



Donna Reed

Donna Reed was born Donna Belle Mullenger in Denison, Iowa. At the age of 16, she left Denison by train for Los Angeles to complete her formal education and pursue her dream of becoming an actress. Her dream became a reality as she captivated the country with her sensitive portrayals in films like the American classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Donna appeared in over forty feature films with many of Hollywood's greatest stars. She won the coveted Oscar for her role in *From Here to Eternity*. Donna is perhaps best remembered for her work on her own television series, *The Donna Reed Show*, which aired from 1958 through 1966. She played the role of an honest, humorous and nurturing mother, much like her real self. Behind the cameras, she was the un-credited producer and director of the show, studying and mastering both lighting and cinematography, roles rarely handled by women at that time. She also raised four children and was the cofounder of *Another Mother for Peace*. In spite of the fame and fortune she found as a successful Hollywood actress, she never forgot her hometown. She was proud of being an Iowa farm girl and returned to Denison often throughout her career. Following her death in 1986, her Oscar was left to the City of Denison and is displayed at the historic McHenry House. Friends, family, and the community turned out to honor her, and from that gathering the Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts was born.

Donna Reed had a great respect for education and a personal understanding of what it means to follow one's dream. The Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts was created in memory of Donna Reed to honor her accomplishments and to keep her dream alive by recognizing, encouraging and supporting talented individuals who desire to pursue an education and a career in the performing arts. The Foundation sponsors one of the major performing arts scholarship programs in the United States, promotes an annual performing arts festival, live concerts, and cultural performances throughout the year. The Foundation was formed in 1987 by members of the Denison community; Donna's husband, Grover Asmus; fellow actresses Shelley Fabares and Norma Connolly; associates; friends; and members of her family. An endowment fund was started in 1998 to ensure the future of the organization, and contributions are gratefully accepted.

The Donna Reed Center

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. A spectacular miniature replica of Bedford Falls, the town from the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, is on permanent display. When completed, the Center will include the Donna Reed Museum and will also offer unique workshops and performances year round.

Many celebrities, including Mary Pickford, entertained area residents from the stage of the beautiful Germania Opera House since it opened its doors in 1914. The Opera House was later converted into the Ritz Movie Theatre where Donna Reed fell in love with motion pictures. In 1988, the Donna Reed Foundation, with financial support from the community and corporate grants, saved the building. In 1995, the first phase of restoration was completed with the help of thousands of community volunteer hours. Plans are now being completed for the future Donna Reed Museum to be housed in the Donna Reed Center. The theater seats 550 and offers films as well as live concerts and theatrical presentations.

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The Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts *presents*



From Script to Screen
Television Production Workshop
with Bellamy Forrest,
Assistant Director for the hit show
30 Rock
Saturday, September 25th, 9am



Creating the Image
A Cinematography Workshop
with Denison native
Nathan Stoll,
Camera Operator and Producer in News and Television
Saturday, September 25th, 1:30pm

Special Friday Night Session
How *30 Rock* is shot
September 24th, 7pm
Free and Open to the Public

Our Instructors...



Bellamy Forrest is A Key 2nd Assistant Director On The NBC Comedy “30 Rock”.Bellamy’s Other Recent credits include a new Comedy Central Show due to air in August called, Big Lake, the film Baby Mama, The Devil Wears Prada, and Law And Order.

As an Assistant Director Bellamy works closely with the Director, Actors, Writers, Producers, and Shooting Crew to bring the script to the screen. She is involved with script breakdown, scheduling, coordinating Crew And Principal Cast, and directing Background. She began her film career in 2003 on a film titled Nola as a production assistant. After 3 years of production work, Bellamy joined the Directors Guild of America in 2006. Bellamy lives with her husband and son in New York City. Bellamy and Nathan are married and live in New York City with their son, Hunter.



Nathan Stoll is an experienced director of photography, director, camera operator, producer and gaffer. He is a **Denison Community High School graduate Class of 1996** and has a BFA in Film Studies and a MBA in Media Management.

Nathan was inspired to pursue a career in TV and Film by watching movies at the Donna Reed Theater (formally the Ritz) as a kid and seeing Donna Reed’s Oscar at the McHenry House during a field trip from elementary school. He has more than eight years of TV and Film production experience including shooting and directing webisodes for 30 Rock, shooting industrial videos for Exxon Mobil, directing music videos and short films. Currently he is working as a gaffer for the Fox News Channel and producing a web documentary series about his experience hiking The Colorado Trail. Bellamy and Nathan are married and live in New York City with their son, Hunter.

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Registration Fees

Please enter the Total Fees below:

Friday Night, Sept. 24th, 7pm	How 30 Rock Is Shot	free	_____
	(included in registration)		
TV Production Sessions: Bellamy Forrest	Saturday, Sept. 25th at 9:00am	\$50.00	\$ _____
	<i>Script To Screen and Breaking Into The Biz</i>		
Cinematography Sessions: Nathan Stoll	Saturday, Sept. 25th at 1:30pm	\$50.00	\$ _____
	<i>Creating The Image and Lighting The Interview</i>		
	All 4 Sessions:	\$90.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL Festival Fees		\$ _____

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