank Broadway Series:

Disney's THE LION KING October 4 – 30, 2011

Experience the phenomenon of Disney's THE LION KING. Marvel at the breathtaking spectacle of animals brought to life by award-winning director Julie Taymor, whose visual images for this show you'll remember forever. Thrill to the pulsating rhythms of the African Pridelands and an unforgettable score including Elton John and Tim Rice's Oscar®-winning song "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "Circle of Life." Let your imagination run wild at the Tony® Award-winning Broadway sensation *Newsweek* calls "a landmark event in entertainment." Buffalo's most eagerly awaited return will leap onto the Shea's stage this October, opening the 2011-12 Broadway Series. www.thelionking.com

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET November 8 – 13, 2011

The smash hit Broadway musical, inspired by the true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. On December 4, 1956, these four young musicians were gathered together by Sam Phillips, the "Father of Rock 'n' Roll" at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions of all time. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET brings that legendary night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations featuring timeless hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "I Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who Do You Love?," "Matchbox," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and more.

This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio with four major talents who came together as a red-hot rock 'n' roll band for one unforgettable night. Don't miss your chance to be a fly on the wall of fame... at MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET! www.milliondollarquartetlive.com

THE ADDAMS FAMILY December 6 - 11, 2011

A smash-hit musical comedy that brings the darkly delirious world of Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Grandma, Wednesday, Pugsley and, of course, Lurch to spooky and spectacular life. This magnificently macabre new musical comedy is created by *Jersey Boys* authors Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice, Drama Desk-winning composer/lyricist Andrew Lippa (*The Wild Party*), choreographer Sergio Trujillo (*Jersey Boys*) and Olivier Award-winning director/designers Phelim McDermott & Julian Crouch (*Shockheaded Peter*) with creative consultation by four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks. www.theaddamsfamilymusical.com

LES MISÉRABLES February 28 – March 4, 2012

Cameron Mackintosh presents a brand new 25th Anniversary production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, LES MISÉRABLES is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "One Day More," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master Of The House" and more.

The New York Times calls this LES MISÉRABLES "an unquestionably spectacular production from start to finish." *The London Times* hails the new show "a five star hit, astonishingly powerful." NY1-TV proclaims "this new production actually exceeds the original. The storytelling is clearer, the perspective grittier and the motivations more honest. Musical theatre fans can rejoice: 'Les Miz' is born again." www.LesMis.com

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SOUTH PACIFIC

May 1 – 6, 2012

This new production of ***SOUTH PACIFIC*** is based on the 2008 Tony Award® winning Lincoln Center Theater production, directed by Bartlett Sher. Set on a tropical island during World War II, the musical tells the sweeping romantic story of two couples and how their happiness is threatened by the realities of war and by their own prejudices. The beloved score's songs include "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "This Nearly Was Mine" and "There is Nothin' Like a Dame."

Based on James Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning book *Tales of the South Pacific*, ***Rodgers & Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC*** has music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, a book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan. www.SouthPacificOnTour.com

"A FLAWLESS PRODUCTION!" – *The New York Times*

"THE BEST REVIVAL OF RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN IN A GENERATION!"

– *The Washington Post*

MEMPHIS

June 5 - 10, 2012

TURN UP THAT DIAL... From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes a hot new Broadway musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, **MEMPHIS** is about a radio DJ who wants to change the world and a club singer who is ready for her big break. Come along on their incredible journey to the ends of the airwaves -- filled with laughter, soaring emotion and roof-raising rock 'n' roll. **Winner of four 2010 Tony Awards® including Best Musical, MEMPHIS**, which played pre-Broadway at the La Jolla Playhouse, features a Tony®-winning book by Joe DiPietro (*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*) and a Tony®-winning original score with music by Bon Jovi founding member David Bryan.

Directing is Tony® nominee Christopher Ashley (*Xanadu*), and choreography is by Sergio Trujillo (*Jersey Boys*). Get ready to experience Broadway's most exciting new destination~ what AP calls "The very essence of what a Broadway musical should be." www.MemphistheMusical.com

2011-2012 Special Engagements include:

THE NUTCRACKER

November 26 & 27, 2011

Neglia Ballet Artists, The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Shea's collaborate for the third consecutive season to present Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet *The Nutcracker* Thanksgiving weekend. This traditional production of the work will be conceived, choreographed and produced by Neglia Ballet Artists Artistic Director Sergio Neglia and Executive Director Heidi Halt Neglia with live accompaniment by the BPO.

RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

February 17 - 19, 2012

Direct from Broadway, RAIN returns to Shea's due to popular demand! The internationally-acclaimed Beatles concert returns after sell-out performances at Shea's. As "the next best thing to seeing The Beatles!" (*Associated Press*), **RAIN** performs the full range of The Beatles' discography live onstage, including the most complex and challenging songs that The Beatles themselves recorded in the studio but never performed for an audience. Together longer than The Beatles, **RAIN** has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome, delivering a totally live, note-for-note performance that's as infectious as it is transporting. From the early hits to later classics (*I Want To Hold Your Hand, Hard Day's Night, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Let It Be, Come Together, Hey Jude* and more), this tribute will take you back to a time when all you needed was love, and a little help from your friends!

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SPAMALOT

March 30 & 31, 2012

Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, *Monty Python's Spamalot* is the outrageous musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the film classic "Monty Python and The Holy Grail." Directed by Tony Award-winner Mike Nichols, with a book by Eric Idle and music and lyrics by the Grammy Award-winning team of Mr. Idle and John Du Prez, *Spamalot* tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Flying cows, killer rabbits, taunting Frenchmen and show-stopping musical numbers are just a few of the reasons audiences everywhere are eating up *Spamalot*.

Spamalot previously played Shea's in 2007 as part of its Broadway Series.

Additional Special Engagements will be announced.

To book a group (15+) now, call Kate Foster 716-829-1154 or Mary Oshei 716-829-1153.

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SHEA'S MISSION STATEMENT

To restore and maintain Shea's Buffalo Theatre for present and future generations to enjoy as a working historic theatre providing a wide variety of live performing arts experiences for our patrons and innovative and effective educational experiences fostering an appreciation of live theatre by area youth.