



# 2011/2012 Season

by Megan Sands

I am so excited about the upcoming 2011-2012 City Circle Season!! As the former Artistic Core Representative for the City Circle Board, I had the wonderful responsibility of constructing our newest season. It is full of new beginnings and phenomenal shows! Our biggest *new* addition is our highly anticipated, highly professional, and utterly awesome new theatre.

We will begin our new season with the musical ***Hairspray*** directed by Chad Larabee with musical direction by Kent Keating. So get ready to head your bouffant to Baltimore (aka: Coralville) for big show numbers, big hair, and big talent!!

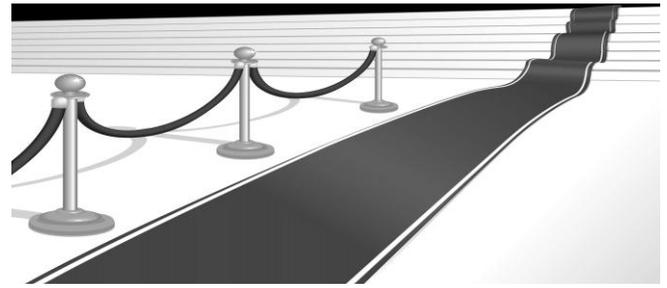
For Halloween, we have a special, three-night showing of ***The Rocky Horror Show***. Audience members are encouraged to wear their best fishnets get their toast ready! Also this fall, City Circle will be organizing and presenting the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Trees** in late November.

Winter will bring back the super-successful ***Christmas Cabaret*** that was initiated this previous season. This year the cabaret will be directed again by the multi-talented Patrick Du Laney and promises to showcase local talent in a mixture of traditional and lesser-known carols of the season. December will also debut, what we hope will become an annual performance of Charles Dickens' ***A Christmas Carol***. We are very excited to welcome Elizabeth Tracey to the area, who will be directing this classic.

Spring will bring another classic to the stage. Thornton Wilder's ***Our Town*** will be directed by Wallace Chapel and guarantees to deliver the well known show in a glorious new light that will please all ages.

To end our 2011-2012 season, we will take you back in time to mingle with gamblers, showgirls, and missionaries in Frank Loesser's ***Guys & Dolls***!! This production will be directed by Josh Sazon with musical direction by Edward Kottick.

All of us at City Circle hope that this season will have a little something for everyone and that of our shows will reach new heights, both technically and artistically, in our wonderful new theatre in Coralville!!



## West Side Story

### Cast Announced!

#### The Jets

Riff, the leader.....Josh Titler  
 Tony, his friend.....Tyler Jensen  
 Action.....David Maize  
 Arab.....Michael Sotelo  
 Baby John.....Adam Jedlicka  
 Snowboy.....David Rudolph  
 Big Deal.....Mitchell Widmer  
 Diesel.....Colin Berry

#### Their Girls

Graziella.....Jessica Ziniel  
 Velma.....Katelyn Swearingen  
 Minnie.....Amy Ostrem  
 Clarice.....Kailey Barber  
 Pauline.....Mary Rethwisch  
 Anybodys.....Alannah Walterhouse  
 Shirley.....Katie Street  
 Charlotte.....Hannah Rublaitus

#### The Sharks

Bernardo.....Phil Buatti  
 Maria, his sister.....Taylor Troyer  
 Anita, his girl.....Melissa Melloy  
 Chino, his friend.....Conner Henry  
 Pepe.....Sam O'Brien  
 Indio.....Justin Gorgone  
 Luis.....Jacob Walterhouse  
 Anxious.....Austin Berry  
 Nibbles.....Javon Stovall

#### Their Girls

Rosalia.....Megan Henry  
 Consuela.....Emily Duncan  
 Francisca.....Alexandra Perez  
 Terrasita.....Cat Rebelskey  
 Estella.....Sarah Mildenstein  
 Margarita.....Emily Mendoza

*West Side Story* will be performed at the Englert Theater, June 17 - 19, 2011. Tickets available soon at [www.englert.org](http://www.englert.org) or by calling 319-688-2653.



