



L.K. Boutin Grant Applications Due October 16

L.K. Boutin was a founder of ICTA who passed in 1985 and left a portion of his estate to the organization to carry on the work of developing community theatres in Iowa. Since his death, the Board has awarded grants of up to \$500 each to member theatres in support of specific projects. To date, over \$33,800 has been awarded.

Member theatres and individual members should have received the 2015 grant applications in the mail in September. If you did not, the form is also available on the organization's website at iowacommunitytheatreassociation.com.

The deadline to submit a completed application ELECTRONICALLY is October 16, 2015. Be sure to include ALL required information and supporting materials. Applications not meeting all guidelines will be rejected and not considered for funding by the ICTA Board.

- Submit only one application
- You may apply in consecutive years
- It is suggested that projects submitted for consideration could not be accomplished using theatre's own operating funds
- Consider projects which could involve neighboring theatres
- Projects must be completed by December 2016
- \$500 is the maximum amount that will be awarded to any one theatre
- The amount granted may be equal to or less than the amount requested
- A grantee is required to submit a final report by December 31, 2016 to receive their grant

L K Boutin Grants were awarded in 2014 to:
Audubon Country Players - \$500 for building, replacing and fixing muslin flats

* *Community Players of Greene County* - \$225 to purchase two powered speakers with stands and required accessories.

* *New Minowa Players* - \$150 to purchase their domain name.

ICTA Awards of Excellence

Any member theatre may request that their show be reviewed for consideration of Awards of Excellence in any or all of these eleven categories:

- Direction
- Actress, Lead
- Actor, Lead
- Actress, Supporting
- Actor, Supporting
- Ensemble
- Lighting
- Costuming
- Music Direction
- Choreography

The requesting theatre must notify Pam Ratliff by email, no less than four weeks prior to the show's opening date at pamela.ratliff@gafg.com. For more information, call 641-521-3364.

The nominating theatre then must notify Pam with the production's nominees along with: names/characters and names/categories no less than two weeks prior to the show's opening date.

Any changes to the nominations must be submitted to Pam at least one week prior to the production.

Reviewers must request their own tickets to the show they will attend in a timely manner.

Completed review forms must be returned to Pam within two weeks.

Awards of Excellence will be presented at the Gala to be held next spring in conjunction with the State Convention.

The ICTA Board is seeking a host for the 2016 ICTA State Convention & Gala to be held any time between late March and the end of June. The host plans the event including workshops for 35-50 attendees. If your theatre is interested, contact any board member.



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The Grinnell Community Theatre will be staging *The Fantasticks* on November 6-8 and 13-15 in the Loft Theatre at the Grinnell Arts Center. Matinees begin at 2:00 pm for Sunday matinees; all other shows are at 7:30 pm.

Dear Elizabeth will be staged on February 12, 13, and 14, 2016. Curtain times TBA.

Grinnell Area Arts Council 641-236-3203 www.grinnellarts.org

Webster City Community Theatre



Webster City Community Theatre hosted a workshop August 21-22 with sessions on directing, stage managing, makeup, choreography, and more led by Tim Slaven of Mason City and his daughter Katy Slaven of Cedar Rapids. Thirty attendees came from Iowa River Players, Franklin County Arts Association, Urbandale Community Theatre, & WCCT.

Drinking Habits

Join us October 2-4, 8, 10-11

The Sisters of Perpetual Sewing will have you in "stitches" with all the shenanigans going on at their small convent where two nuns have been secretly making wine to keep the doors open. Two nosy reporters are hot on their trail and go undercover as a nun and a priest to discover the winners of a wine-making competition. Or, are they really spies sent by Rome to shut down the convent? Or, is the spy the newest member of the order? And what's Father Chenile's story? Is George, the groundskeeper, in need of saving from the evils of Satan's drink? In true farcical form, accusations, mistaken identities, and romances run wild in this laugh-out-loud play.

Annual Appreciation Gathering

Volunteers recently enjoyed a potluck meal, heard highlights of the past and upcoming seasons, and recognized those who had gone above and beyond to share their time and talents with WCCT.



Christmas on Broadway is coming to Fort Madison. It may be too early to think about Christmas for most of us, but the folks at Old Fort Players know you have to plan ahead to put on a good show. Dennis Dowell (*Have An Nice Day* and *A Thousand Clowns*) is excited to return to the director's chair for this holiday music revue with assistance from Cathy Ramirez (*It's A Wonderful Life*).

Four star-struck holiday tourists are snowbound in a Broadway theater on Christmas Eve. With nothing but a few trunks filled with costumes, props, and set pieces, they live out a shared holiday dream - starring on Broadway ... at least until the snow subsides! Filled with holiday classics from Broadway shows and holiday songs from Broadway composers, the evening is a potpourri of holiday magic!

Christmas On Broadway, written and arranged by Rick Lewis is produced by special arrangement with Select Entertainment Productions, LLC and is co-sponsored by Fort Madison Bank & Trust.

Performances are December 4-6, and 10-12. Evening shows begin at 7:30 and the curtain rises on the single Sunday show at 2:00 pm.

Call 319-372-9559, like them on Facebook, or go to www.oldfortplayers.com for more information.



Be sure to send your upcoming production information and news about your theatre to the Center Stage editor, Loween Getter at loweengetter@wmtel.net.

The deadlines are

December 11, 2015 for the Winter Issue

March 11, 2016 for the Spring Issue.

Electronic submissions are preferred!

Be sure to submit your upcoming productions to the *Center Stage* editor at loweengetter@wmtel.net by December 11, 2015 and to the Iowa Community Theatre Association's website calendar anytime at iowacommunitytheatre@gmail.com.

