



# THE ACT SPOTLIGHT

Ankeny Community Theatre  
A Community of Talent

Summer 2020

## The Show Must Go On!

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed so much in all of our lives. At a time when we could benefit most from the fulfilling experience of live theater, we are cut off from it. But while the stage is dark, ACT has continued to be there for you in a creative new way - our Readers Virtual Theater performances. And despite the loss of ticket revenue, ACT will make it through this time, thanks to our strong financial foundation and your ongoing support.

In this evolving situation, we have already had to change our plans several times. Honestly, we don't know what the 2020-2021 season will look like. We're constantly evaluating what we can safely offer our patrons, and when. This may include opportunities to present more intimate shows with smaller casts. We'll keep adapting and thinking creatively, and we'll keep you updated!

In the meantime, we are asking for your help to make sure ACT stays strong. There are two ways you can help:

- 1. Donate.** Even in normal years, ticket sales alone do not cover our costs. And now more than ever, your financial support is essential.
- 2. Buy a punch card.** Your punches will never expire, so it's a risk-free way to help now and redeem for tickets later.

Details on donating and punch cards can be found on the next page. THANK YOU for your ongoing support. We can't wait till we can see you at the theater again!

## Join Us Virtually For Exciting Plays

With ACT's Readers Virtual Theater, you can get your theater fix even while we can't gather in person! ACT actors perform readings of plays through an online meeting tool, so you can enjoy the show from the comfort and safety of home. Mark your calendar for these upcoming shows, all on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Watch your email, our website, and our Facebook page for a registration link ahead of each show.

**August 9:** Less Fear Shakespeare Part II (a collection of monologues and scenes from the Bard's plays)

**August 23:** "A Certain Just Man" by Anne Coulter Martens

**September 13:** "Gifted" by Tommy Lee Johnston

**September 27:** "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza

## Storytime With ACT

ACT is pleased to announce *Storytime with ACT!* Designed for our younger theater-goers, *Storytime with ACT* features Sarah and Riley Devick, a mother-daughter team composed of an early childhood educator (Sarah) and an ACT outstanding actress (Riley). Beginning on Wednesday July 29 at 10 a.m. and for each week following for 4 weeks, they will share a popular, funny, inspirational, and entertaining children's story to encourage creativity and expression in your kids! Material will be geared to the preschool child, ages 3-6.

Missed signing up for July 29th session? No problem. You can still register anytime and start receiving the links each week on Tuesday to view the live-streamed event on Wednesday.

## ACT Receives Iowa Arts Council Grant

Ankeny Community Theatre is excited to announce we have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Iowa Arts Council to allow us to continue the pursuit of our mission to provide quality live theater entertainment and participation opportunities for Central Iowa community members.

This year, the Iowa Arts Council awarded \$1,367,984 in grants to 129 projects, organizations and communities – all funded by renewed funding from the Iowa Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with a \$30,000 increase.

We can't wait until our doors are re-opened to the patrons and volunteers of ACT.

## Become A Member: Donate Today

ACT relies on donations to be able to offer the quality, affordable theater productions and participation opportunities you love. Ticket sales alone do not cover our costs, even when we DO get to have a full season! We call our donors “members” because when you give a gift to ACT, you become part of our theater family!

The minimum donation for annual membership benefits is \$20 and the membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Please renew your membership today or donate for the first time!

### Benefits of membership:

- Discounts on season punch cards
- Invited to annual member event and eligible to vote on ACT business, such as electing board members
- Recognition in each ACT playbill (unless you want to remain anonymous)
- Donations are fully tax-deductible

### Membership levels:

Patron: \$20 - \$99  
Actor: \$100 - \$249  
Stage Manager: \$250 - \$499  
Director: \$500 - \$999  
Producer: \$1,000 +

Visit <https://donorbox.org/supportact20-21> to donate online with a credit card. You can also mail a check along with the provided membership form to ACT. Thank you so much for your support!

## Punch Cards Are Now Even More Flexible

At ACT, our season tickets have always been flexible – we do punch cards you can use however you want. Now they’re even more flexible! Because our 2020-2021 season lineup is subject to change, we want you to feel confident investing in future shows.

**Any punch cards you buy now will never expire.** So you can use them during the 2020-2021 season, whatever it ends up looking like, and beyond. If you still have punches left from the 2019-2020 season because of canceled productions, no worries - those punches will also never expire. Punch cards save you money versus buying individual tickets. Punches are valid on main-season shows; Studio Series tickets are sold separately. **Support ACT by putting down an advance on future entertainment - buy punch cards today!**

### How to buy:

Buy online at <https://tickets.midwestix.com/event/actseasonpunchcard2021> OR submit the season punch card form provided with this newsletter and mail with your check. You’ll also find a copy of the form on our website. We will mail your punch cards to you after September 15.

Each punch can be used for one seat at any performance of any show in the main season – so you can use your punches across the whole season, use several punches to bring friends to one performance, or any combination! You can buy a punch card for the same price at any time during the season.

### How to use:

When tickets for a show go on sale, use your punch card to make advance reservations for specific performances. You can make reservations online at [www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com) (choose your performance date and choose the “season punch card” option) or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 and tell them you have a season punch card. When you come to a show, present your punch card at the box office.

If you have questions, please contact us at [information@ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com](mailto:information@ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com).

	Members		Non-members	
	Adult	Senior*	Adult	Senior*
3-punch	\$50	\$42	\$53	\$45
6-punch	\$98	\$81	\$104	\$87

\*Anyone 60 or over

Single Show Prices For Main Season Shows			
	Adult	Senior*	Student
Non-musical	\$18	\$15	\$12
Musical	\$20	\$18	\$15

## Save the Date for Annual Member Meeting

ACT’s annual member event will be virtual this year. Mark your calendar to join us online the evening of **Monday, September 21**. Everyone is welcome! We will announce the Outstanding Performance and Outstanding Volunteer awards and celebrate a great (abbreviated) 2019-2020 season. Current members will receive details about voting in board elections in August.