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Howard Shapiro's Theater Blog Launches on WHYY's NewsWorks.org

PHILADELPHIA, March 27, 2013 — WHYY's NewsWorks.org has launched the "Shapiro on Theater" blog with Howard Shapiro, formerly the theater critic for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The blog will review local productions on both WHYY-FM's *NewsWorks Tonight* and on NewsWorks.org, and will include some behind-the-scenes features and podcasts.

"Arts and culture is a focal point of coverage for NewsWorks.org and *NewsWorks Tonight*," said Chris Satullo, WHYY's vice president of news and civic dialogue. "Many people have told us how delighted they are that we're providing Howie a new multimedia home for his smart, well-crafted reviews and features on the theater scene."

"The Philadelphia region has a strong and talented theater presence that deserves attention," said Shapiro. "I'm excited to join *NewsWorks* and look forward to continuing to review the great theater this city has to offer."

Shapiro was a journalist with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* since 1970 and held numerous reporting and editing positions, including cultural arts editor and travel editor and writer. He was the *Inquirer* theater critic for 10 years, covering Philadelphia theaters and Broadway. He teaches arts criticism and travel writing at Temple University. He hosts "In a Broadway Minute" on WWFM the Classical Network, where he does short on-air reviews of the latest Broadway shows.

Visit the "Shapiro on Theater" blog at NewsWorks.org/shapiroonthater. Shapiro's reviews can also be heard on *Newsworks Tonight*, airing Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. on WHYY-FM.

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