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## **Shea's Performing Arts Center Kicks Off National Volunteer Month by Extending a Round of Applause to its 1,000 Volunteers**

### **New Volunteers Welcome**

Shea's Performing Arts Center kicked off National Volunteer Month by expressing gratitude to the large base of volunteers who help support theatre operations and performances. Approximately 1,000 people serve in various volunteer capacities: working concessions, serving as ushers, staffing the coat check counter, helping with restoration work, operating the Wurlitzer player piano, assisting with the high school awards program, supporting fundraising events, and more.

“Volunteers play a huge role in ensuring a great visitor experience for all who walk through the doors of our theatres,” said Brian Higgins, President & CEO of Shea’s Performing Arts Center. “We are extremely grateful for the time, energy and dedication volunteers bring to this historic institution.”

New volunteers are always welcome. Those interested can sign up through the Shea’s Performing Arts Center website at: <https://www.sheas.org/volunteer-program/> Incoming volunteers will be invited to an upcoming orientation.

April is recognized as National Volunteer Month. Follow Shea’s Performing Arts Center on [Facebook](#), [Twitter\(X\)](#), and [Instagram](#) as we highlight several of our volunteers over the next few weeks.

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### **Attached Photo: Annual Volunteer Banquet**

### **ABOUT SHEA’S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Shea’s Buffalo Theatre was initially built as a “picture palace” by Michael Shea in 1926. Today, Shea’s Performing Arts Center comprises three modern theatres in the heart of the Buffalo Theatre District, bringing the best of live performances through touring productions and local collaborations to Western New York. Shea’s Buffalo Theatre is the historic crown jewel of the Performing Arts Center and is one of the top touring theatres in the country, with over 3,000 seats. It was designated a National Historic Site in 1975. Shea’s 710 Theatre is the latest space to be added to the campus. Once home to Studio Arena Theatre, this 558-seat thrust theatre offers Broadway productions and plays produced by local and international theatre companies. Shea’s Smith Theatre is a 200-seat black box theatre that hosts Off-Broadway productions, comedy, and collaborative productions with local theatre companies. Shea’s Performing Arts Center is committed to keeping true to the history of Shea’s Buffalo Theatre and to the future of the Western New York region, bringing the best of Broadway theatre and beyond to Buffalo, NY.