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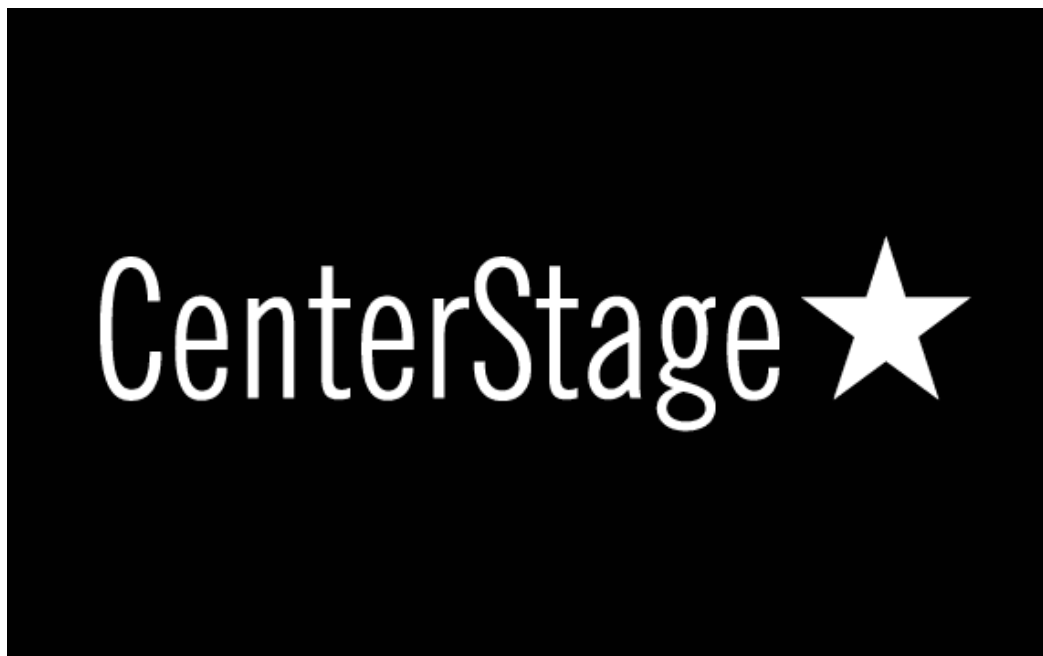
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**November 2018 Center Stage**

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**NOVEMBER 2018****IowaFest '19      March 28-31, 2019****HOSTED BY NEWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE****ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THEATRE ENTRIES AVAILABLE NOW**

IowaFest '19, the bi-annual competition that leads to the AACTFest national competition, will be held at Newton Community Theatre on March 28-31, 2019. Festival is a great opportunity to share your theatre's talents and to get comments and helpful critique from nationally-recognized adjudicators!

If you have never competed at Festival before, feel free to contact ICTA Events Chair Cheryl Clark (641-373-2196) to get more information on what it's all about! Or check out <https://aact.org/aactfest-2019> for details about choosing a competition piece, timing, and space limitations.

Theatre groups who wish to enter the competition will register and pay online through the ICTA website through December 15, 2018. The fee will remain \$100 for a theatre to enter a performance. NOTE: This does NOT include individual registration to IowaFest '19 events, which will take place after January

1, 2019.

Please check <http://iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com/festival-2019/>  
NOW to register your theatre to compete at IowaFest '19!



The ICTA Board consists of 15 members. *Front Row:* Loween Getter (Editor), Kathy Pingel (AACT), Cheryl Clark, Christal Lewiston, Molly Ketchum, Cheryl Zieringer, Tracy Rhodes, Helen Beneke (Vice President), Donna Smithson (Secretary and Region V rep), Pam Ratliff.

*Back Row:* Jason Paull (President), Norman Ussery, Rick Myers (Past President), Mel Wilson, Gerard Schwickerath (Treasurer), John Olson.

Each member serves for three years. The terms of five members (Loween Getter, Christal Lewiston, Norman Ussery, Gerard Schwickerath, and John Olson) will end in 2019. They may or may not seek re-election. Please consider running for a position on the board at IowaFest '19.

Contact any of these members of the nominating committee to express your interest in running: Helen Beneke ([hbeneke2@hotmail.com](mailto:hbeneke2@hotmail.com)), Cheryl Clark ([cclark@iastate.edu](mailto:cclark@iastate.edu)), Tracy Rhodes ([tracylynnrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:tracylynnrhodes@gmail.com)), Cheryl Zieringer ([wahlhubzier@hotmail.com](mailto:wahlhubzier@hotmail.com)), or Mel Wilson ([melba1453@gmail.com](mailto:melba1453@gmail.com)).

The ICTA board will meet Saturday, November 10, at noon at Tallgrass Theatre, [1401 Vine Street, West Des Moines](#). Please note, they have asked us not to bring any food into the building.

One agenda item is to determine winners of the LK Boutin Grant this year. The deadline for submitting your theatre's application was October 31.

Board members are reminded to submit their reviews online.

#### ICTA STATE CONVENTION 2020 HOST SITE APPLICATION

The ICTA Events Committee is taking applications for the host site for the State Convention 2020, which will be held on EITHER March 27-29, 2020 or April 3-5, 2020. **Be sure to indicate in your application which dates you are applying to**

**host. All applications are due before January 1, 2019.**

Please note: The host site will provide space and volunteer support for Convention functions. The ICTA Board will plan, coordinate, and deliver Convention content. All publicity, communication, and registration will be handled by ICTA. Host facility will be reimbursed for pre-approved expenses incurred by the host theater, such as snacks, any meals included, Awards Gala refreshments.

