

STEVE TRASH

AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR SHOALS KIDS
TO EXPERIENCE ALL
THAT COMMUNITY
THEATRE HAS TO
OFFER!



Saturday
February 24, 2018

“What if I could do that?”

STEVE TRASH VIP THEATRE EXPERIENCE 2018

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VIP THEATRE EXPERIENCE 2018

Calling Shoals kids ages 14 - 18!

Ever wonder how the magic of live stage performances happens?
YOU could win an evening of VIP treatment and observe - close up - what it takes to create a live theatre experience!

Eight Shoals kids will win:

- **Their own private VIP pre-show refreshments at the Marriot/360 Grill.**
- **Private limo transport from the Marriot to Shoals Community Theatre.**
- **Free dinner party at Ricatoni’s Italian Grille’s private room with Steve Trash!**
- **VIP All-Access Backstage Pass - tour and visit cast members and crew before the live show, AND “insider secrets of theatre” session.**
- **First row seats to “Steal Away Home” performance on Saturday, February 24, 2018!**

How do I enter?

1. You must be a resident of the Shoals, age 14 - 18 years old.
2. Make a short, self-made video (60 seconds or less) with your answer to this question: “How important is self expression through the Arts?” and upload video to YouTube.
3. Have your parent or guardian complete the “Authorization for Submission” form.
4. Read, understand and agree to the rules.
5. Email link to video entry with completed submission form (can be a clear photo) on or before SATURDAY, December 23, 2017 to: SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com
6. Arrange for parent or guardian to bring you to the Marriot (800 Cox Creek Pkwy South, Florence, AL 35630) and pick you up after the show at Shoals Theatre (123 N. Seminary St., Florence, AL 356300).



What does it cost?

There is NO cost to enter! The winners will agree to 2 hours of volunteer community service helping with any future Gingerbread Players production. See Contest rules for more information.

Winners will be chosen on or before January 8, 2018, and notified in writing to the mailing address indicated on the Authorization For Submission form.

PLEASE READ ALL CONTEST INFORMATION INSIDE.

The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience is designed to stimulate a life-changing opportunity for a few (VIP) kids that live right here in the Shoals. Steve Trash, world-famous Rockin' Eco Hero, magician, illusionist, and environmental educator, knows first-hand how involvement in community theater can positively impact a child's life. He participated in Shoals Community Theatre (Gingerbread Players, Zodiac Theatre, Bradshaw High School) early in his life and it impacted his childhood in so many wonderful ways he wants to try and give deserving Shoals kids a glimpse into the same magical world.

If you don't know who Steve is... here's a little background on the global entertainment and theatrical success he's had: Steve has appeared at the world famous MAGIC CASTLE in Hollywood, California, was a featured guest on LeVar Burton's READING RAINBOW Magic Week, The ENCONTROS MAGICOS Street Magic Festival in Coimbra, Portugal, MOTHER OF THE NATION FESTIVAL in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and was the featured green entertainment at the 2011 KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL - Great American Cleanup" national kickoff in Times Square - New York City. He's appeared in theatres, fairs, and festivals all over the world including: Japan, Australia, Canada, Portugal, and Spain. He's appeared on CBS, ESPN, CNBC, HLN, and VH1. (And he's a cool dude on top of all that.)

The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience is a video essay-based opportunity for children (Ages 14 – 18) to apply for a unique VIP introduction into the creative and magical world of community theater and performing arts. Through a video essay entry, 8 children will be chosen to attend a VIP Experience for the 2018 Production of "Steel Away Home" on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience winners will receive...

- Exclusive pre-event refreshments at the Marriott/360 Grille
- VIP Transportation from the Marriott to the Shoals Community Theatre
- a pre-show "backstage" tour and visit with cast members and crew
- an official "insider secrets of theatre" session.
- a dinner party before the show at Ricatoni's Italian Grille Private Reservation Room.
- front row VIP seats to a live performance of "Steel Away Home" on Saturday, February 24, 2018 along with a VIP "Swag bag" and Official VIP Pass.

The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience offers a fun and exciting opportunity to promote creativity, build important life skills, cultivate confidence, and provide leadership opportunities for children and youth. ***Even if you've never considered being a part of community theatre, this is your chance to see what the fuss is all about.*** Don't worry if you don't know where you'd 'fit in' as part of the theater community, **The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience** is a once-in-lifetime chance to see all there is to see about the magical world of community theatre.

Be sure to read all the rules – because you're not going to want to miss this!

Oh, and one more thing, be sure to tell your parent/guardian that you're interested in entering the contest, ok? We certainly want to make sure that it's ok with them that you're a part of this great experience.

Now, read on, my friend.

