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Steel Beam Children's Theatre Auditions set for Wednesday, Nov 30 for NEW Youth Sketch Comedy Show!

Auditions are Wednesday, November 30, 6-7pm and 7-8pm for Steel Beam Children's Theatre's newest sketch comedy troupe, *The Second Suburb*, which will present ***Snow, and Other Funny Things***, a winter-themed show combining sketch comedy, Improv and music. Director Bonnie Gruesen is looking for 12 actors in grade eight (8) - high school to join the cast. Visit www.SteelBeamTheatre.com for details on how to schedule an audition, which will be at the Theatre, 111 W. Main Street, STC. Auditions will include Improv games, acting exercises, reading sides, and some singing, but no preparation is needed, and singing is not required. Shows are January 17, 18, and 19, 7:30pm at Steel Beam Theatre. Contact the Theatre at 630.587.8521 with questions.

Bonnie Gruesen, director of SBT's *The Second Suburb* comedy troupe, received her BFA in Theatre Performance at the University of Michigan, and has studied Improv and sketch comedy writing at the iO (ImprovOlympic) and Second City training centers in Chicago. Ms. Gruesen was the director of SBT's 3rd Annual *Sing-Along with Santa* in 2010, and has led several successful youth Improv workshops at Steel Beam Theatre.

Snow, and Other Funny Things is written and directed by Bonnie Gruesen, with music written and performed by Michael Gruesen. Tuition is \$200. Scholarships are available to families in need. Rehearsals will be at the SBT Rehearsal Space, 125 N. 11th Avenue in St Charles, on Wednesdays and Fridays, 6.00pm to 9.00pm, Dec. 7 through Dec. 16; and Wednesdays, 6.00pm to 9.00pm and Thursdays, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Jan. 4 through 12. Dress rehearsal at the Theatre is Monday, Jan. 16 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

The Steel Beam Children's Theatre's motto is *It's What Happens Off-Stage that Counts* to emphasize Steel Beam's belief that participation in theatre is not simply about winning a starring role, and that life skills like communication, discipline, teamwork and respect are developed during the rehearsal and performance process. Steel Beam Theatre offers classes, summer camps, workshops and audition-based theatrical

productions for children ages 6-16. Hundreds of area children have started their training in the theatrical arts in Steel Beam's intimate, non-threatening and nurturing environment, where the student/teacher ratio is always low and each child receives individualized attention. Many Steel Beam Theatre alumni have gone on to major in the arts at college, or appear in professional productions.

Steel Beam Theatre (SBT), 111 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL, guides audiences and actors in shared experiences that help the participants more fully understand humanity. SBT's mission is to bring high quality theatrical entertainment, training and arts awareness to the Fox Valley community at an affordable price. Since 2001, Steel Beam Theatre productions have attracted thousands to St. Charles, and the Theatre is an anchor that adds diversity and draws visitors to the historic downtown area for any given production. Steel Beam Theatre - **Experience** Life! Visit us on Facebook, at www.SteelBeamTheatre.com, or call 630.587.8521.

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