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#91 **From:** Irclark1973
Date: Sun Jun 24, 2001 10:17 pm
Subject: [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)

Irclark1973
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Also--did you ever see her microphone?? I kept trying to see if I could see it on her somewhere; like on her collar--but I couldn't ever locate it...where could it have been??

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#92 **From:** tommyboyin_2000
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 6:24 am
Subject: [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)

tommyboyin_2000
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Oh my! You think just like I do! LOL! I was looking for it too, That's another thing that made me think it might have been prerecorded. Another thing I noticed too was when the crowd was applauding or laughing alot, she would continue to talk while everyone was making noise. Even in sitcoms they pause while the crowd is making noise.

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#93 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 11:12 am
Subject: [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)

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I never saw the microphone either, but then again, I didn't really pay attention to it. I was vaguely aware that amplification was being used, but that's all. I sat in the same seat in the middle of the fourth row both nights. The show was essentially the same both nights -- which is what I had expected; I had had a feeling that she wouldn't do any ad-libbing. However, on Wednesday evening, when she mentioned having gone to drama school in 1947, someone in the audience responded to that. (I can't remember what he did -- he probably just "oohed" or did something to indicate what a long time ago that was.) She did say two or three words in response -- which she hadn't done the night before. Also, I don't remember hearing her Tallulah impersonation the second night. In other words, I just don't see this woman doing a pre-recorded show. She is just too professional for that, and I really believe that she is doing this show, in part, to challenge herself.

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#94 **From:** tommyboyin_2000
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 11:32 am
Subject: [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)

tommyboyin_2000
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I do agree with you, I don't think she would do it pre-recorded. If it was found out, it would totally destroy her, and I don't think she wants to be remembered for anything negative like that. She is definately someone very special to alot of people!!!

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#95 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 11:55 am
Subject: [Re: If I Cant Sell It...](#)

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One more comment: Even before I saw the show last week, I had the impression that Ms. Arthur is an exceptionally honest human being. A pre-recorded show would be just too much of a deception for her. To look at it another way, she doesn't HAVE to do this show. She's financially secure, and she's still got high visibility -- thanks to reruns of her TV shows. There's absolutely no reason for her NOT to perform live.

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#96 **From:** chcgomatt
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 12:28 pm
Subject: [Re: If I Can't Sell It...](#)

chcgomatt
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Hey,

I saw Bea in Chicago 3 times and though the show was almost word for word, there were changes, very small changes, each night. I also saw her perform at a club here after her final show and she did just as good there. I think the piano continuing to play at the end when Billy stands up is just a gag, because she even makes a point to look over at the piano still playing.

Matt

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#97 **From:** blndeflboi
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 1:52 pm
Subject: [Bea's Mic](#)

blndeflboi
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I saw the microphone, she was using a wireless, that went up around her ear. As for her lip synching...uhhh, I don't think so...she is a trooper of theatre old school, where if you didn't have the pipes, you didn't go on. She did talk over the laughter sometimes, but on the stage, and being in her late 70's sometimes she might not be able to hear the laughter that is going on...depending on the acoustics of the theatre. Mary Martin, upon preparing for her one night show with Ethel Merman in 1978, leaned over to Ethel one day at rehearsal and said... "Ethel, I've never heard

applause on opening night" to which Ethel replied..."really? I have...but you better hear them this night, this is a one shot deal!" So Bea probably just wanted to keep the show moving. Did anyone else wonder what she was drinking?? "WATER" is what it looked like, but I have a feeling it was slightly more intoxicating!!! LOL My kind of gal:-)

Matthew

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#98 **From:** pussycat00002001
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 3:04 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

pussycat00002001
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Sorry everybody to change the subject on Bea's mic and all. I also wondered myself if she was drinking water??! Who knows....I would think it was water. God love her.

Okay, I've been frantically searching TV Guide online as well as my own listings on my TV to find out what day Bea is on this week. I looked for her on 'Today' AND 'The Early Show' and there is just no listing of Bea as a guest on either of these morning shows!! I am so looking forward to this but what's going on here? Did I miss something or is she possibly on another week or are the listings WRONG??

Somebody please let me know!!! Because I would really kick myself in the ass if I missed out on this!

