



5K Stone Jug Run raises funds for Youngstown Free Library

It was chilly morning, but that couldn't keep away close to 100 runners who met at The Stone Jug on Saturday, Feb. 5, in historic Youngstown to run in the inaugural Stone Jug 5K to support the Youngstown Free Library.

Participants of all ages and abilities joined in the fun! This event's net proceeds benefitted the Youngstown Free Library,

and all participants received a Stone Jug T-shirt and medal for their participation.

The Youngstown Free Library wants to extend its thanks to the following for their support and time in planning for this event: Barb and Mike Costello; Paul Beatty of Race Management Solutions; Old Fort Niagara; the Youngstown Police Depart-

ment; the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Co.; the Youngstown DPW; Whitmer Park Medical Center; Friends of the Library; and trustees of the library.

Please visit the Youngstown Free Library website at <https://youngstownfreelibrary.org/> to get more information about the library's programs and services.

Shea's 710 Theatre presents Carmen Ruby Floyd in 'Buffalo 2 Broadway & Beyond: A Musical Journey'

A live concert at Shea's 710 Theatre - one performance only on April 9

Carmen Ruby Floyd, a Buffalo native, Niagara University graduate, and Broadway star, returns home for a special one-night-only concert at Shea's 710 Theatre on Saturday, April 9 (8 p.m.).

Event organizers stated, "Carmen's exquisite soprano voice will take us on a melodic journey from her childhood in Buffalo, to her education at Niagara University, and on to the bright lights of Broadway."

Many will recognize Floyd from her many television credits, including "Orange is the New Black," "One Life to Live," "Law

and Order: SVU" and "The Traveler." She has proudly performed for presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton and has been a guest soloist with orchestras around the world, including The Scottish Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and The American Pops. She now tours the world performing with mentor Vanessa Williams - and impresses audiences with what the New York Times called her "star quality and star charisma."

It was while enrolled at Niagara University that Floyd auditioned and landed the role of Shenzi in "Disney's The Lion King" in the original Toronto cast. Additional NYC/Broadway credits include

roles in "Crowns," "Avenue Q," "After Midnight," "Cotton Club Parade," "Promenade," "Langston Hughes's Little Ham" and "Hello Dolly!"

Tickets are \$20 for students, \$34 for presale, \$39 for regular admission, and are now on sale. Visit Shea's box office or sheas.org for tickets.

To purchase presale tickets, use the code BAYOU by 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, and save \$5 off the \$39 ticket price. Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more. To learn more about group offerings, contact Mary Oshei at 716-829-1153.

Shea's Performing Arts Center is located at 646 Main St., Buffalo.

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