PRODUCTION CALENDAR—2016

January 8-17	"Children of a Lesser God" at Chanticleer Theatre, Council Bluffs
January 15-February 7	"Avenue Q" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
January 22-31	"Dead Man's Cell Phone" at Waterloo Community Theatre
January 22-31	"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" at Iowa City Community Theatre
February 5-14	"Moon over Buffalo" at ACTORS in Ames
February 5-21	"Twelve Angry Men" at Des Moines Playhouse
February 12-14, 19-21	"Lombardi" at Spencer Community Theatre
February 12-14	"Dear Elizabeth" at Grinnell Community Theatre
February 12-28	"Some Sweet Day" at Ankeny Community Theatre
February 19-27	"Mr. Poppers Penguins" at Marshalltown Community Theatre
February 19-27	"The Boxcar Children" at Black Hawk Children's Theatre
February 26-28, March 3, 5-6	"Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" at Oster Regent Theatre, Cedar Falls Community Theatre
February 26-March 12	"Next to Normal" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
February 27	"Les Miserables: The Benefit Concert" at Spencer Community Theatre
February 28-March 13	"Sarah, Plain and Tall" at Des Moines Playhouse
March 11-20	"Lost in Yonkers" at Iowa City Community Theatre
March 11-20	"Sweeney Todd" at Chanticleer Theatre, Council Bluffs
April 1-3, 8-10, 15-16	"Hamlet" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
April 1-3, 8-10	"Cheaper by the Dozen" at Webster City Community Theatre
April 1-10	"Wait until Dark" at ACTORS in Ames
April 1-10	"Cabaret" at Waterloo Community Theatre
April 1-24	"Sister Act" at Des Moines Playhouse
April 4-10, 15-17, 22-23	"Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
April 8-16	"Escanaba in da Moonlight" at Marshalltown Community Theatre
April 15-May 1	"Musical Chairs" at Ankeny Community Theatre
April 22-May 1	"American Idiot" at Iowa City Community Theatre
April 22-24, 28-30, May 1	"Something's Afoot" at Spencer Community Theatre
April 28-May 7	"The Little Mermaid" at Waterloo Community Theatre
May 6-22	"Sideways Stories from Wayside School" at Des Moines Playhouse
May 10-June 11	"Now. Here. This." at Theatre Cedar Rapids
May 13-22	"Mary Poppins" at Chanticleer Theatre in Council Bluffs
May 13-June 5	"Disney's The Little Mermaid" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
June 3-12	"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at Waterloo Community Theatre
June 3-19	"You Can't Take It with You" at Des Moines Playhouse
June 10-26	"Kiss Me Kate" at ACTORS in Ames
June 10-28	"A Tree with Arms" at Ankeny Community Theatre
July 8-17	"Fiddler on the Roof" at Webster City Community Theatre
July 1-23	"Green Day's American Idiot" at Theatre Cedar Rapids

FYI

Member theatres are reminded to acquire rights to each production before they announce shows in their season's lineup. Requirements are different with each royalty house. Be sure you follow all terms of each contract to avoid heavy fines. Seek permission instead of forgiveness!

PRODUCTION CALENDAR—2015

You are encouraged to support your peers and broaden your theatre experience by attending performances at their theatres. Check the ICTA website for more details.

2015

October 1-4	"Into the Woods" at Des Moines Playhouse
October 1-3	"Dixie Swim Club" at Old Fort Players in Fort Madison
October 2-4, 8, 10-11	"Drinking Habits" at Webster City Community Theatre
October 2-18	"Death Trap" at Ankeny Community Theatre
October 2-4, 8, 10-11	"Dearly Departed" at Oster Regent Theatre, Cedar Falls Community Theatre
October 9-11, 16-18	"The Odd Couple" at Spencer Community Theatre
October 9-13, 15-17	"Ham Buns and Potato Salad" at Newton Community Theatre
October 16-November 7	"The Weir" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
October 15-18	"Yesterday and Today" at Des Moines Playhouse
October 16-25	"Little Shop of Horrors" at Waterloo Community Theatre
Opens October 16	"The Weir" at Theatre Cedar Rapid
October 16-24	"Leading Ladies" at Marshalltown Community Theatre
October 23-25	"Dogfight" by Lake Park Players at Pearson Lakes Art Center, Okoboji
October 23-November 1	"Dracula" at Chanticleer Theatre, Council Bluffs
October 23-November 1	"Psycho Beach Party" at Iowa City Community Theatre
October 23-November 15	"Junie B. Jones, The Musical" at Des Moines Playhouse
November 6-8, 13-15	"The Fantastiks" at Grinnell Community Theatre
November 12-22	"Charley's Aunt" at ACTORS in Ames
November 13-21	"The Phantom Tollbooth" at Black Hawk Children's Theatre in Waterloo
November 20-December 13	"The Christmas Story" at Theatre Cedar Rapids
November 27-December 20	"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at Des Moines Playhouse
December 4-12	"'Twas the Night before Christmas" at Marshalltown Community Theatre
December 4-6, 10-13	"A Christmas Carol" at Spencer Community Theatre
December 4-6, 10-12	"Christmas on Broadway" at Old Fort Players in Fort Madison
December 4-13	"Theophilus North" at Iowa City Community Theatre
December 4-6, 11-13	"Mary Poppins" at Oster Regent Theatre, Cedar Falls Community Theatre
December 4-6, 11-13	"Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" at Webster City Community Theatre
December 3-6, 2015	"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" at Union Street Players, Pella
December 4-6, 10-12	"Yes, Virginia. There Is a Santa Claus" at Newton Community Theatre
December 4-20	"The Regifters" at Ankeny Community Theatre
December 11-12	"Holiday Cabaret" at Chanticleer Theatre, Council Bluffs
December 11-20	"The Man Who Came to Dinner" at Waterloo Community Theatre

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