

JUNE 2025



FROM THE WINGS

TWO GREECE ARCADIA STUDENTS CONCLUDE WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY AFTER COMPETING AT THE JIMMY AWARDS

Two Greece Arcadia seniors were among the 110 student performers from around the country who competed at the 16th annual National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA), also known as the Jimmy Awards®, in New York City on June 23. Tessa Meyers and Ian Royse were chosen to represent Rochester, NY at the 2025 Jimmys during RBTL's Stars of Tomorrow NYC Bound competition back in May. For Ian, this is the second time he's had this incredible opportunity.

Their Jimmy Awards experience began on June 13, when they arrived in New York City. More than a week of rehearsals at Julliard, master classes, private coaching and interviews with theater professionals followed. It also included seeing a performance of "MJ the Musical" and participating in a talkback with company members, giving them insight on what it's like to be a part of a Broadway show. Other highlights throughout the week were dining at a New York City staple, Carmine's, visiting Times Square to see their headshots displayed on a Billboard and special tours of the Lincoln Center Theater and Library for the Performing Arts.

This whirlwind of a week culminated with a talent showcase at the Jimmy Awards, presented at the Minskoff Theatre, home to "Disney's The Lion King." This year's host of the Jimmy Awards was once again Grammy and Tony Award nominee, Josh Groban. There were also appearances by "Hamilton" and "In the Heights" creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jasmine Amy Rogers (2017 Jimmys finalist and current star of Broadway's "BOOP! The Musical") and Julia Knitel (2009 Jimmys nominee, currently performing in "Dead Outlaw" on Broadway and previously seen in the National Tour of "Come From Away").

Tessa and Ian performed in the Opening and Closing numbers, as well as in small group performances. You can watch Ian in a Broadway Character Medley [here](#) and Tessa in the Featured Performance, "Ready to Rise," [here](#).

Congratulations Tessa and Ian! Everyone at RBTL can't wait to see you continue to grow and thrive as you advance your theatre careers.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

RBTL'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 4

THE GREAT GATSBY BALLET

September 23

CELTIC THUNDER

September 24

2025-2026 M&T BANK

BROADWAY SEASON

October 21-June 14



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IAN AND TESSA'S WEEK AT THE JIMMYS - THROUGH PHOTOS

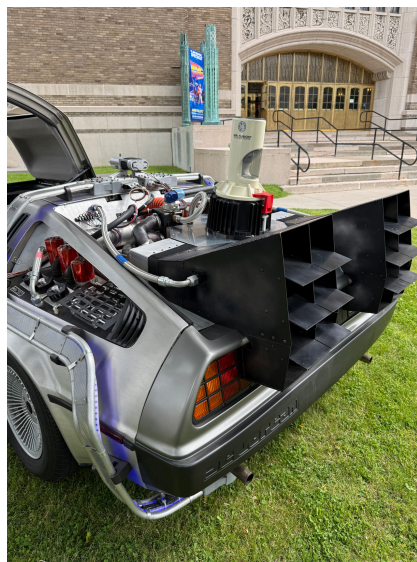
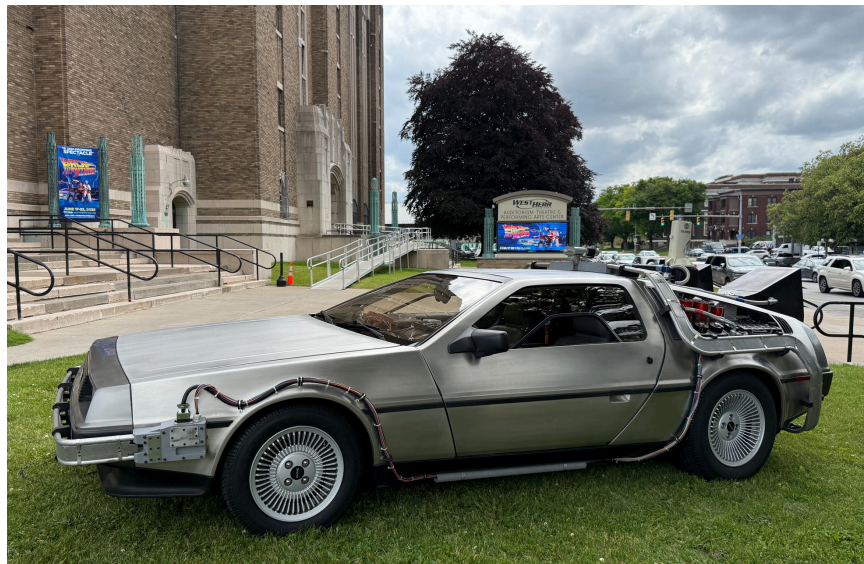
(Photos Courtesy: Angela of York)



GOING BACK IN TIME WITH THE DELOREAN TIME MACHINE

Theatre patrons who attended Opening Night of "Back to the Future" on June 17 had the opportunity to snap photos with a replica DeLorean Time Machine. It was parked on the West Herr Auditorium Theatre's front lawn, thanks to Ohio Time Machine Rental, to welcome the production to Rochester.

We took some close up pictures of all the details, including its power source and the vehicle's visors, which were signed by the stars of the original film trilogy, Christopher Lloyd and Michael J. Fox. Check it out below!



