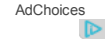


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#1021 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Sun Feb 17, 2002 8:18 pm
Subject: [Barefoot and Bawdy, Raunchy But Rewarding](#)

That Associated Press review of Bea's show is popping up all over the place. I just had to share it with you one more time.

If you'll use the link below...

http://www.nola.com/newsflash/entertainment/index.ssf?newsflash/get_story.ssf?/cgi-free/getstory_ssf.cgi?a0525_BC_Theater-BeaArthur&&news&newsflash-entertainment

...you'll see a marvelous headline:

"A barefoot, bawdy Bea Arthur arrives on Broadway in `Just Between Friends.'"

I guess that means we can describe the show not only as raunchy but rewarding, but also as barefoot and bawdy.

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#1022 **From:** beamarge beamarge
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:13 am
Subject: [Bea Extended on BWAY](#)

Hey Bea Fans!

I dont know if you all know this BUT Bea's show has been extended for two more weeks. Which is a great thing and its about time it happened so everyone can get a chance to see this GREAT show.

I dont if any of you are in NYC but BEA is the talk of the twn. There are constantly write ups in all the papers. Signs all over the city and a crowd of fans each night at her stage door. Besides the fact that she has been showing up to all the hot spots and major events! GO BEA!!! She is THE shining light on BWAY!!!

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- #1023 **From:** "christina_buchen" <cbuchen@attbi.com> christina_bu...
✉ Send Email
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:27 am
Subject: Re: [Bea Extended on BWAY](#)
- Yaaaay Bea!
- She must be floating on air. There's no feeling like performing for an audience...not to mention A BROADWAY audience!
- I'm so happy for her!!!
- Christina
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- #1024 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:27 am
Subject: Re: [Bea Extended on BWAY](#)
- Thanks for the post there.
- I did know that Bea's tour was extended, but you brought up a good point that I would like to make right now.
- We need help from people that live in NYC! I need your help to collect the write ups in all the papers, take pictures of the signs all over the city, and photos of the crowds outside of the theatre and stage door. I really want to see this stuff, and further more, post it on the web site. I want people to understand how important it is of what Bea is doing. By showing crowds of people, I think that will help tremendously!
- I swear, if I lived in NYC, instead of Chicago, I would take the liberty of doing all of this. But, unfortunately, I can't. So get your scanners and cameras out and put them to work! Not for me, but for Bea :)
- I hope your all understanding where I'm coming from. God will get you if you don't, Walter.
- Kev!
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- #1025 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 9:44 am
Subject: [Reviews](#)
- I'm sure that y'all are all just as eager as I am to read the reviews. Here are links to the first few that I've found. Let me warn you, though: things are not looking good.
- I hope to find more reviews later; I just haven't had a chance yet to look around too much.
- "Newsday" -
<http://www.newsday.com/entertainment/ny-etbea18.story?coll=ny%2Dentertainment%2Dheadlines>
- <http://www.newsday.com/entertainment/ny-bearthur0218.photo>
- "New York Daily News" -
http://www.nydailynews.com/2002-02-18/New_York_Now/Theater/a-141580.asp
- "New York Times" -
<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/02/18/arts/theater/18BEA.htm>
- "New York Post" -(lamb recipe)
<http://www.nypost.com/entertainment/41663.htm>
- <http://www.nypost.com/entertainment/41735.htm>
- Broadway.com -
http://www.broadway.com/buzz/insider.cfm?story_id=1004338&ssection_id=8
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- #1026 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 11:32 am
Subject: Re: [Reviews](#)

Here's the next installment of links/URLs. I'm sure that there will be others to come.

"National Review" -
<http://www.nationalreview.com/impromptus/impromptus021802.shtml>

NorthJersey.com -
http://www.northjersey.com/page.php?level_3_id=186&page=2493324

"USA Today" -
<http://www.usatoday.com/life/theater/2002/2002--02-18-bea-arthur.htm>

NJ.com -
<http://www.nj.com/entertainment/ledger/index.ssf?/base/entertainment-0/10140270062755355.xml>

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#1027 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 11:52 am
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

ironicwit

This is John Simon's review in "New York Magazine."

http://www.nymag.com/page.cfm?page_id=5703

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#1028 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:21 pm
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

vectorlime

That's all the links you could find? Just kidding, wow, I think you set the record today for new stories on Bea! I suppose it's expected being that it's the day after her first public performance.

