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Film Champaign-Urbana to Host Workshop on Becoming a Film Location

Champaign, IL – Film Champaign-Urbana, a part of Experience Champaign-Urbana will host the first in a series of workshops focusing on the film industry in the region—“So You Want to be a Film Location?” on February 28, 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library. Co-hosted with Shatterglass Films and The Line Film Co., this workshop will share the good, the bad, and the real about offering your residence or business as potential for a film, commercial, or photoshoot.

“As our film scene in the Champaign-Urbana area continues to grow, it’s critical that we expand our locations infrastructure to accommodate the needs of productions that we are attracting,” explains Mark Brown, Director of Sports, Events, and Film for Experience Champaign-Urbana. “In order to build our database, we first need to educate the community on how the film industry works and what they can expect. It’s critical to our success as a film destination.”

The free workshop will cover everything from what to expect as a location, how locations should get paid, how to photograph properties, and much more. The event will be interactive so attendees will get a true sense of the behind-the-scenes activity on a film set. Due to space limitations, RSVPs are encouraged at <https://experiencecu.org/film-office/film-workshop-series>.

A new location database is also in the works to develop a resource for location scouts to use to find the ideal backdrop in our region. Locations will include descriptions and images of public areas and private properties submitted by their owners. Film scouts will then be able to reach out to Film Champaign-Urbana when they have location needs so that we can easily assist them with finding the perfect venue for their film. Individuals can submit their location through the website at www.experiencecu.org/film.

“The foundation of filmmaking in our community is strong and only continues to grow. Our office is thrilled to be a part of this booming market and looks to maximize its impact in our area through job growth and generating revenue that can be reinvested in our area,” explains Brown.