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#121 **From:** Irclark1973 **Date:** Sun Jul 8, 2001 12:36 am **Subject:** [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#) Irclark1973 [Send Email](#)

I was at that show too but I didn't see her after the show...how long was it after that she went out the front? Wow...I bet that was so neat to get to see her so up close. I'm such a huge fan of celebs that I try to get to see them...I have met Reba McEntire, Naomi Judd, Ray Price, Ty England, Ralph Emery, Michael Winslow, Ronnie Milsap and some others. Where is it that you live? I'm in Austin and work across the street from the Paramount !

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#122 **From:** ironicwit **Date:** Sun Jul 8, 2001 9:32 am **Subject:** [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#) ironicwit [Send Email](#)

Lucky you, I live several hours away from Austin -- and I never even went to UT -- so I'm not really familiar with the city. But I thought it was pretty neat that the Paramount was only about half a mile from the State Capitol. The only reason I knew about the opening-night reception was because I had a seat in the fourth row center. Shortly before the show began, a woman (who, I presume, must have been a representative of the Theatre Alliance) started handing out passes to the folks in the first three rows. She explained that they

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were to be used at the reception to be held afterwards on the mezzanine.

The to-do itself was quite brief. A few minutes after the show ended, I saw Ms. Arthur (who had changed into street clothes by then) step out and begin greeting people on the first floor. Then she climbed the flight of stairs from the ground floor -- grasping the railing all the way (with her injury, a flight of stairs must not have been an especially welcome prospect). Over the next few minutes, she mingled with people -- posing for pictures and signing autographs.

Shortly after 10 p.m., she exited the theatre through the front door. I overheard the man who took her by the arm say that the restaurant was just around the corner from the hotel and that the chef was waiting. The two of them walked down to the end of the block and entered the Star Canyon restaurant. That was the last I saw of her till the following evening.

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- #123 **From:** Irclark1973 Irclark1973
 [Send Email](#)
Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 10:17 am
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

WOW how awesome !! That sounds great...glad you had a great time...both nights. I bet it was awesome meeting her in person !

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- #124 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
 [Send Email](#)
Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 10:49 am
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

To be honest, I did not attempt to speak to her -- though I was within speaking distance. I'm not the kind of person who can run up to a celebrity and ask for an autograph (or a picture for that matter). There were also quite a few people around, and I really didn't want to bother her when she was on her way out!

By the way, I do hope to see her when she goes to Galveston (November 10-11). That won't be any more of a drive for me than the trip to Austin was. If I do make it to Galveston, you can bet your bottom dollar that I'll check out the theatre beforehand (and find out where the back door is).

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- #125 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
 [Send Email](#)
Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 2:30 pm
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

I agree with you when meeting Bea. Nobody would like fans that would rush them and get pushy just to get a photo or autograph. Sometimes its best to stand back and admire. The first time I met Bea, I just had to talk to her... which I did. But, the second time, I just stood back and watched other people meet her. It was just as thrilling for me. Plus, i talked to a guy that worked for her production after she left... he mentioned that he appreciated how I waited to speak with her and was patient. I think that fact let me talk with her 10-15 mins instead of just a minute or two.

Good manors gets you IN :)

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- #126 **From:** Irclark1973 Irclark1973
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Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 3:13 pm
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

Yeah I know what you mean. The 1st time I got to go backstage to meet Reba I was in awe and just stood there watching her and answering everybody else's questions...then the 2nd and 3rd times I was ready to talk, etc... The shows in Galveston what days are those on? If you go; I'd love to also...would you care to get together and chat, etc...

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#127 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
✉ [Send Email](#)
Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 3:31 pm
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

That would be fun if we could say "howdy" to each other in Galveston. Wouldn't that be a blast?

I don't know a whole lot about the Galveston show yet. When I phoned the Grand Opera a week or so ago, I was told that tickets for "...And Then There's Bea" would not go on sale until September 1. Right now, they're just selling season subscriptions. For the record, she is scheduled to perform two shows there -- one on the evening of Saturday, November 10, and another on the afternoon of Sunday, November 11.