SUBSCRIBE TO THE 2025-2026 M&T BANK BROADWAY SEASON!

The 2025-2026 M&T Bank Broadway Season Ticket Package is comprised of seven spectacular shows, featuring a national tour launch, a comedy, a long overdue (and highly anticipated) two-week return engagement and four Rochester-debut productions! Plus, Subscribers will receive first (optional) access to our Blockbuster Subscription Add-On! Check out next Season's lineup:



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- 7 LOST TICKET INSURANCE:** If you misplace your ticket, give us a call. We'll re-issue your ticket at no additional cost.
- 8 ADVANCE NOTICE:** Receive notice of added shows, special events and other opportunities throughout the Season.
- 9 TICKET FORWARDING:** Forward your tickets to others online using Account Manager.
- 10 PHILANTHROPY:** Support the arts right here in the greater Rochester community!

RBTL is committed to providing an enjoyable theatre-going experience for all patrons by offering a variety of services to our diverse audiences. That includes patrons who use wheelchairs, who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who are visually impaired. Audio Description and Open Captioning are available during most Sunday matinee subscription performances of the Broadway Season and ASL Interpretation is offered during most Thursday evening subscription performances. To learn more about these services, visit rbtl.org/accessibility-services.

SPOTLIGHT ON: *SUFFS*

Engagement Dates: June 9-14, 2026

Book, Music & Lyrics By: Shaina Taub

Directed By: Leigh Silverman ("Yellow Face," "Violet" & "Grand Horizons")

Age Recommendation: 10+

Running Time: 2 hours & 30 minutes, including intermission

Synopsis: Behind every powerful woman... are more powerful women. Direct from Broadway, comes the acclaimed Tony Award®-winning musical "Suffs" about the brilliant, passionate, and funny American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote.

Created by Shaina Taub, the first woman to ever independently win Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score in the same season, this "thrilling, inspiring and dazzlingly entertaining" (Variety) new musical boldly explores the triumphs and failures of a struggle for equality that's far from over. Winner of the Outer Critics' Circle Award for Best New Musical.

Reviews: According to the New Yorker, "The musical succeeds at a thrilling, all-hands-on-deck level: 'Suffs' readies you to both look inward and march on." The Chicago Tribune said, "Like all of the best Broadway musicals, 'Suffs' humanizes, empowers, moves and entertains."

*Hannah Cruz as Inez Milholland and the Suffrs Broadway Company.
Photo by Joan Marcus.*



SPOTLIGHT ON: *A BEAUTIFUL NOISE*

Engagement Dates: April 21-26, 2026

Book By: Anthony McCarten ("The Theory of Everything," "The Two Popes" & "Darkest Hour")

Music & Lyrics By: Neil Diamond

Directed By: Michael Mayer ("Little Shop of Horrors," "Funny Girl" & "Spring Awakening")

Age Recommendation: Audiences of all ages

Running Time: 2 hours & 15 minutes, including intermission

Synopsis: Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, "A Beautiful Noise" is the uplifting true story

of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway-and head out on the road across America.

Like "Jersey Boys" and "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" before it, "A Beautiful Noise" is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.

Reviews: The Washington Times said, "The biographical drama is a heartwarming celebration of Mr. Diamond's uplifting music and inspirational life." CBS, CNN and GMA chanted it's "So good, so good, so good!"



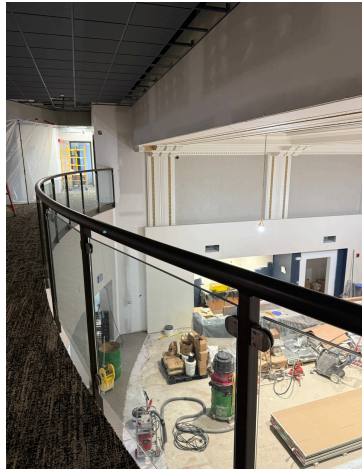
*Hannah Jewel Kohn as 'Marcia Murphey,' Nick Fradiani as 'Neil - Then' and
'The Noise' in A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical
Photo by Jeremy Daniel*

LANDSCAPING BEGINS AT REAR ENTRANCE

New trees and flowers have been planted around the West Herr Performing Arts Center's southwest corner, brightening up what will be a new drop-off point. Patrons who use that entrance, which will lead them to a new pre-show gathering area and the WHPAC lobby through a renovated corridor, will have a chance to admire the greenery.

Speaking of that new gathering space - the restored Floreano Room - it's now viewable from the second-floor Theatre lounge. The temporary wall that was once there has been taken down to establish the overlook, expanding the footprint of the lounge and providing a birds-eye-view to the area below.

To stay up-to-date on the latest restoration efforts, follow the West Herr Performing Arts Center on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Also, visit [WestHerrPAC.org](#) for more information on [PROJECT RESTOURATION](#) or to make a tax-deductible donation to help with the transformation of this historic building.



WEST HERR AUDITORIUM THEATRE'S SUMMER BOX OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Beginning **Friday, June 27**, the Box Office will be **CLOSED** on
Fridays and **Saturdays** through **Labor Day**

Additionally, the Box Office will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, July 3** and **Monday, September 1**
in observance of **Independence Day** and **Labor Day**, respectively.