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The Marietta Theatre In the Square is not only the home of some incredible productions, but also serves as a creative space for young people in and around the metropolitan Atlanta area. Raul and Emil Thomas have provided a space where aspiring young artists, writers, producers and creatives can be exposed to every aspect of curating and creating a stage or video production. For example, the Theatre has hosted summer camp experiences for high school students, where students had access to producers and writers, who trained and encouraged students in creating their own productions, as well as exposing them to real world production skill sets. For my now seventeen year old daughter, the opportunity to attend summer camp at the Theatre for several years has allowed her to hone in on her own gifts as a producer and aspiring filmmaker. One of her defining experiences during one of the camp experiences at the Theatre was the opportunity to apprentice with a professional video production crew as they filmed an interview with a celebrity as a part of a campaign against domestic violence. My daughter was able to experience firsthand the intricacies of camera and pre and post production work, as well as editing, that is part of the curation of such a production. She has also gotten the opportunity to see, experience and actively learn by doing when working on some of the stage productions at the Theatre behind the scenes. The Theatre is truly a space of nurture, hands on learning and creativity for local students and it can be counted as a pivotal training ground and “birthplace” for the next generation of talented creatives. My husband and I are grateful that our daughter has been able to experience and learn from some of the most creative and talented artists in the industry at the Theatre.

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