

# Unaware of the impact the loss of Bethlehem Steel had on the steelworkers and the City

The Bethlehem Gadfly Arts, the, Fun Stuff, Touchstone Theater September 28, 2019

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Gadfly:

I am so happy I decided to I attend the screening of the film *Steelbound* at the National Museum of Industrial History, and it was good to see you, Gadfly. I did not live in Bethlehem in 1999, and although two of my sons were attending a local Bethlehem high school, I was unaware of the impact the loss of Bethlehem Steel had on the steelworkers and the City. The film did an excellent job of messaging the pain, anger, sadness, and loss experienced by so many people and their families. There were many meaningful and even timely messages, including the importance of immigrants to American society and importance of camaraderie — the “I’ve got your back” attitude in a workplace. I heard the message of the value of experiencing your pain, then taking what you’ve learned and start looking toward the future to make a better life for yourself, your family, and your community. The talk-back session was fascinating with several of the people involved in production adding their personal experiences about the development of the project and on the set, which included stories from the filmmaker and a couple of the actors (former

steelworkers). I look forward to experiencing firsthand the sequel, Prometheus/ Redux at the Festival UnBound. Get your tickets early!

Kathy

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