Summary of Class: Learn how to pick the best audition monologue, song selection, and mindset that will give you the confidence to do your best. Hone and develop auditioning skills and demonstrate them for suggestions and fine-tuning!

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BCT wants to thank producer Scott C. Knudson and editor Andrew DZiengel for the wonderful production they put together regarding BCT’s history, mission, and goals as BCT covers new ground in promoting theater to the community through their new performing arts center.

BCT could not thrive without the support of the community and individuals like Scott and Andrew and businesses like Lakeland Public TV and others.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
A Little Bit Of History

The current site was once adjoined to the Chief Theatre and was a car dealership.

1937. If you look closely, vehicles are visible inside the building to the left of The Chief.

We believe this is the Grand Opening of the S and L Store in April of 1955.

Construction Update

The catwalk connecting the mezzanine and the loft is in place. Preliminary walls for the office are up. New bathrooms are almost finished, the new lights are going up. The next step is the fire suppression system, then lots of painting. Notice the new staircase leading up to the loft area and the catwalk.

Donations are still needed. If anyone wins the lottery, remember, Bemidji Community Theater is a 501(c)3 so all donations are tax deductible. But really, thank you to all the volunteers, donors, businesses, and individuals who have supported this process so far. We especially want to thank our foundation and organization sponsors including: the Engelstad Foundation, the Shavlik Family Foundation, the Neilson Foundation, Northwoods Lumber, First National Bank, Paul Bunyan Communications, Harmony Foods Coop, Greater Bemidji, Raphael’s Bakery, KD Floral & Gardens, Lakeland Public TV, Ken K. Thompson Jewelry, Bailey Law Office, Kenny’s, and Norbord.

Volunteers are still needed to help with a myriad of tasks. Call Dwayne at 760-0244 to volunteer.

Research Needed

If you have photos of the S and L building or other businesses that occupied the space at 316 Beltrami Ave., we would love to see them since we are trying to put together a visual history of the site. So far we know the Chief Theater was built in 1937 with the S & L opening in April of 1955. We would like to know more about the actual structure after the car dealership closed and when S & L opened.