Rod Serling's groundbreaking television series “The Twilight Zone” had its first airing on October 2, 1959. Twilight Zone at 50… A Celebration of Rod Serling and the Twilight Zone marked the 50th Anniversary with a four day event honoring our hometown iconic genius.

Each year, the Rod Serling Video Festival at the Binghamton City School District not only sustains the Serling legacy but stirs the creative imaginations of students K-12 both locally and nationally. An award ceremony and screening event is held annually at the Helen Foley Theatre. For detailed information please visit: www.rodserlingvideofest.com.

Another great source for information is the Rod Serling Memorial Foundation. Founded in 1986 the foundation is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Serling’s contributions to the Arts and Humanities. Visit: www.rodserling.com.

For more community information:
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Binghamton's mine.
— Rod Serling
“Everyone has to have a hometown, Binghamton’s mine. In the strangely brittle, terribly sensitive makeup of a human being, there is a need for a place to hang a hat, or kind of geographical womb to crawl back into, or maybe just a place that’s familiar because that’s where you grew up.

When I dig back through my memory cells, I get one particularly distinctive feeling and that’s one of warmth, comfort and well-being. For whatever else I may have had, or lost, or will find, I’ve still got a hometown. This, nobody’s gonna take away from me.” – Rod Serling

Rod Serling, creator of The Twilight Zone, grew up in Greater Binghamton: his boyhood home still stands on the West Side of Binghamton, he graduated from Binghamton High School in 1943, and his work has not only touched but left its mark on several locations in the area.

Enter... The Serling Zone

Pencil in on your itinerary plenty of time to retrace the steps of the magnificent Rod Serling.

ZONE 1

RECREATION PARK Visit Recreation Park on Binghamton’s West Side to marvel at the inspiration for The Twilight Zone’s fifth episode, “Walking Distance,” in the first season. Ride the carousel, visit the pavilion featured in the broadcast, and see his commemorative bronze plaque, just a few blocks from his boyhood home. See the newly renovated carousel with “Fairground Art” style panels by artist Cortlandt Hull honoring Rod and the Twilight Zone.

ZONE 2

BINGHAMTON HIGH SCHOOL Stomp around Serling’s old stomping grounds at Binghamton Central High School. Serling graduated from this high school in 1943. It’s now home to the Rod Serling School of the Arts.

ZONE 3

METROCENTER COURTYARD Strut your stuff on Binghamton’s very own version of Hollywood’s “Walk of Fame” at the Metrocenter Courtyard in the Downtown District and see Rod Serling’s sidewalk star.

ZONE 4

FORUM THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Spend time viewing a display chronicling Rod Serling’s life in photos and artifacts at the Forum Theatre for the Performing Arts.

“No one could know Serling, or view or read his work, without recognizing his deep affection for humanity... and his determination to enlarge our horizons by giving us a better understanding of ourselves.” —Gene Roddenberry