How to Enter The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience Essay Contest:
(also known as "The Rules")

Yeah, we know – but if we don't at least set some guidelines, then we wouldn't really be setting you up on the right path for this opportunity. So, please read over the following rules *before* you start your video essay. If you have any questions about the rules, feel free to email us at SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com, but we strongly suggest that you don't wait until the deadline to send any questions.

SUBJECT/THEME: Your video essay should answer the following question: "How important is self expression through the arts?" The Arts include: theatre, music, dance, comedy, poetry/rap, or the visual arts.

ELIGIBILITY: The essay contest may be entered by any child age 14 – 18 residing in the Shoals area. The Judges of the Contest, Shoals Theater employees, Gingerbread Players and the immediate families of those employees are disqualified and may not participate as an entrant. Each entry must be original and must have a signed parent/guardian authorization for entry.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: Each entry shall:

- a) Consist of a student made video essay that answers the question from the entrants point of view.
- b) The video should be no longer than 60 seconds (1 minute) in length.
- c) The video should be uploaded to YouTube.
- d) The link to your uploaded video submission should be emailed to: SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com and attach a clear photo jpg of the **completed and signed AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION** form to that email.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Entries **must be e-mailed on or before December 23, 2017** to the following email address: SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com. Responsibility for lost, late or misdirected entries rests with the entrant. Any entry posted after the above deadline shall not be eligible.

ESSAY REVIEW AND SELECTION: Essay entries will be reviewed by a panel of 5 community volunteers. Each video essay shall be reviewed on the basis of articulation/understandability, content and creativity. The names of the selection committee shall not be released except to a public authority requesting such information within the scope of its jurisdiction.

COPYRIGHT AND PUBLICATION: Essay entry constitutes an assignment of all copyrights arising under both statute and the common law and all other rights derivative there from. By entering the Essay Contest, entrants grant further permission for organizers and/or sponsors to publish all or part of the submitted essay and to publicize the winning entries all without royalty or other consideration to the author.

STATE, FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS: This contest is subject to the provision of all applicable International, Federal, State, and Local Laws and regulations. This offer is void where prohibited.

WHAT DOES THIS COST: All the contest asks is that winners donate a combined total of - two hours - of their time helping on ANY FUTURE Community Theatre production. This "help" can be in ANY capacity (working in the concession stand, set building, acting, prop making, promotion). And it can be at ANY time.

PRIZE TRANSFER: The transfer of the prize to anyone other than the essay entrant is not allowed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS: Winners will be **selected and announced on or before January 8, 2018** and notified in writing to the mailing address indicated on the Authorization For Submission form submitted with the video essay.

Alright then. There you go – you have all the rules. You can shoot the video from your phone, tablet, computer, video camera, you decide – just be sure that whatever you use will allow you to upload it to the submission address. So, let us see how creative you are and send in that video asap! We're looking forward to meeting you and having a **blast!** At the 2018 Steve Trash VIP Theatre Experience. Be sure to send any questions you have to our administrators at SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com. We'll get back to you right after the commercial break.

And don't forget the deadline to send in your video. And don't forget to have your parent/guardian sign the form.

See you soon,

The Steve Trash VIP Theatre Experience Administrators

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION - Print, sign and submit this page only.

This form must be completed by a parent/guardian of the child submitting a video essay for **The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience**.

Entrants are to send the link to their video essay to SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com and attach a clear photo jpg of this page, the **completed and signed AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION** form.

Entries **must be e-mailed on or before December 23, 2017**

Entries not accompanied by a completed Authorization for Submission form will not be reviewed for consideration.

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Title of Child's Video Essay: _____

Child's Mailing Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Email address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

• Your signature verifies that the above-named child has your permission to enter **The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience** contest.

• You agree to arrange transportation for the child to participate in **The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience**. Child will need to be brought to The Marriott (800 Cox Creek Pkwy South, Florence, AL 35630) and picked up after the show at Shoals Theatre (123 N. Seminary St., Florence, AL 35630) on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

And you agree to the child's participation in a future two hour volunteer opportunity with a Community Theatre event.

• You agree on behalf of the child, that contest organizers may reproduce his/her written entry without future royalties, payment or reward, other than any VIP Theater Experience prize(s) (s)he may be awarded and that the submitted video is the original work of the child. The contents on said entry become the copyright property of Concrete Dream Inc./Steve Trash.

Note to parent/guardian: Organizers of the **The Steve Trash® VIP - "What if I could do that?" - Theatre Experience** will not disclose the name of any child that is protected under rules of federal, state or local confidentiality. This Authorization Form must be emailed to: SteveTrashVIPsubmission@gmail.com