Unfortunately, I don't think that she's been selling out. I've noticed that some of the dates have been trimmed off of her Ohio engagements (Columbus and Cincinnati).

When I was in Austin, the house manager told me that Ms. Arthur's manager (or producer or somebody like that) knew that the show would be a "hard sell." I cannot tell you how much I hated to hear that. I just don't see how anyone could pass up a chance to see this lady in a live performance.

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#128 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
✉ [Send Email](#)
Date: Sun Jul 8, 2001 3:47 pm
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

Hey, if I do get to see the show in Galveston, I'll just tell 'em, "Kevin sent me!" That should get me an invite to the inner sanctum.

Seriously, though, I'm like you. I'd prefer a longer conversation. What a lot of people got on opening night was akin to going through a White House receiving line. You could blurt out a few niceties, but that's about it. You couldn't really have a meaningful exchange.

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#129 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001
✉ [Send Email](#)
Date: Mon Jul 9, 2001 3:15 am
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

I'm seriously thinking of seeing her a third time when she comes to St. Louis. I'm sorry to hear that her show hasn't been selling out. Gosh I can't understand that! If I had the money I'd go see her in every single city! I just cannot get enough of this remarkable woman.

Anyways, I wonder what it would be like seeing her in St. Louis on say a Saturday matinee.
Hmmm.
Well, I just hope she does well enough there to keep all her dates.

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#130 **From:** tommyboyin_2000 tommyboyin_2000
✉ [Send Email](#)
Date: Mon Jul 9, 2001 1:13 pm
Subject: [Indy Show](#)

Does anyone know if the Indianapolis show was cancelled? It's not showing up on Ticketmaster.com anymore nor is it showing up on the Egyptian Ballroom website's schedule anymore. I'm gonna be devastated if it is cancelled.

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#131 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
✉ [Send Email](#)
Date: Mon Jul 9, 2001 1:33 pm
Subject: [Re: Indy Show](#)

Gosh... I'm not seeing it listed anymore either anywhere. What is the web address for the Egyptian Ballroom... just so I can see it. You may want to call them and get varification of either the show being on

schedule, cancelled, or moved. Looks like ticket information phone number is: 317.231.0000

Let us know what you find out. I hope for you that it is not cancelled... but you never know
:(

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#132 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Jul 9, 2001 1:39 pm
Subject: Re: Indy Show

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I had noticed that, too. The show is still listed in CitySearch (which is owned by TicketMaster). But if you click on the Buy Tickets icon, you get directed to what is essentially a blank page, so I've been wondering if they're just shuffling tour dates around a bit. That happened with Wilkes-Barre earlier.

http://indianapolis.citysearch.com/profile/11525346/

http://indianapolis.citysearch.com/profile/11525284/

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#133 **From:** tommyboyin_2000
Date: Mon Jul 9, 2001 3:35 pm
Subject: Re: Indy Show

tommyboyin_2000
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OK...I emailed someone at Murat and they said that the show was put on "hold" for some scheduling issues. But they confirmed that the show is now September 8th & 9th, instead of the 4th through 9th. There are going to be 2 shows on the 8th, and one show on the 9th. I've seen Bea twice in Chicago, and I am determined to see her again!!! The website for the Egyptian Ballroom is http://www.murat.com/

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#134 **From:** jellen92
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 10:49 am
Subject: USA Today Bea chat

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Check this chat out with Bea Arthur in case you haven't already.

http://cgi1.usatoday.com/mchat/20010710002/tscript.htm

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#135 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 11:00 am
Subject: Re: USA Today Bea chat

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Thanks for letting us know... I had previously missed it!

and to everybody else... let us know if you come across any articles on or off line... don't assume that we all have seen it!

take care all,
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#136 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 11:38 am
Subject: Re: USA Today Bea chat

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Here is the article that goes with the chat from USA
Today:
http://www.usatoday.com/life/2001-07-10-bea.htm

She is also in today's newspaper print edition... thanks to chcgomatt for picking it up for me
:)

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- #137 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 12:52 pm
Subject: Several Links ironicwit
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- Here are links to a few of the most recent interviews and reviews that I've found. In addition, there's an audio review from Chicago.