Thanks!
-Jessica

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#99 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 3:48 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

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A friend and I haven't been able to confirm her appearance either. I sent an e-mail to "Today" yesterday in hopes of finding out something for sure, but it's doubtful that I'll get a personal response. I originally got the "Today" info from someone who is in a position to know about publicity for the show. To tell the truth, it's just a fluke that I even found out about it. When I asked him for further details, he indicated that he thought that she would be on this Thursday. Given her schedule, Thursday does seem plausible. She wound up her Austin engagement yesterday afternoon and doesn't have another performance scheduled until next week. If I find out anything more, I'll post it here ASAP.

Does anyone know if the Bea Arthur Message Room has "died"? I've been wanting to post something about "Today" on that as well, but I've gotten an error message each time I've tried for the last few days.

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#100 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Mon Jun 25, 2001 7:21 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

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I just found another scrap of information that I haven't been able to confirm. If what I read is true, then Ms. Arthur will be appearing at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on June 29. In past weeks, we'd expected her to go to Westhampton in August. If she is, indeed, going to be at Westhampton Friday night, that makes a "Today" appearance this week sound all the more likely.

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#101 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 11:13 am
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

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A friend of mine has just confirmed that the information I've found is correct and that Ms. Arthur will perform in Westhampton on the 29th. (Neither the official show site or the Lifetime web site has added that performance to their tour schedule, though.) That definitely puts her in the right part of the country to make an appearance at the "Today" studios this week. Unfortunately,

NBC will not divulge information about all of Thursday's guests until AFTER the show has been aired.

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- #102 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001
[Send Email](#)
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 3:44 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

Ok then, does this mean that Bea will be on
the Today Show tomorrow or Friday for sure????

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- #103 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
[Send Email](#)
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 4:17 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

All I know is that someone who is involved with the tour informed me that she was to be on "Today" this week. So I would think that that means she is booked to appear on the show (barring unforeseen circumstances). He wasn't definite on the date she'd appear; he just said that he believed it would be Thursday. Given the fact that she's got a performance Friday night, I would think that a Thursday appearance is far more likely than a Friday appearance. But the "Today" people (and the "Today" web site) don't say a thing about her appearance; that's why I can't tell you I'm 100% sure that she will appear on Thursday. Sorry to give you such a roundabout answer...

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- #104 **From:** edithbunker500 edithbunker500
[Send Email](#)
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 7:40 pm
Subject: [Re: Today Show - June 28th?](#)

Does anyone know what time she is supposed to be on? I really want to catch her, but, I'm not sure what time to tune in. Perhaps, could someone do a "ReCap" of what's going on...

Lauren

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- #105 **From:** blndeflboi blndeflboi
[Send Email](#)
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 8:46 pm
Subject: [THE TODAY SHOW!!!](#)

Oh my lord.....is it REALLY REALLY THAT important?? I mean seriously people, I love LOVE LOVE this woman and think she is the greatest...but If I read one more email about exactly what time, exactly, what she'll be wearing, exactly what planet will be aligned with Uranus...so i can see her on the Today show, I'M GOING TO SCREAM!!! If it is really that important, simply write or email the today show after the show and see about buying a video tape of that days episode...It worries me when people try to change their whole life around for something like this...Don't we all have more important things to worry about? Being a fan of someone is suppose to be fun, and something you do without thinking...this is madness!

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- #106 **From:** edithbunker500 edithbunker500
[Send Email](#)
Date: Wed Jun 27, 2001 11:01 pm
Subject: [Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!](#)

I do intend to see guest apperances of my favorite actresses when I can. Seeing, that some of us haven't seen the show, or some of us may havent even seen any of Bea's newer work. I guess we can tell who really isnt a fan and who is...

Lauren

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#107 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001
[Send Email](#)
Date: Thu Jun 28, 2001 3:30 pm
Subject: Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!

Well, thanks for everything Ironicwit.
Bea really was on the Today Show! It was so great seeing her again. She looked awesome. It even showed 2 clips of her doing her show!

And I didn't have to change my entire life around to catch her!! It was a blast.

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#108 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
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Date: Thu Jun 28, 2001 3:43 pm
Subject: Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!

I was so glad when I first heard her name announced, as it meant that I didn't give y'all a bum steer. Under ordinary circumstances, I would have verified all information before posting anything -- but I wasn't able to do that this time around.

Does anyone know where the video was shot? It definitely wasn't Austin.

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#109 **From:** edithbunker500 edithbunker500
[Send Email](#)
Date: Thu Jun 28, 2001 3:58 pm
Subject: Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!

Dammit! I missed it! I got up at 9:50. I cannot believe I missed it...I bet she was on Good Morning America as well....