## In Memoriam

**Duane Caryl (Sprie) Spriestersbach**, a founding member of City Circle Acting Company of Coralville, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2011, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

**A Memorial Service to celebrate Sprie's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at The Englert Theatre in Iowa City.**

Sprie was active with the Iowa City Community Theatre, serving as president on three occasions and was one of the founding members of the City Circle Acting Company of Coralville, serving as their first president. For 18 years, he performed with June Braverman's Ronald McDonald House Players, raising over \$35,000 for the local Ronald McDonald House. He was recipient of the Hancher/Finkbine Alumni Award, the University of Iowa Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award, the John Hughes Award and the Will Hayek Award. In 1992 he established the Bette R. Spriestersbach endowment, to fund an annual lecture at the Museum of Art.

The son of Esther (Stucky) and Merle Spriestersbach, he was born on September 5, 1916, in Pine Island, Minnesota. He graduated from Winona State University in 1939, received his MA at the University of Iowa in 1940, and PhD in 1948. In 1946, he married Bette Rae Bartelt and together they raised two children, Michael Lee and Ann. He was assigned to the Army's 13th Armored Division during World War II, and received a Bronze Star in 1945. After the war, he continued to serve in the Army Reserve, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 2007-09, he was president of the 13th Armored Division Association. He was professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Iowa (1948-89), Dean of the Graduate College (1965-89), Vice President for Educational Development and Research (1966-89), and interim UI president (1981-82). As a professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology, he specialized in the field of cleft lip and palate and authored many books and articles related to their management.

Sprie reestablished the University Press, provided initial support for the establishment of the Center for the Book, and established the Iowa Fellows program in the Graduate College. He established the Division of Sponsored Programs, supported the development of the Weeg Computing Center, established the teaching/research fellowship program in the Graduate College, conceptualized and implemented University House, now called the Center for Advanced Study, provided the initial seed money for the expansion of the Natural History Museum that led to the creation of Iowa Hall. He was responsible for changing the Oakdale Campus into a viable University facility, and organized mechanisms, still in use today, for marshaling University resources for meeting unforeseen emergencies involving people and/or natural catastrophes. He provided the initial leadership for the establishment of the Technology Innovation Center, provided leadership for the development of the NSF Center of Excellence award in Biology, and secured federal funding for Van Allen Hall, the English-Philosophy Building, the Music Building and Clapp Recital Hall.

He was chairperson or president of numerous national organizations. He spent time in Germany, Nepal, Korea, Indonesia, China, Japan, and did extensive work in Brazil as part of the United States Agency for International Development. He was also a member of the first group to reenter Vietnam with the People to People Citizen Ambassador Program.

He twice postponed retirement to fill gaps in central administration at the university. President Willard Boyd established the D.C. Spriestersbach Dissertation Award, given annually, and James O. Freedman created the Spriestersbach Professorship in the Liberal Arts in his honor. He became Vice President and Dean Emeritus in 1989.

After retirement, he wrote a book on his experiences as a UI administrator. Then in 1994 he became the Vice President for Operations for Breakthrough to Literacy and remained with them as a consultant until 2008. Sprie loved trains, and with the Society of International Railway Travelers, rode most of the luxury trains of the world.

Survivors include his sister, Beverly Spriestersbach of Pine Island, Minnesota, son Michael and wife, Gerry Abernathy, of Tucson, Arizona, daughter Ann Swain and husband, Terry Morris, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, grandson Mathew Swain and wife, Sasha, great grandchildren, Jasper and Liliana Swain of El Cerito, California, and housemate George Stratton. He was preceded in death by his sister Gretchen Ruth, his parents and his wife Bette.

### **Memorials:**

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the UI Foundation for the Fund to Support Student Excellence at The University of Iowa Graduate College.