Judging from the URLs for Out in America and Outlook, those interviews probably won't be online much longer. If you're interested, be sure to print them out or else save them to your hard drive.

Also, I've been finding a lot of errors while looking for up-to-date information on the tour, so these articles are not guaranteed to be 100% accurate. (Even today's "USA Today" feature was a bit misleading when it mentioned the Dylan song.)

Columbus Interview
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http://www.dispatch.com/news/features01/july01/753769.html

>Columbus Review (I really like the way the reporter handled the review. Unlike so many others, he didn't go into a lot of detail and spoil the surprise for folks seeing the show for the first time.)
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http://www.dispatch.com/news/features01/july01/757770.html

>Out in America Review
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http://www.outinohio.com/arts/feature.asp

>Outlook Interview
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http://www.outlooknews.com/outthere.php

>Westhampton Review
-
http://www.danspapers.com/paper/review3.html

>RealAudio Review (WGN Radio/Chicago)
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http://www.wgnradio.com/Dean/audio/andthentheresbea010527dr.ram
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- #138 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 2:14 pm
Subject: Re: Several Links vectorlime
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- Thanks for the links... they are super! This is the stuff I'm interested in. Now if we can get more articles from other cities where she has and will be performing. I feel there will be a lot of press when Bea is in New York... looking forward to that.

Thanks for the links and keep them coming!

I'm compiling all the web sites into PDF format for they are forever stored. I will be posting them on the website sometime in the near future.

kev!

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- #139 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 3:38 pm
Subject: Re: Several Links ironicwit
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- Do you mind if I offer a couple of old links? Last summer, Bea and Billy performed (what must have been a workshop version of) their show at Westport in July and New Hampshire in August. I've been following it closely ever since.

Not everything that I've found over the past year is still online. But I've got hard copies of everything.

Theatermania interview (July 21, 2000) - [When I checked this URL several days ago, it was still valid. At the moment, though, the server appears to be down.]

http://www.theatremania.com/news/feature/index.cfm?story=915&int_pg=1&cid=1

>"New York Times" Interview - July 23, 2000

[I don't have an URL for you, as you have to pay in order to access their old articles.]

"Concord Monitor" - August 17, 2000

http://www.cmonitor.com/stories/a&e/bea_arthur_0817.shtml
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#140 **From:** vectorlime

vectorlime

Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 4:10 pm Send Email
Subject: [Re: Several Links](#)

You da man Ironicwit (if you are a man?)

Thanks for the additional links. Hate those pay sites... I've missed a few articles because of that as well. Better to get that actual newspaper or magazine anyway... hello ebay!

Keep em' coming!

kev!

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#141 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Tue Jul 10, 2001 11:17 pm Send Email
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

Here's an account of how one young man met Ms. Arthur after one of her performances in Columbus, Ohio.

http://venus.beseen.com/boardroom/p/27145/View?n=00522

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#142 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Wed Jul 11, 2001 6:55 pm Send Email
Subject: [Re: Several Links](#)

Kevin--

Would you mind looking at the Lifetime thread on "...And Then There's Bea"?

http://boards.lifetimetv.com/WebX?50@76.iYMiaSbldsN^00.ee74d82/0

I've posted a number of links there today. Some I've already given you; some you probably already have. I would go ahead and post them here as well, but this has turned out to be a time-consuming project -- especially since I'm having to see which articles are still online before I post the links.