Looks like we have some criticism from the nydailynews.com article 'Not nearly what it could Bea'. Very hard on Bea, huh. I guess it's good for comparison, but at least the rest of the reviews were positive!

Have a great day!

Kev!

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#1029 **From:** map_06516
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:30 pm
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

map_06516

--- To All Bea Fans out there - don't pay attention to the more critical reviews - the show is great and Bea is great - I think the reviewers are missing the point - what other great TV icon of the 70's and 80's can still pull in an audience after 30 years (and that is only on TV) and be extended another two weeks. They aren't giving her credit for having the guts to go out and do this. They talk about her material not getting at who she is - I think it does and anyway who wants to know every little detail about someone? She is a great star and let's keep up the mystery. I don't like it when performers try to be the person next door - they can't because they aren't.

go and see her show!

Maribeth

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#1030 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 12:39 pm
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

vectorlime

That's exactly right Maribeth, they completely missed the point of what Bea's show is meant to be.

See what they are doing with their lives when they are 78 years old!

It reminds me of a song that I didn't write :)

clears throat

Some people

can get a thrill
knitting sweaters and setting still.
That's okay for some people
who don't know they're alive.

Some people can thrive and bloom
living life in a living room.
That's perfect for some people
of one hundred and five.

But I at least gotta try
when I think of all the sights that I gotta see
and all the places I gotta play,
all the things that I gotta be at.
Come on, papa, what do you say?

Some people can be content
playing bingo and paying rent.
That's peachy for some people,
for some hum-drum people to be,
but some people ain't me!

I feel better now :)

Kev!

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#1031 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 2:44 pm
Subject: [TV Guide](#)

ironicwit

And now... for a little good news. Bea is in this week's edition of "TV Guide" (the magazine only). I still don't know if the story is available in the edition sold on newsstands or only in the subscription edition.

<http://www.tvguide.com/magazine/issues/020218/>

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#1032 **From:** "christina_buchen" <cbuchen@attbi.com>
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 3:47 pm
Subject: [negative reviews](#)

christina_bu...
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I'm very upset at those critics who said bad things about Bea's show.

I'm tempted to hire Sophia's "Uncle Guido" to come and take care of them...

It's okay though because WEEEEEE, her loyal and loving fans, know that those negative opinions are rubbish.

BEA'S SHOW IS THE BEST ON BROADWAY!

Christina

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#1033 **From:** vectorlime
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 3:49 pm
Subject: [I'm happy now... so you know :\)](#)

vectorlime

Matthew just called me from work... he went out of his way and went to our Virgin Megastore here in Chicago and picked up Bea's cd for me. How sweet of him :) So I'll finally get it tonight when he gets home from work. Can't wait! I told him, 'you watch, I'll get in the mail tomorrow', he said that is fine, he'll have a copy for himself. Good point :)

I wonder if I'll be the only one listening to Bea's CD at the gym? :)

So, I guess this means I better do the laundry, huh! :)

Kev!

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#1034 **From:** "christina_buchen" <cbuchen@attbi.com> [christina_bu...](#)
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 4:11 pm [Send Email](#)
Subject: Re: I'm happy now... so you know :)

Hooray Kevin!!!!

I'm glad to hear you got (or have waiting for you...) a copy!!!

Can't wait to hear your review. I'm sure you'll just hate every second of it...LOL.

Best,
 Christina

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#1035 **From:** galenchodges [galenchodges](#)
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 7:28 pm
Subject: [Bea' Songs](#)

Hey Kevin... an earlier post of yours gave me an idea. What you should do for yourself and the rest of us is create a file with all the lyrics to all the songs that Bea has on her CD. I think that would be great! What do you think?

Galen

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#1036 **From:** vectorlime [vectorlime](#)
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 7:49 pm
Subject: Re: [Bea' Songs](#)

Galen, yes that would be great! But, what's to say that you can't do it for all of us? Don't dare tell me your too busy!

:)

Kev!

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#1037 **From:** galenchodges [galenchodges](#)
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 8:36 pm
Subject: Re: [Bea' Songs](#)

Yeah, looks like I backed myself into a corner with this one. I would be more than happy to write out the lyrics to Bea's songs. However Kevin, I may call on you for help!

