



**To:** Arts Department Leaders & Guidance Counselors

**CC:** Drama Teachers, Visual Arts Teachers & Construction Teachers

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**Subject:** Community Service Volunteer Hours & Experience Opportunities!

The South Simcoe Theatre, Innisfil's home for Great Community Theatre, is getting ready to begin its 48<sup>th</sup> year of entertainment. We are putting the call out for student volunteers from our local high schools, whether they are looking to complete volunteer hours, continue a love for the arts, or are just looking for a great experience! We've had countless former and present students take part and many have returned even after their hours are completed.

This year, South Simcoe Theatre will be presenting two plays, one musical, one Christmas pantomime, and a play reading weekend. Mounting this season will require volunteers in different capacities from September through to June.

We are always looking for technical and backstage crew to help put our shows on. Students that are interested in learning this side of the theatre work closely with the director, stage manager, and actors to craft the show and bring it to the stage. These positions require a commitment to be at the theatre for rehearsals and shows for the run of the show, which is roughly three to four months, three to four nights a week that could include weekends.

If you can't commit to something long term or on a set schedule, we also need help on our Saturday set building crew. Headed up by experienced artisans, students will construct set and prop pieces and use any number of techniques to make them as realistic as possible. There are many students who come out to help with all the season's productions in this capacity. No previous artistic skill is required (using myself as an example in that regard), just a great attitude and a willingness to learn.

If you have a sporadic schedule filled with a lot of other commitments, volunteering with the Front of House team allows you the flexibility of coming in on your own schedule. Our shows run for three weeks on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. The commitment here would be three to four hours on whatever days you could make it. The Front of House team collects tickets from patrons at the door, hands out programs, prepares and sells the snacks for sale and intermission and provides any general information a patron could ask for.

Our business has always run on the strength of volunteers and we welcome you to join in that long standing tradition. We want to work with you to find the best fit for you. Please contact us at the theatre's box office number of 705-458-4432 or by e-mail at [info@southsimcoetheatre.com](mailto:info@southsimcoetheatre.com) or to myself at [danielgalea99@hotmail.com](mailto:danielgalea99@hotmail.com). You can also check us out on our website [www.southsimcoetheatre.com](http://www.southsimcoetheatre.com) that has a link to our Facebook page.

We look forward to hearing from you!