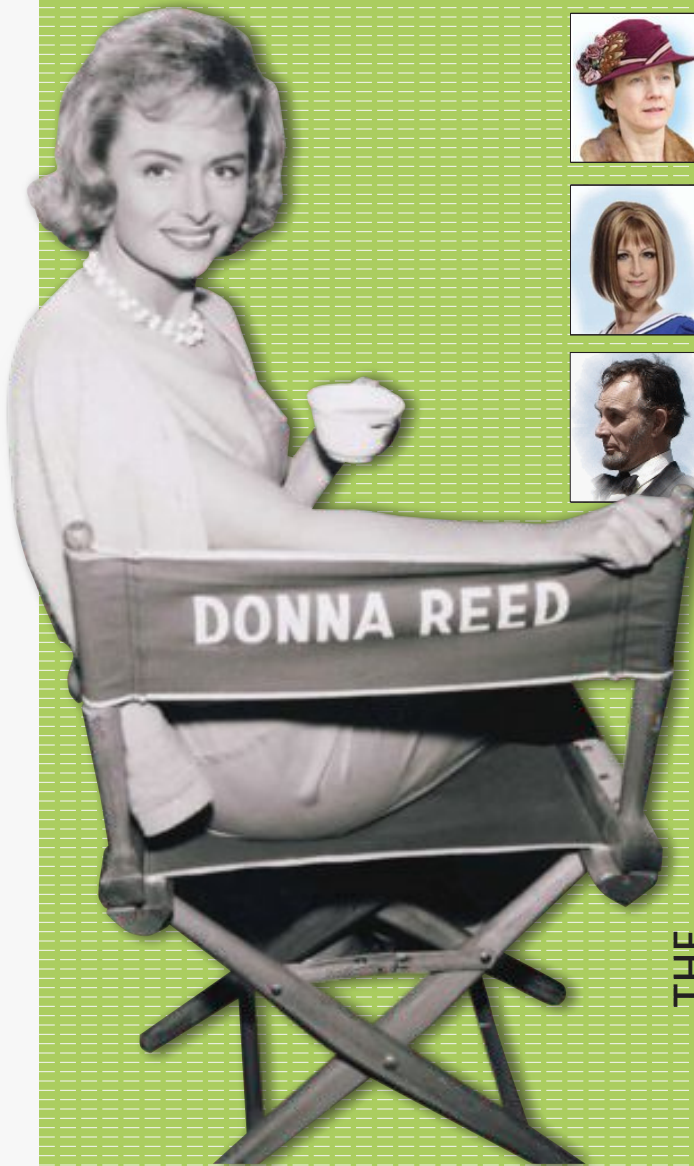


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July 16, 2011

“The Life and Times of Sinatra”

An autobiographical tribute in story and song to Frank Sinatra.

Music historian and singer *Tim Tracy* performs this tribute to one of the most enduring performers of the 20th century. From birth to legend Frank Sinatra was a part of the fabric of American life. Mr. Tracy’s concert will share the unforgettable music and the remarkable life stories of the Sinatra you only thought you knew. His life, his loves – his way!

September 10, 2011

“Eleanor Roosevelt – “In War to Peace”

Share Mrs. Roosevelt’s remarkable life in this Living History portrayal.

Scholar and actress *Susan Marie Frontczak* portrays former First Lady and United Nations Delegate, Eleanor Roosevelt, giving the audience a rare glimpse into her public and private personae. We first meet Mrs. Roosevelt during World War II, as she speaks about the individual’s role in a world torn by war, hardship and uncertainty. Act 2 takes place ten years later at the United Nations. Mrs. Roosevelt recounts the ground-breaking development of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a Magna Carta for humankind. Re-live a remarkable American era, while getting to know Eleanor Roosevelt’s heart and soul. (There will be an intermission between Act 1 & 2)

October 1, 2011

“Then and Now... The Artistry of Barbara Streisand”

Enjoy this award winning impersonation of the legendary Barbara Streisand.

Carla DelVillaggio recreates the excitement, the high energy vocals and the purity of Barbara Streisand’s beautiful ballads in her tribute to the greatest of all singing actresses. Whether costumed in the iconic sailor suit from the sixties, or the elegant gowns of more recent concerts, Ms. DelVillaggio skillfully sings the classic Streisand songs from the beginning of her historic career until now.

February 3, 2012

An Evening With President Lincoln

Hear the thoughts and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln through one of the nation’s foremost Lincoln actors.

Join Richard F. (Fritz) Klein as he brings to life, Abraham Lincoln and the history of our Civil War. With his wealth of knowledge and insight into President Lincoln’s behavior, mannerisms, and speech patterns, Mr. Klein’s portrayal of our 16th President will make you feel as if “he’d just stepped out of a time portal from the 19th century”. You’ve seen him on the History Channel, Discovery Channel and National Geographic Television.

All Shows begin at 7 p.m. at The Donna Reed Theater



December 2–3, 2011

**"It's A Wonderful Life"
The Live Radio Play**

Join us for this beloved American holiday classic as it comes to life as a live, 1940s radio broadcast! With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen local neighbors and friends to the stage for this new, live adaptation of "It's A Wonderful Life".

"This is a fresh and inventive way of reconnecting with a classic story of love and redemption."—M.Houlihan, Chicago Sun-Times

December 18, 2011

**"It's A Wonderful Life"
Screenings at 3:00 and 7:00pm**

Please join us as we host 2 screenings of the forever, quintessential American film classic. This film only gets better with age, so treat yourself and the entire family to the joy of watching Donna and Jimmy Stewart together on the big screen.

Donna Reed was born Donna Belle Mullenger on a farm just outside of Denison, Iowa. At the age of 16 she left Denison by train, for Los Angeles, to attend college and pursue her dream of becoming an actress.



Her dream became a reality as she captivated the country with her sensitive portrayals in such films as Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* and John Ford's *They Were Expendable*. Donna appeared in over forty feature films with many of Hollywood's greatest stars and directors. In 1954 she won the coveted Oscar for her role as Alma in *From Here to Eternity*. Donna is perhaps best remembered for her work in the television series *The Donna Reed Show* which aired on ABC from 1958 through 1966. She played the "prettiest and most together TV mothers of the family obsessed 1950's".

In spite of the fame and success she found in Hollywood, Donna never forgot her roots in Iowa. She was proud of being a farm girl and returned to Denison often throughout her career. Following her death in 1986, her Oscar was bequeathed to the City of Denison and is displayed at the historic McHenry House.

The Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts was created honor Donna's memory, her accomplishments and to keep her dream alive by recognizing, encouraging and supporting talented individuals to pursue their education and careers in the performing arts. The Foundation sponsors weekend workshops, live concerts, and cultural performances throughout the year.

The Donna Reed Center for the Performing Arts sits on the historic corner of Broadway and Main in Denison, Iowa. The Center houses the Donna Reed Foundation headquarters, a charming turn-of-the-century soda fountain, and the Donna Reed Theatre. When completed, the Center will include the Donna Reed Museum and will also offer unique workshops and performances year round.

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