

Musical 'Shangri-La-La' Exposes Las Vegas Justice with Glitter, Guts, and Gags – July 22–24 at the Arlington Drafthouse

The previews for this new comedy musical will be of particular interest to those who remember Las Vegas entertainers Siegfried & Roy.

ARLINGTON, VA, UNITED STATES, July 16, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Shangri-La-La](#), the outrageous new comedy musical based on true events, takes the stage at the Arlington Drafthouse Theater for three nights only: July 22–24. Get ready for a jaw-dropping blend of courtroom chaos, Las Vegas excess, and musical mayhem.

At the heart of Shangri-La-La is a real-life legal drama involving the world-famous entertainers [Siegfried and Roy](#) — and the explosive lawsuit that tried to pull back the velvet curtain on their glamorous empire. Written by and starring [Mike Meier](#), the very attorney who filed the original case, the show takes audiences on a glitter-drenched rollercoaster through the surreal world of Las Vegas “Hometown Justice,” where influence trumps evidence, and justice often disappears behind the smoke and mirrors.

“This isn’t fiction,” says Meier. “It’s the true story of how I sued Siegfried and Roy — and got flambéed by the Vegas legal machine. But if you can’t laugh at the absurdity of it all, you’ll cry — so I wrote a musical.”

Las Vegas “hometown justice” had previously been exposed in a hard-hitting investigative series by William Rempel, a former investigative reporter and editor for the Los Angeles Times. Rempel’s 2006 Times collaboration with Michael J. Goodman, described the corrupt and often biased judicial system of Las Vegas in the landmark three-part series, “Juice vs. Justice.”






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The Los Angeles Times investigation, which brought national attention to Las Vegas' controversial "hometown justice" practices, revealed how the city's judges were influenced by friends, business associates, and major donors, creating a stacked judicial deck. The investigation's explosive first part, titled "In Las Vegas, They're Playing with a Stacked Judicial Deck," sparked outrage, ultimately making the Times series one of the most significant exposes on judicial corruption in the country.

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Shangri-La-La, A Comedy Musical (Previews)

Turns out that all that glitters IS gold! OK, no, wait a minute. It's not. At all. This is the story of the young German man Joshua, who fulfills his lifelong dream of moving to fabulous Las Vegas. But after getting a job as the assistant to the Vegas royalty known as Siegfried and Roy, he tragically finds out that the nickname "Sin City" has been very well earned.

Ever heard of the Hanging Judge, Roy Bean? Maybe Judge Isaac Parker? They were judges in the Wild West, and they handed down justice however they saw fit, laws be damned. Small wonder mobster Bugsy Siegel built the first casino on the Las Vegas strip, The Flamingo, in a town that still follows their cherished tradition where "Hometown Justice" goes to the highest bidder.

Tue, Jul 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Wed, Jul 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Thu, Jul 24, 2025

3:00 PM

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Combining cabaret camp with biting satire, Shangri-La-La isn't afraid to dance on the edge. With a cast of larger-than-life characters, original songs, and outrageous wigs, the show delivers both comedy and commentary. Audiences will meet German immigrant Joshua, who dares to speak out about abuse behind the glitz, only to be steamrolled by a system built to protect its brightest stars.

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Performance Dates:

July 22, 23 (7 pm) & 24 (3 pm)

Venue: Arlington Drafthouse Theater

Tickets:

<https://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/events/115748>

Promo Code “SHANGRI” – \$10 Off!

This is Shangri-La-La: where justice goes to Vegas... and stays there.

NOTE: This production contains adult themes and is recommended for mature audiences who enjoy courtroom drama, campy flair, and the occasional tiger roar.

And here is a short trailer for that musical: <https://youtube.com/shorts/dzlnsbcc2RE>

About Mike Meier, writer

Mike Meier grew up in a blue-collar housing project in Germany. His grandfather was a 1920s traveling magician and fortune-teller known as Wladi-Kami. Incidentally, Mike's grandfather and Siegfried & Roy were members of the same Magicians' Circle. When he is not writing books, he's playing guitar somewhere... See <https://themikemeier.com/>

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Musical Comedy Imitates Investigative Reporting!

Well, here's a first. It turns out that a new musical-comedy about to be staged in the Washington, D.C., area was drawn from a Los Angeles Times newspaper investigation I did with Michael J. Goodman in 2006. That's right: a one-time newspaper exposé about to be rendered in song and dance.

Our 3-part series titled "Juice vs. Justice" documented the widespread practice of Las Vegas judges taking on and deciding cases involving ... [See more](#)



William Rempel's articles in the Los Angeles Times exposed Las Vegas justice

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