

## AROUND THE CIRCLE

November 2007

### City Circle Founder Receives State's Highest Volunteer Honor- Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award to June Braverman



June Braverman, a founder of City Circle Acting Company, received the state's highest volunteer honor, the Iowa Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by Governor Chet Culver at a special ceremony in Des Moines on October 5. It is an award only given to an individual who has devoted at least 20 years to volunteering in their area.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual who, over the course of their lifetime, has made significant contributions to Iowa through efforts as a volunteer, a manager of volunteers, or a combination of both. The honoree is selected by a review panel from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service. This award is not presented every year but only when a worthy nomination is identified. A dedicated local volunteer and volunteer manager for 50 years, June more than met the criteria!

In making their selection, the review panel noted that "June Braverman personifies the Iowa spirit of volunteerism, sharing her time and talents in support of community needs and motivating others to join her. Community members flock to work with her, regularly asking when they can contribute to the success of the next 'Braverman volunteer project.' "

June shares her time and talents with people of all ages. She works with the Young Footlighters group and has organized numerous fund-raisers for the Ronald McDonald House, Iowa Children's Museum, Hospice and others. In May 2006 she produced a month-long series of activities celebrating Older Americans Month. June organized more than 62 events that were held throughout Johnson County and involved the talents of 414 volunteers. Over 2,800 people participated! A highlight of the month was a sold-out vaudeville benefit performance at the Englert Theatre, featuring the talents of more than 115 cast members, ranging in age from 8 – 88!

Within the local community theatre ranks, June has been a driving force! She was an early volunteer for the Iowa City Community Theatre (ICCT), which was started in 1956. In addition to acting and directing, she helped with props, make-up, costumes and set construction. She also assisted with administrative work, serving as public relations chair, secretary, and president of the organization. In 1997 June joined a group of theatre friends and became a founding member of a new theatre group, the City Circle Acting Company of Coralville. June has been invaluable in her willingness to work on committees, to head early public relations work, and to take on creative special projects to benefit the City Circle organization.

June was nominated by volunteer colleagues Eve Casserly, Bob Elliott, Maggie Elliott, Penny Hall, Marcia Hughes, Linda Schreiber, and D.C. Spriesterbach.

*By Marcia Hughes*

**Congratulations, June!**



## ***Our 10th Season!***

Tickets will be available through the Coralville Rec Center (319) 248-1750 beginning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **based on the motion picture *A CHRISTMAS STORY***

written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown  
and Bob Clark

adaptation by Phil Grecian

directed by Rod McCrea and Rick Crooks

**December 13-16**

### ***Special Holiday Dinner and Theater Combo Saturday, December 15th!***

Join us for a fully-catered Holiday Chicken Dinner, compete with live entertainment and festive door prizes in our own private ballroom at the Marriott Hotel, exquisitely decorated by A Sleepin' Bee Floral Designs. \$50 for adults / \$45 Students and Seniors includes dinner at 6 pm and admission to the evening performance at 8 pm.

Season Ticket Holders, please contact us at [info@citycircle.org](mailto:info@citycircle.org) or 541-2980 for special dinner prices if you would like to use your Season Ticket for that evening's performance. Group rates also available--please contact us by the same means.

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS DINNER  
SPECIFICALLY FUND OUR EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN.**

### **new locally written plays *CITY CIRCLE SHORTS* (formerly our New Play Festival)**

directed by Andrew Juhl

**February 8 – February 17**

See [www.citycircle.org](http://www.citycircle.org) for submission details.

**in conjunction with the Iowa Children's  
Museum**

### ***LITTLE WOMEN (The MUSICAL)***

book by Allan Knee, music by Jason Howland  
and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein

directed by Chris Okiishi

**April 11 - 20**

## **Special ONE NIGHT ONLY PERFORMANCE/CELEBRATION**

**February 29, 2008**

**At the Englert Theatre**

### **A Circle Full of Stars Tickets**

Premium	\$100.00
Center Orchestra	\$45.00
Side Orchestra	\$35.00
Center Balcony	\$35.00
Side Balcony	\$25.00

Make checks payable to City Circle Acting Company,  
PO Box 5516, Coralville, IA 52241

## **CHILI DOG FAIR**



City Circle participated in the annual "Chili Dog Fair", Sunday, September 23rd, from 11:00 - 3:00 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. This annual event raises money for medical research and has become an annual fall must-see event.

We competed for fame and glory in the Chili Cook Off and played "Stump the City Circle Musical Theater Experts"! If you could name a Broadway Musical from the past 30 years that we could not sing you something from its score, you won a prize! It was great food, great fun and good cause! Thanks to our talented chefs.

### **Director's Meeting**

**City Circle Acting Company of Coralville**

**Friday, December 14th: 6:30 - 8:30pm &**

**Saturday, December 15th: 1:00 - 4:00pm**

Interested in directing a show for City Circle for the 2008-2009 Season? Please email [art@citycircle.org](mailto:art@citycircle.org) for more information or to schedule an interview! (Location to be provided once interview is scheduled.)

The Annual Membership meeting was held Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Coralville Room at Hills Bank and Trust in Coralville. Penny Hall displayed the awards won by City Circle and those in attendance were entertained by the students from Northwest Junior High. Michael Carroll has been working with them in an after school drama program. Their performance was the highlight of the evening and we look forward to seeing more of their productions.



## Class Acts Corner

In our continued pursuit of developing our "Class Acts" education program, City Circle has taken on a wonderful collaboration with the Coralville Recreation Department and Northwest JR High. From October through December students have been able to attend an after school drama program teaching the fundamentals of improvisational acting. The results have been outstanding. Every student has shown incredible growth and talent. This has been such a success with the students it will occur again in the spring with expanded hours! We are very excited for this opportunity.

Some of the students were recently chosen to perform at the City Circle Membership meeting on November 15. They were spectacular! Thank you to the parents and the students for their dedication. All of the students will be performing in December at Northwest JR High.

If you have any questions or comments on the Class Acts education program, feel free to email Mike Carroll at [vicechair@citycircle.org](mailto:vicechair@citycircle.org).

*Michael Carroll*



## FROZEN Cast & Crew



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## "A Christmas Story"

December 13, 14, 15, and 16  
Marriott Hotel - Coralville

***SPECIAL DINNER AND THEATRE PACKAGE***  
***Saturday, DEC. 15***

Tickets available at Coralville Rec Center and J Frahm Music  
Or Call for tickets at 248-1750