

Shea's Gala

Featuring an Evening with
Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award-Winner

Audra McDonald

Saturday, April 25, 2020



You are cordially invited to

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Gala Chairs - Dr. Raul & Toni Vazquez

This black-tie evening begins at Shea's Buffalo Theatre with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction followed by a gourmet dinner on Shea's Grand Stage. After dinner, guests will be escorted to Shea's 710 Theatre for a private performance featuring An Evening with Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-Winner

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00-6:30 PM Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction in Shea's Lobby

6:45-8:30 PM Gourmet dinner, dessert and live auction on Shea's Grand Stage

8:30-8:45 PM Guests escorted to Shea's 710 Theatre

9:00-10:00 PM Private performance by Audra McDonald

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER LEVEL SPONSOR - \$10,000

- Recognition at the Gala as an Executive Producer Level Sponsor
- The opportunity to attach your sponsorship to a specific part of the event (ie. Registration, Cocktail Hour, Silent or Live Auction, etc.)
- Two Tables of 10 with premier seating on Stage at the Gala
- 20 Tickets for After-Dinner Performance by Audra McDonald
- Recognition as a Sponsor on Shea's website, media release and in Full Page Shea's Gala Playbill ad during Spring 2020
- Your Logo on the Shea's Main Street Marquee for 60 days surrounding the Gala
- Verbal Recognition on Stage at the Gala
- 75 Tickets for a school of your choice for a Shea's On School Time performance*
- Box Suite for a Broadway Show or Special Engagement of your choice* (seats up to 8)
- Four Tickets for any Shea's Buffalo, Shea's Smith or Shea's 710 Show of your choice*

*Subject to availability and must be used before March 31, 2021

DIRECTOR/CORPORATE LEVEL SPONSOR - \$4,000

- Recognition at the Gala as a Director/Corporate Level Sponsor
- One Table of 10 with preferred seating on Stage at the Gala
- 10 Tickets for After-Dinner Performance by Audra McDonald
- Recognition as a Sponsor on Shea's website, media release and in Full Page Shea's Gala Playbill ad during Spring 2020
- Your name on the Shea's Main Street Marquee for 30 days surrounding the Gala

SPOTLIGHT LEVEL SPONSOR - \$600/COUPLE OR \$325/TICKET

- Recognition at the Gala as a Spotlight Level Sponsor
- Recognition as a Sponsor on Shea's website
- Individual/Couple Seating on Stage at the Gala
- Individual/Couple Seating for After-Dinner Performance by Audra McDonald

Additional sponsorship opportunities available upon request. Contact John Schaller at (716) 829-1170 or jschaller@sheas.org.

All proceeds from the Shea's 2020 Gala will benefit the ongoing restoration, improvements and maintenance of Shea's Buffalo Theatre as well as Shea's Education Programming.



Presenting a Private After-Dinner Performance with Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-Winner

Audra McDonald

Audra McDonald is unparalleled in the breadth and versatility of her artistry as both a singer and an actor. The winner of a record-breaking six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards, and an Emmy Award, she received a 2015 National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama and was also named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people that year. Tony-winning performances include *Carousel*, *Master Class*, *Ragtime*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*, and *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* – which served as the vehicle for her Olivier-nominated 2017 West End debut. On television, McDonald is known for her roles in ABC's *Private Practice* and NBC's *The Sound of Music Live!*, and she won an Emmy as the official host of PBS's *Live From Lincoln Center*. She returned to Broadway in summer 2019 to star opposite Michael Shannon in *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune* and can currently be seen as Liz Lawrence on CBS All Access's *The Good Fight*, which launches its fourth season in 2020. Recent film credits include *Ricki and the Flash*, Disney's live-action *Beauty and the Beast*, and movie-musical *Hello Again*. The Juilliard-trained soprano also maintains a major career as a concert and recording artist. Her latest solo album, *Sing Happy*, was recorded live with the New York Philharmonic for Decca Gold. Of all her many roles, her favorites are the ones performed offstage: passionate advocate for equal rights and homeless youth, wife to actor Will Swenson, and mother.



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