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#143 **From:** goldengirlfan2001 goldengirlfan2001
Date: Thu Jul 12, 2001 3:48 pm Send Email
Subject: [about the show](#)

hey guys sry to change the subject but do u think if i brought flowers for bea they would let me give them to her?

erika

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#144 **From:** tommyboyin_2000 tommyboyin_2000
Date: Thu Jul 12, 2001 6:47 pm Send Email
Subject: [Re: about the show](#)

Depends. If you gave it to a staff member, maybe, maybe not. I did notice when I was one of her shows in Chicago that someone that was sitting in the front row, right by the stage, had a bouquet of flowers and after the show was over, during the applause she bent down and touched the man's hand and took the flowers that he was holding out for her. Just an example.

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#145 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Thu Jul 12, 2001 7:22 pm Send Email
Subject: [Re: about the show](#)

I'd suggest that you call the theatre beforehand and ask them about it.

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#146 **From:** goldengirlfan2001 goldengirlfan2001
Date: Thu Jul 12, 2001 7:46 pm Send Email

Subject: [Re: about the show](#)

i think i will call the theater and ask if i would be able to,
thanks!
erika

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#147 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Fri Jul 13, 2001 9:43 am  [Send Email](#)
Subject: [Cincinnati](#)

Here are two reviews of opening night in Cincinnati (July 11th). One of them has a bit of disappointing news (i.e., the size of the audience).
<http://www.cincypost.com/2001/jul/12/bea071201.html>
http://cincinnati.com/freetime/071301_beaarthur.html
I'm still not sure about the best place to post links to reviews and interviews. I know that not everyone is as interested in these as I am. At the same time, I want to make sure that anyone who is interested does have a chance to read some of these things before they go offline. (It's amazing how fast some of these things disappear from cyberspace!)

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#148 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
Date: Fri Jul 13, 2001 11:53 am  [Send Email](#)
Subject: [Re: Cincinnati](#)

ironicwit... your posting of these Bea articles are extremely valuable to the club. So please keep posting! I personally appreciate your time and energy in research... and I'm sure so do others here! So a big thank you for your hard work!
I think its important to see good and bad reviews of the show. Also, you never know what happens from venue to venue and from city to city. For instance, Bea's first, opening show in Minneapolis... she fell off the stage. How devastating was that!! However, she got back up... and the show went on. So it's very interesting to see what she does and how people react from city to city. I find it really interesting how people react in different places. Here in Chicago, I know all were extremely impressed and entertained by Ms. Arthur... However, in some, smaller, southern cities, they were almost bored with her show. Very interesting to see the contrast in opinions.
Anyway... again, thanks for the links and keeping all of us up to date with Bea's tour... and please keep up the posting!
And to keep everyone up to date right now.. Bea is currently in Cincinnati, Ohio thru the 15th of July... then she moves on to Nyack, New York from July 24th-29th... I'm really interested to what people say about her NY appearance!
Take care,
Kev!
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#149 **From:** goldengirfan2001 goldengirfan2001
Date: Fri Jul 13, 2001 2:58 pm  [Send Email](#)
Subject: [club picture](#)

hey! i was just wondering where you got the club picture from , kev?, its really cool!
erika

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#150 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Fri Jul 13, 2001 3:08 pm  [Send Email](#)
Subject: [Re: Cincinnati](#)

Hey, Kevin--
If the web site for the Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center is correct, then a day has been shaved off of the Nyack engagement. The show is scheduled to open there on July 25th (instead of the 24th). That sort of thing has been happening quite a bit lately.
<http://www.helenhayespac.org/>
<http://www.helenhayespac.org/>
I

just wish that somebody would keep the official web site for the show up-to-date (and correct the misspelled word "shedule"). For all we know, another city or two could be added to the tour, and we might not even know it.

You're right. It is interesting to read the reviews in different cities. I've got just a couple of comments. A number of reviewers find fault with the show because it reveals so little about Ms. Arthur the person. As she has said repeatedly, this is not meant to be autobiographical.

Also, some reviewers call this an evening of cabaret. In terms of its intimate setting, it does seem like a cabaret show. But, if you examine Ms. Arthur's performance and her style of delivery, it seems more like musical theatre. At least that's the impression I got in Austin last month.

Does anyone else have any thoughts on this?

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