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# Around the Circle

November 2009



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## City Circle Educational Programming:

New Workshop Classes—Greg Redlawsk

City Circle has partnered with the Coralville Rec Center to provide a once a week after school drama class to the students of Northwest Junior High. The program began during the last school year, culminating in a performance entitled "Orpheus and other Tales". This year the student response has been fantastic, with around thirty students

participating every week, three times as many as last year.

In addition, City Circle will now be offering regular theatre classes on Saturdays from Noon to 2 pm at Northwest Junior High in the Little Theatre. These will be acting classes along with specific master classes such including an auditioning class be-

ing taught by Martin Andrews on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Everybody is welcome, regardless of experience. For more information, contact Greg Redlawsk at [greg@citycircle.org](mailto:greg@citycircle.org).

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## A Christmas Carol Radio Play: A New Spin on a Classic Tale - Chris Okiishi

For the past eight seasons, City Circle Acting Company of Coralville has been proud to produce some pretty awesome, just-a-bit-unusual holiday fare. "The Santaland Diaries", "A Christmas Story", "Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge"--it's been a great run. And that run continues December 11 - 19, 2009, when we open "A Christmas Carol Radio Play" by Tony Pal-

ermo. In this special production, the classic Dickens story is brought to life by a troupe of radio actors, complete with sound effects and live music. Starring Joshua Sazon as evil (misunderstood?) Scrooge, A cast of 29, including six special effects people, play all the roles, provide all the music and create a world through sound. Come join the show as our "in-studio audience"

at the newly renovated Theater at the Iowa Children's Museum. Tickets on sale November 15 at the Coralville Recreation Center, 248-1750, and J. Frahm Music in Iowa City.

## Deathtrap

One of the five longest-running non-musicals in Broadway history, Deathtrap is both the epitome of a classic thriller and a playful insider's poke at the genre. Perhaps the opening lines of the show describe it best: "A thriller in two acts. One set. Five characters. A juicy murder in Act One, unexpected developments in Act Two. Sound construction, good dialogue, laughs in the right

places. Highly commercial.

Auditions will be held on December 4th and 5th, time and place to be announced. Please prepare a two minute monologue.

## Deathtrap

by Ira Levin  
directed by Alex Eben

March 4-7, 11-14, 2010  
Fridays and Saturdays at  
7:30 pm,  
Sundays at 2 pm  
Iowa Children's Museum  
Coral Ridge Mall,  
Coralville

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## The Johnson County Festival of Trees

City Circle Acting Company of Coralville announces the Johnson County Festival of Trees to be held Nov 27 – Dec 6, 2009 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, a new 500-seat theater that will be constructed at the corner of 5th St and 12th Ave in Coralville and will serve as the future home of City

Circle. Special events to be held throughout the festival include a Teddy Bear Tea Party, a Winter Festival, and a Festival Gala where the trees will be auctioned. The festival board, led by co-directors Stacia Stehbens McGrath and Rick Crooks, invites interested individuals, families, businesses, church groups, and community organizations to sponsor and decorate trees and other holiday items.

Judging categories will include holiday trees, door wreaths, stockings, and decorated ornaments. For more information on the Johnson County Festival of Trees email inquiries to JCFestivalofTrees@gmail.com