



Press Release

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Governor Culver appoints Sue Riedel to the Iowa Arts Council Board of Directors

Dubuque, IA—The Bell Tower Theater is pleased to announce that Artistic Director and Theater Manager Sue Riedel has been selected as a member of the Iowa Arts Council Board of Directors with a term running from now until June 30, 2011.

The Governor selects board members for their knowledge, appreciation, and/or support of the arts and cultural heritage of Iowa. The primary responsibility of board members is to promote policies and viewpoints that benefit the arts throughout the state.

In addition to Sue's duties at the Bell Tower Theater, she is a full-time speech and theater teacher at Hempstead High School (where this fall she will begin her 37th year). A graduate of Clarke College, Sue Riedel founded the Barn Community Theater in 1972, oversaw that organization for 14 years including their move to the Grand Opera House. She was then the Manager and Artistic Director of the Grand Opera House from 1986 to 2001. Sue has helped bring numerous movies to Dubuque County including *Miles from Home*, *Take This Job and Shove It*, and the Academy Award–nominated *Field of Dreams*.

Sue formerly served two terms on the Iowa Arts Council (2001-2007) and has been a member of the Dubuque Arts and Cultural Commission since its creation in 2004.

Photo Attached.

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