Lauren

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#110 **From:** tommyboyin_2000 tommyboyin_2000
[Send Email](#)
Date: Fri Jun 29, 2001 7:05 am
Subject: Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!

Am I blind? I video taped the entire 2 hours of it, and didn't see it at all. Where was it????

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#111 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
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Date: Fri Jun 29, 2001 10:41 am
Subject: Re: THE TODAY SHOW!!!

"Today" is three hours long now (7-10 a.m.); maybe your local NBC affiliate doesn't carry the final hour. Anyway, she appeared about 15 minutes before it was over (about 9:45 a.m.).

I can't tell you how disappointed I am that her appearance wasn't publicized at all. When I checked the "Today" web site yesterday, it had several video clips from that day's show, but her interview wasn't among them.

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#112 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
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Date: Sat Jun 30, 2001 3:39 pm
Subject: "Newsday" Interview

Here's an interview that y'all might enjoy reading. It appeared in "Newsday" the day before Ms. Arthur performed in Westhampton.

http://www.newsday.com/features/daily/fthe0628.htm

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#113 **From:** pussycat00002001 pussycat00002001
[Send Email](#)
Date: Sat Jun 30, 2001 8:03 pm
Subject: Re:

Thanks a bunch for sharing that!!!! I just got done from there.....I really enjoyed the article.
Thanx again!

Jessica

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#114 **From:** chcgomatt
Date: Sat Jun 30, 2001 8:21 pm
Subject: Re:

chcgomatt
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Did anyone else notice that through out the article in Newsday that the name of Bea's show is misnamed. It is refered to everytime as "And then there WAS Bea". The article was good, but looks like the reporter would have gotten the name of the show correct, or atleast the editor.

Matt

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#115 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Sun Jul 1, 2001 10:35 am
Subject: Re:

ironicwit
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I noticed that error along with another one: The article says that the tour started in January (wrong -- it kicked off in Minneapolis in April).

Ever since the tour started, I've been reading as many interviews and reviews that I could find; and I've been amazed by the number of errors in them. For me, the worst was in the Minneapolis newspaper.

The reporter asked her whether the show was an evening of cabaret. "'I'm too big for cabaret,' she said...'I'm a theater person rather than an intimate performer...'"

Although I could understand what she was saying, the headline writer totally missed her point. He (or she) captioned the article this way:

"Bea Arthur: stadium size celebrity with ego to match."

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#116 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Sun Jul 1, 2001 11:25 am
Subject: [Entertainment Tonight](#)

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I've got another heads up for you; I just found out about this from a friend. Next weekend, keep an eye on "Entertainment Tonight." The show with Ms. Arthur is due to be repeated on (or about) July 7 & 8. It's syndicated, so you'll have to check your local TV listings to find out when it's being aired in your market.

I did not see the show when it was originally aired two or three months ago, but I'm told that it shows Ms. Arthur when she preparing for her national tour.

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#117 **From:** monicarose220
Date: Tue Jul 3, 2001 10:05 pm
Subject: [Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

monicarose220
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Does Bea come out and meet the fans after the show or does she just leave??? Any body know??

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#118 **From:** ironicwit
Date: Wed Jul 4, 2001 11:17 am
Subject: Re: [Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

ironicwit
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I think that it probably depends on the venue. On opening night in Austin, Ms. Arthur put in a brief appearance at a small reception to which only a few audience members were invited (I'm guessing that they had season tickets). Luckily, those of us who didn't exit the theatre at show's end were allowed to stick around and watch. The next night, Ms. Arthur left the theatre via the back door, so fans didn't get to see her after

the show.

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#119 **From:** tclv1 tclv1
 [Send Email](#)
Date: Fri Jul 6, 2001 8:00 pm
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

I was at the Austin show, and Ms. Arthur graciously signed autographs and posed for photos in the alley afterwards. Her driver encouraged us to come close to the door and even let us borrow a pen for autographs.

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#120 **From:** ironicwit ironicwit
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Date: Sat Jul 7, 2001 10:33 am
Subject: [Re: Does Bea come out and meet her fans](#)

Thanks for pointing that out. I don't live in or near Austin, and I'd never even been to the Paramount Theatre until last month, so I wasn't at all familiar with their set-up. Because Ms. Arthur exited the theatre through the lobby on opening night (then walked to the restaurant at the end of the block), I had expected her to do the same the following night. It wasn't until I spoke to the house manager after the performance that I realized that she gone out the back door.

For those of you who haven't bought your tickets yet, I would suggest that you consider asking the theatre staff if there is to be any sort of opening-night reception.

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