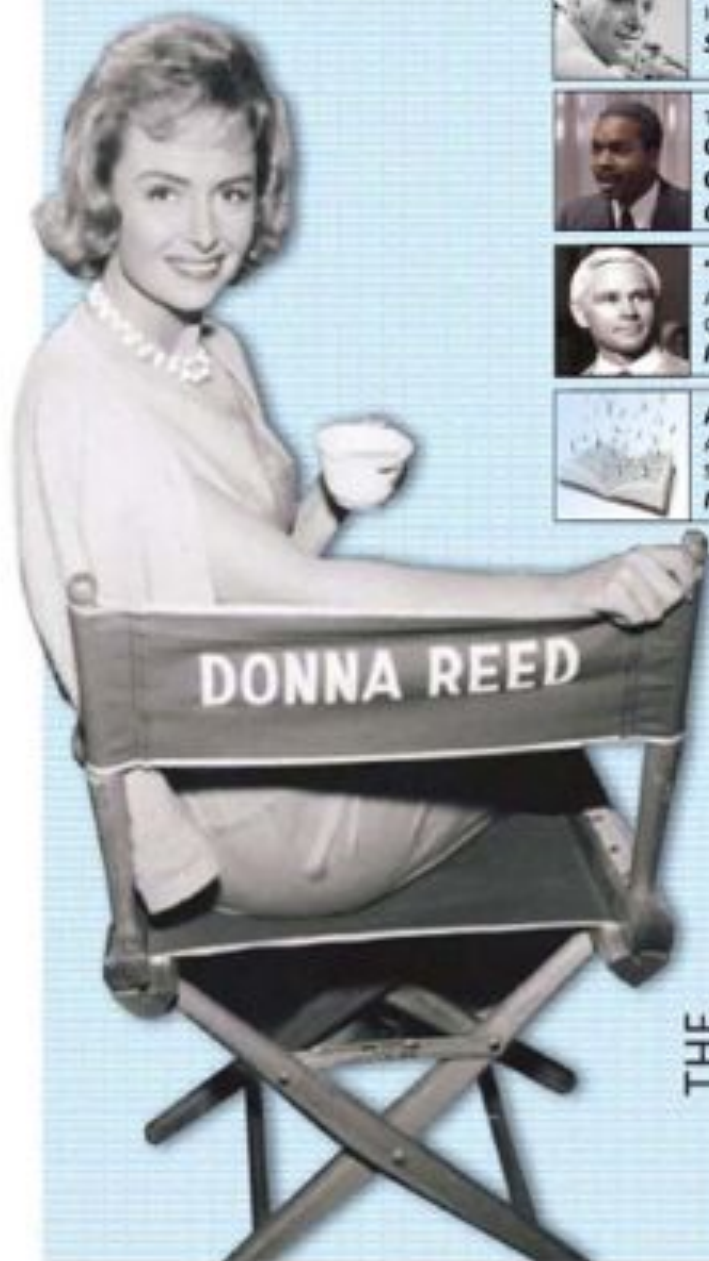


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"The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra"

Alton Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa! The present Glenn Miller Orchestra was formed in 1956 and has been touring consistently since, playing an average of 300 live dates a year around the world.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, with its unique jazz sound, is the most sought after big band in the world today for both concert and swing dance engagements.

Tonight's performance sponsored, in part, by Hy-Vee

October 12, 2012

"Listening to the Still Small Voice: The story of George Washington Carver"

Written and performed by Paxton J. Williams, this one person play was first performed as Paxton's undergraduate capstone project in the Honors Program at Iowa State University. G.W. Carver was one of the most inspiring and enigmatic renaissance American men of the 20th century—from the Civil War era Missouri to Carver's laboratory, to the halls of Congress you will see the trials, tribulations and ultimate triumph of the scientist, educator and artist known as the "Wizard of Tuskegee."

February 9, 2013

"Here's Johnny – a live re-enactment of the Carson Show"

Jim Malmberg was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but has lived in Phoenix, Arizona since 1981. He's a former award-winning anchorman and reporter, who was honored for both his news documentaries and investigative reporting. When people ask Jim why he left television news for a career impersonating Iowa native Johnny Carson, he explains that his decision was determined by what can only be described as his uncanny resemblance to the "King of Late Night" both in sight and sound.

March 23, 2013

"An Iowa Songbook - A Celebration of Iowa Singers and Songwriters"

Iowans have left an impressive musical legacy throughout the years. Icons like Andy Williams, Meredith Willson, Roger Williams, the Everly Brothers, and more have given America some of its most memorable tunes. Join Western Iowa entertainers in this celebration of Iowa's music history.

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



November 30, 2012 – 7:00 PM

December 1, 2012 – 7:00 PM

"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 16, 2012

"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 Expensible*. 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 is now displayed at Denison's historic McHenry House.

The Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts was created to 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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