Everyone, have a great day...
 Galen

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#1038 **From:** vectorlime [vectorlime](#)
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 10:52 pm
Subject: [Bea Arthur On Broadway - my review](#)

[02.18.2002]

Tonight a version of a dream that I keep having came true. I had Bea Arthur over to my house for dinner! Well, not exactly, but close! Matthew came home from work with a copy of Bea's CD in his hand. I already had the CD player warmed up and dinner in the oven (that's where I put it after bring it back from Dominos Pizza!). So, theoretically, Bea and Billy joined us for an intimate dinner at my house.

So, what did I think of the CD you might be wondering? Simply brilliant! (using the same verbiage that she uses often in her show). It was like seeing the show for the first and fourth time!

A flood of memories came back from when seeing her show back in May. I try to think what people would think listening to it

without having seen her show first. I know they will be just as entertained, but for songs like Pirate Jenny... the lighting on Bea and the stage when she performed the song made it even more powerful than it already is. That's what I remember the most... it sent shivers up my spine! Then there was her rendition of Some People. It was introduced without warning, then she breaks away with her story of the song and then comes back, continuing the song. I love that part, so perfect, so Bea! They cut some of the material in the show out of the CD (probably due to the 74 minute maximum limit on a CD) but they definitely kept most of the more memorable parts of the show. Her stories, though told by others time and again before, cannot be better executed than Bea with her comedic timing. An added delight for me on Bea's CD is the last track. The Man in the Moon is a Lady was added to her show after her performances that I saw in Chicago. Furthermore, what is missed on the CD is when Billy gets up from the piano and leaves the stage at the end. However, the piano continues to play, surprising the audience as they were not expecting a one, last, laugh and impression of the show! Simple, yet brilliant!

One thing I noticed that was cut from the CD was her comments on Vermont's passing gay marriage laws. I felt it was a very important piece of the show, but perhaps it had more meaning when sitting with her in the same room, rather than on CD.

I could go on and on about the CD, but I won't for sake of your time! I just feel so fortunate that they at least decided to release Bea's work in audio format. Of course, I would just die if they released her show on DVD. But, nevertheless, I am 110% satisfied with having seen her show three times and having the CD to cement my memories.

If you haven't had the opportunity to drop everything and go out and buy the CD, you can still get it. It is available at local stores such as Borders (whom only ordered one copy per store, bad move), Barnes and Noble, and Virgin MegaStore (whom has it on special display). You can also order it online at CDNow.com, Amazon.com, BN.com, and many other online venues.

This will be appearing on the next edition of the LimeLetter which will be released this next week. It will be a special, all Bea issue. If you haven't signed up for it, sign up for it now at <http://www.BeatriceArthur.com>

Kev!

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#1039 **From:** "thenextbestthing77" <simplythebest77@aol.com>
Date: Mon Feb 18, 2002 10:58 pm
Subject: [Re: Bea Extended on BWAY](#)

[thenextbest...](#)
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Hello all! I am new to this list, and was just wondering if someone could please tell me, as of right now, when is the last day of Bea's show on Bway????? I am hoping it runs thru April, but it doesn't appear to be that way! please, if someone could actually email me personally at simplythebest77@aol.com and answer this, i would BEA very grateful!

Thanx in advance!

HUGE Bea fan in KS,

jason

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#1040 **From:** [rue2blanche](#)
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 10:32 am
Subject: [Hoping!](#)

[rue2blanche](#)

LOL! I am hoping to get the cd after hearing about it from here. I was not and will not be able to see her show. I wish it was closer, had the money, and lol had my car with me. But alll these different reasons I am not able to see her show. I just hope I can find the cd around here in fl, which might be hard, lol. I found out later that she did perform her show in Florida which was still a ways. But atleast maybe I can get the cd soon. Is anyone plaining on putting not only the lyrics but maybe even alittle sound of it? Is it really close to being just like her show? If so then I have got to get it, lol. But would never come close to seeing and hearing her in person. I have never been lucky involve to every meet or seeing a celebrity, which would be so grand. I hope one day I will! I do write Ms. Betty

White and she has written me back so we are friends but only through the mail, but it's really great. I fell like I have meet her. Well so long for now, Rebecca

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#1041 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 10:46 am
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

If you're having as much trouble as I am trying to keep all the reviews straight, Broadway.com has a page of highlights of several reviews, including the one from "Variety."

http://www.broadway.com/buzz/headlines.cfm?ssection_id=7&story_id=1004341

If you'd like to read the "Variety" review in its entirety, you'll need to register for a 30-day free trial at the Web site.

