

Keynote Speaker



Bonnie L. Vorenberg

“The Guru of Senior Theatre”

- President, ArtAge Publications and its Senior Theatre Resource Center
- Founding member of Senior Theatre USA
- Author of *Senior Theatre Connections*, an international Senior Theatre directory, and editor of *New Plays for Mature Actors*

“Bonnie presents a wealth of information in an entertaining, gentle, and very clear manner. We got sooo much good stuff from her.” Liz Lipka

“Thank you for giving me such a grand start in Senior Theatre. It has completely changed my life. I don’t think I’ve ever been so happy.” Kevagne Kadish

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Mission

To expand opportunities for creative expression by older adults through the arts

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Senior Theatre Workshop & Conference

October 9 and 10, 2009

Guthrie Theater

Minneapolis, MN

Bloomington Civic Plaza

Bloomington, MN

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Senior Theatre Workshop & Conference

This conference is designed to stimulate creation of senior-oriented theatre programs, performances, classes, and other activities in and around Minnesota. It will:

- Provide an overview of various types of senior theatre
- Highlight health and social benefits of senior theatre
- Showcase model programs and proven techniques
- Provide opportunities for discussion, networking, and partnership building

Who should attend? Older adults, theatre amateurs and professionals, senior housing and senior center activity leaders, educators, and others interested in arts and aging.

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Social & Theatre Evening

Pillsbury House Theatre

3501 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis

- Enjoy a wine and cheese reception
- Meet Bonnie Vorenberg
- Award Allan Lotsberg, founder/director, New Fogey Follies
- Learn about and support MnCAAN (www.mncaan.net)
- Attend the Midwestern premiere of *King of Shadows* by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa (www.pillsburyhousetheatre.org)



Friday, October 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Open the Curtain on Senior Theatre

Bonnie L. Vorenberg

Guthrie Theater

818 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis

What makes Senior Theatre so dynamic is the many different ways you can blend aging and drama. This fun, interactive session covers fundamental drama techniques, explores the basics of Senior Theatre in the classroom and on the stage, and directs you toward appropriate plays for older adults. Discover many ways to bring Senior Theatre to older Minnesotans. You will leave informed and inspired!

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Acting for Life Conference

Bloomington Civic Plaza

1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington

8:30 Registration, Coffee, and "Opening Acts"

9:30 Keynote Presentation

Find Fun, Fame & Fortune on Stage

Senior Theatre has a way of inspiring audiences and participants alike. Explore the benefits of Senior Theatre, discover basic tips and tricks, and learn how to use drama to connect elders to their communities. Bonnie's stories of success, failure, and challenge from 31 years of passionate groundbreaking work are sure to inspire you to incorporate Senior Theatre into your life and the lives of others.

10:45 Showcase Performances—Radio theatre, readers theatre, storytelling, one-person shows, original issue focused skits, song and dance

12:00 Lunch with discussion groups

12:45 Breakout Sessions

- *Storytelling: Leaving Your Legacy*
- *Move It, Don't Lose It. Working with Frail Elders*
- *Write Here: Creating Your Own Script*



1:45 Breakout Sessions

- *Getting a Program Started from Scratch*
- *Making Fun: Improvisational Acting*
- *Hear! Here! Radio and Readers Theatre*

2:30 Formal Closing Celebration

3:00 Next Steps

For more information, please contact

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Name
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Phone Number(s)
E-Mail Address
Special Accommodations (e.g., ASL interpretation)
Notify MnCAAN of your needs by Sept. 24th.

I will attend the following:

- **Pre-Conference Social & Theatre Evening**
October 8 (Th), 6:00 p.m.
Pillsbury House Theatre @ **\$25** \$_____
- **Opening the Curtain on Senior Theatre Workshop with Bonnie Vorenberg**
October 9 (F), 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Guthrie Theater @ **\$30** \$_____
- **Acting for Life Conference**
October 10 (S), 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Bloomington Civic Plaza @ **\$45** \$_____
- I cannot attend but would like to
Make a donation to MnCAAN \$_____

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You may register online (www.mncaan.net)
or mail this form with payment by October 2 to:

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