

Phantom of the Opera Highlights SIUE Alumni Association Trip to NYC

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The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Alumni Association is partnering with the SIUE Office of Educational Outreach to present a travel opportunity to New York City during August 2015.

The trip begins Tuesday, Aug. 4, with departure from St. Louis Lambert International Airport and returning Saturday, Aug. 8. Tour participants will see three Broadway productions during their stay: "The Lion King,"

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

"Our goal is to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences for our alumni," said Steve Jankowski, executive director of the SIUE Alumni Association. "New York is one of the greatest cities in the world, and the theater experience is simply amazing."

The tour will include sightseeing to such iconic New York locations as Times Square, the Theater District, Madison Square Garden, Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Greenwich Village and Chinatown.

The tour includes round-trip airfare and all local transportation, four nights hotel accommodations in midtown Manhattan, tour guide from Manhattan Tour & Travel for two days, three Broadway show tickets, one theater workshop and seminar with a Broadway actor, a theater tour and one group dinner.

Cost to "premier alumni" and students is \$1,800; to "basic alumni," and faculty and staff is \$1,850; and to the general public is \$1,900.

For more information or to register for the trip, visit <u>siue.edu/educationaloutreach</u> or contact Cathy McNeese at 618-650-3208 or cmcnees@siue.edu.

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