<http://www.variety.com/index.asp?layout=review&reviewid=VE1117917037&categoryid=33&cs=1>

For the record, I don't think that Bea could extend her show much beyond March 24th (unless, of course, she changes venues). The Booth Theatre appears to be booked for another production in April.

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#1042 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 4:55 pm
Subject: [More Bea! :: TV Guide](#)

Hey all,

I just picked up this week's edition of the TV Guide. Just as I was giving up hope as I was paging through... page 48 "Let it Bea" with a wonderful, new photo of Bea! And it's not her on a motorcycle. I'm going to read the article in just a minute. Just wanted to let you all know that it's out... so get it!

Also, got the CD that I ordered in the mail today :) So I'm going to keep it sealed up for the collection :)

Kev!


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#1043 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 5:55 pm
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

"The Hollywood Reporter" has a review of Bea's show.

http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/hollywoodreporter/reviews/article_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1347866


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#1044 **From:** "christina_buchen" <cbuchen@attbi.com> christina_bu...
 Send Email
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 5:55 pm
Subject: [Re: More Bea! :: TV Guide](#)

Thanks for the tv guide reminder! Gotta get it!! Who's on the cover?

Christina

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#1045 **From:** "christina_buchen" <cbuchen@attbi.com> christina_bu...
 Send Email
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 6:12 pm
Subject: [Re: Hollywood Reporter Review](#)

Frank Scheck is not very loving.

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#1046 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 6:21 pm
Subject: [Re: Reviews](#)

OUCH!!!

Interesting mix of reviews we have been getting of Bea. It's only expected that she is being picked and prodded right now... that's what being on Broadway is all about, right!

Keep em' coming Ironicwit :)

Kev!

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#1047 **From:** vectorlime vectorlime
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 8:39 pm
Subject: [Bea Party :\)](#)

<http://www.lgt2.com/bea/bea-party.html>

I could be in a lot of trouble now :)

Kev!

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#1048 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat0000...
Date: Tue Feb 19, 2002 8:50 pm
Subject: [Re: Bea Party :\)](#)

Nah, I'll come up there and help you make sure nothing gets out of hand!! hehehe!!!

Jessica

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#1049 **From:** drewy412 drewy412
Date: Wed Feb 20, 2002 2:02 am
Subject: [BEAS REVIEWS](#)

Well it looks like Bea's Reviews where not the best in the world. Especially since she is so beloved in the theatre community. But, I think we all expected this. Her show is more of a cabaret act than a full theatrical peice that digs deep into the performers lifelike Elaine Stritches. And as we all know the critics can not just go to the theatre and enjoy a peice of work for what it just is rather than what it should be. I dont agree with all of the reviews. especially the right wing conservitives who despise Bea(How can one be a conservative and be in the arts? It blows my mind!) However, I do agree whole heartedly with the Broadway.com(Ken Mendelbaum)review. Since Bea had been gone from the theatre for so long they where expecting to see a hell of alot more. I mean she didn't sing any of the songs that she sang throughout her career. The song "Garbage" is a way easier song to sing than "Some People" but, Bea says it is vocally difficult. Makes no sense? Also, he made a great point, Bea claims there are no great roles out there yet, she has had raves in the stage readings of "Millie", and the concert of "Strike up the Band" and "Jubilee". I mean, she is capable of so much more, but I suppose she just is not up too it. As she has said in various articles, She is contented at staying at home with her Dogs and doing an occassional guest spot on tv or a concert here and there! With all that said however, I am thrilled that she returned to NYC and I met her in person and saw her live on stage so what am I complaining about! I suppose it is like Mama Rose says in "Gypsy" Baby ya gotta know when to get off stage so you keep em wanting more!

Bea Happy
 Andrew

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#1050 **From:** drewy412 drewy412
Date: Wed Feb 20, 2002 2:09 am

Subject: [Bea video on Broadway.com](#)

If you go to Broadway.com there is a feature video of Bea on her opening night! With some great clips from the show and also, interviews with Rue, Cy Coleman, Billy, and Bea!

Bea Happy
Andrew

PS: So Kev is this party thing of yours really happening and if so I think you should postpone it and invite Bea for real!

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