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***Performance Features Seven 10-Minute Plays Written and Rehearsed in Just 24 Hours***

The Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, City Circle Acting Company of Coralville, and Dreamwell Theatre announce the sixth annual *All in a Day Play Festival*, Saturday, September 21 at 7:30pm at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville.

Dreamwell Theatre board president Matt Falduto notes, “The *All in a Day Play Festival* is a great example of the amazing things theater groups can accomplish when they work together.” At 7:30pm on Friday, September 20, seven writers, seven directors, and 30+ actors will come together to create seven original plays. Writers will be randomly assigned a location, a genre, and one other dramatic detail they must include in their script. Directors and actors will be randomly assigned to each playwright. The playwrights will deliver their script to the directors and cast by 8am the next morning; the directors and actors then have the day to rehearse.

24 hours from the start of the process, audience members will be treated to a variety of new and unique shows. Plays and performers will be adjudicated by a panel including Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett, CCPA Managing Director Megan Flanagan, and director/producer Christopher Okiishi, with awards presented for performers, playwrights, and directors.

Event co-organizer Brian Tanner of Dreamwell says, “This is one of my favorite events of the year. I always look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with and it amazes me that everything was accomplished in such a short time!” Liz Tracey of City Circle adds, “It is a thoroughly entertaining and original evening – and one made for the digital age. I enjoyed myself so much last year that I signed up to direct this year.”

This year’s participating playwrights are Matt Falduto, Brian Tanner, Joe Jennison, Amy White, Mike Moran, Tony Craine, and Andrew Juhl. The directors are James Trainor, Meg Dobbs, Barbara Lau, Liz Tracey, Adeara Jean Maurice, Bev Mead, and Paul Freese.

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**City Circle Acting Company of Coralville** is Coralville's community theater and the CCPA's resident theater company. City Circle's mission is to present professional caliber theatrical productions and provide performing and educational opportunities to people of all ages.

Upcoming productions include

*Spamalot*

25-November 3) and

*A Christmas Carol*

(December 13-22).

*Monty Python's*

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**Dreamwell Theatre** is an award-winning theater company that creates challenging, innovative, and inclusive theatrical experiences as a "theatre of exploration." Upcoming productions include *Fictional Murders* (October 11-19) and *Clybourne Park* (November 15-23).

Owned and operated by the City of Coralville, the **Coralville Center for the Performing Arts** is dedicated to enriching the community and contributing to the vitality of Coralville by offering an accessible, affordable venue for a variety of performances, presentations, and public and private events. The 472 seat theater opened August 26, 2011 and has hosted performances from City Circle Acting Company, Orchestra Iowa, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Dan Knight, Lola Astanova, Lorie Line, Judy Carmichael, Jim McDonough, Nolte Academy of Dance, and many others. Coralville schools are also able to use the Center free of charge up to three times per year; 16 school events took place at the Center in the 2012-2013 school year. The Center was named 2012 Member of the Year by the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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