The ICTA Events committee will select a site and an alternate site. Final decision will be made by the ICTA Board of Directors and host site will be notified before March 1, 2019. Questions about this application and Convention 2020 can be addressed to the ICTA Events Chair, Cheryl Clark, at [events@iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com](mailto:events@iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com).

TO APPLY, go to the ICTA website at [www.iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com](http://www.iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com). Click on "Convention" and "Convention Host Application."

Thank you for your interest in hosting Convention 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Clark, ICTA Events Chairperson, at [events@iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com](mailto:events@iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com).



**Corning Opera House Receives National Recognition as Outstanding Community Impact Business from The SCORE Foundation, Sponsored by MassMutual**

Corning Opera House Cultural Center, Corning, IA was chosen as this year's recipient for the prestigious Outstanding Community Impact Small Business award, sponsored by MassMutual and given by The SCORE Foundation. SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, holds 750,000+ free small business mentoring sessions, workshops and educational services annually, and honors its most successful clients at The SCORE Foundation's annual awards

ceremony. As a national winner, the opera house worked with a professional film crew to create a PR video that is on YouTube as "Outstanding Community Impact Business: Corning Opera House. The National Register's historic Corning Opera House is located in a National Historic District in Main Street Corning.

Executive Director, De Heaton entered the competition in early 2018 by submitting a one minute video and essay on how the opera house makes an impact in our community. The video highlighted eight areas: our volunteers, educational opportunities, community partnerships, variety of entertainment, adult and youth Community Theater, historical backstage tours, rental opportunities, 2017 Chamber Business of the Year and our people. The essay described our working relationship with our SCORE mentor, Sherry Bonelli, from Early Bird Digital Marketing. Sherry offered advice on improving our website presence, increasing website traffic and improving our social media presence. Plus the essay described the benefits the opera house received from SCORE webinars.

"Winners were chosen from all across the country, with diverse backgrounds and businesses in varied industries, but they share the courage and determination to make their dreams a reality." said Resa Kierstein, Vice President of Development for SCORE. At the 2018 SCORE Awards, in September near Washington, D.C., Corning Opera House was honored for demonstrating unique vision, innovation and achievement as an Outstanding Community Impact Small Business. In addition to recognizing the 11 different businesses, SCORE thanked the mentors and businesses partners, all of whom strengthen the efforts to educate and support American entrepreneurs. "We are so excited to be recognized for our volunteer efforts and community impact. This would not have been possible without our wonderful supporters, patrons, renters and community." said executive director, De Heaton.

### **SO MANY PLAYS...SO LITTLE TIME!**

#### **Treat yourself to a show at another community theatre!**

Nov 1-4	"Passing Notes"	Ankeny CT
Nov 1-4	"Ordinary Days"	New Minowa Players, Decorah
Nov 2-4	"Evil Dead, The Musical"	Marshalltown CT
Nov 2-10	"Intimate Apparel"	Theatre Cedar Rapids
Nov 2-25	"The Best Christmas Family Ever"	DSM Playhouse
Nov 9-17	"The Giver"	Black Hawk Children's Theatre, Waterloo
Nov 9-18	"The Women"	Chanticleer Theatre, Council Bluffs
Nov 30-Dec 9	"Elf Jr."	Story Theatre Company, Ames
Nov 10	"This Isn't Helping"	Performing Arts & Ed Asso of Southwest Iowa, Red Oak
Nov 15-17	"Leaving Iowa"	Wolf Creek Players CT, Dysart
Nov 15-25	"Clue: The Musical"	ACTORS, Ames
Nov 16-18	"The Boys Next Door"	Great River Players, Keokuk
Nov 16-18	"Steel Magnolias"	The Road Less Traveled Theatre Co, Farley
Nov 16-Dec 16	"Elf"	Theatre Cedar Rapids
Nov 17-Dec 10	"The Truman Decision"	Shot in the Dark Productions, Sioux City

Nov 27-Dec 9	"The Little Mermaid"	Union Street Players, Pella
Nov 30-Dec 1	"Almost, Maine"	ACTORS, Ames
Nov 30-Dec 2	"The Santaland Diaries"	Waterloo Community Playhouse
Nov 30-Dec 9	"It's A Wonderful Life"	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Shenandoah
Nov 30-Dec 9	"The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holiday"	Players Workshop, Burlington
Nov 30-Dec 9	"She Loves Me"	Starlighters II CT, Anamosa
Nov 30-Dec 16	"Fruitcakes"	Sioux City CT
Nov 30-Dec 23	"Elf, The Musical"	DSM Playhouse
Dec 6-16	"Annie"	Waterloo Community Playhouse
Dec 7-8	"A Pirate Tale Madrigal Dinner"	Corning Opera Company
Dec 7-15	"A Christmas Story"	Newton CT
Dec 7-16	"Almost, Maine"	Spencer CT
Dec 7-16	"Beauty and the Beast"	City Circle Acting Company, Coralville
January	"A Year with Frog and Toad"	New Minowa Players, Decorah
Jan 4-20	"The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane"	DSM Playhouse
Jan 11-12	"Burlesque in the Black Box"	Theatre Cedar Rapids
Jan 12-28	"The Last Five Years"	Shot in the Dark Productions, Sioux City
Jan 12-28	"Leading Ladies"	Sioux City CT
Jan 18-27	"Little Women"	Chanticleer, Council Bluffs
Jan 19-21	"The Elevator Family"	Ankeny CT
Jan 25-Feb 10	"Baskerville"	DSM Playhouse
Jan 25-Feb 10	"The Full Monty"	Theatre Cedar Rapids
Jan 31-Feb 10	"And Then There Were None"	ACTORS, Ames



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