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Film Champaign-Urbana to Host Workshop for Local Artists

Champaign, IL – Film Champaign-Urbana, a part of Experience Champaign-Urbana will host their third in a series of workshops focusing on the film industry in the region—“So You Want to be a Film Artist?” on August 29, 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library. Co-hosted with 40 North, Flyover Film Studios, Shatterglass Films, and The Line Film Co., this workshop will discuss how productions work with local artists and what they need to know to be successful. All forms of artwork are needed for film productions.

“We are excited to work with Film Champaign-Urbana to expand the understanding of what it means to bring production work to the area and to recruit local artists to license their work for use in film,” explains Jennifer Shelby, co-owner of Shatterglass Films. “We are continuing our outreach and education series and focusing on all the types of vendors we use in this industry. Whether we are working on a short film, a documentary, a music video, or a feature-length film, it truly takes a village to make it all happen.”

Similar to the locations database now available for filmmakers, Film Champaign-Urbana and 40 North are seeking to develop an artist database that will easily connect local artists to productions based on their needs.

“With the soundstages coming to Rantoul, and an active group of local filmmakers and production companies, this industry continues to grow in our community. Ensuring the infrastructure is in place for large productions is critical to making a big impact on our local economy,” explains Mark Brown, Director of Event Services & Film for Experience Champaign-Urbana.

Due to space limitations, RSVPs are encouraged at <https://experiencecu.org/film-office/film-workshop-series>.

About Experience Champaign-Urbana

Experience Champaign-Urbana is the certified destination management organization for the greater Champaign-Urbana area. Their mission is to promote a welcoming destination experience for visitors to strengthen economic opportunity and enhance the lives of residents. Visit experiencecu.org to learn more.

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