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Shea's Performing Arts Center & Buffalo Museum of Science Announce "Science of Theatre" Summer Camp

New Program Gives Middle & High School Students a Hands-On Opportunity to Take a Peek Behind-the-Curtain at Theatre Production

Shea's Performing Arts Center and the Buffalo Museum of Science (BMS) announce a new joint summer camp program giving middle and high school students a unique opportunity to explore the inner workings of a theatre production through the **"Science of Theatre"** summer camp. The 4-day program runs from August 11 - 14 and is open to students entering grades 7 through 12.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with the Buffalo Museum of Science to share with young people the interconnection between STEM and the arts," **said Shea's President & CEO Brian Higgins**. "This camp not only provides a fun opportunity to explore and experience the science behind theatre, it also shares with the next generation of creative thinkers the many job opportunities available in stage production."

"This unique camp literally pulls the curtain back to highlight STEM professions that take place behind the scenes and we're fortunate to be able to combine our missions of the Museum and Shea's to make this summer camp experience possible," **said BMS President and CEO Gary Siddall**. "Not all scientists work in a lab, and collaborative programs like this help to emphasize the importance and applications of STEM literacy in a variety of industries."

Places, please! Have you ever wondered what it takes to produce a stage show? From set design to sound and lighting, there is science in all aspects of theatre production. Campers will dive into the science at Buffalo Museum of Science on Monday and Tuesday then head

to the beautiful Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday to apply it behind the scenes.

Science of Theatre Camp

Monday, August 11 - Thursday, August 14

9am - 4pm

Grades 7 – 12

\$300

Minimum: 6 campers, Capacity: 20 campers

Camp drop-off and pick-up will be at Buffalo Museum of Science on Monday and Tuesday and at Shea's on Wednesday and Thursday. The camp runs from 9:00am until 4:00pm with a late pick-up options available until 5:30pm.

To register for this camp and explore additional Discovery Camps offered by the Buffalo Museum of Science visit: <https://www.sciencebuff.org/programs/discovery-camps>.

Shea's Performing Arts Center Department of Arts Engagement and Education also offers a series of camps. For more information visit: www.sheas.org/arts-engagement-education. This collaboration, made possible in coordination with members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), is one of several planned in conjunction with Shea's Buffalo Theatre's centennial celebration.

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