SPECIAL FEATURE - PORTRAIT CITI/ICTS 2005 award recipient

Since November 2005, StageWorks has featured monthly portrait of CITI/ICTS 2005 Annual Awards Recipients. This month we portray Victor Svenningson recipient of the CITI/ICTS Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award - for significant service to CITI/ICTS. This will be our last feature till our next Rendez-vous in Toronto, where we will honour once again performing arts professionals at the CITI/ICTS Award Banquet on Saturday August 12. We invite you all to attend this special evening, and share with us the well-deserved recognition to fellow colleagues.

The Professional

Victor Svenningson has been working in the theatre industry for over twenty-five years. He has worked for Festival Lennoxville, Shaw Festival and Toronto Workshop Productions, Harbourfront Centre, Strand Lighting and is currently at the Production and Technical Manager for the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

The Member

He is a founding member of CITI, having been one of the original group who brought CITI into being in 1989-90. Back in the 80’s he became a member of USITT, and in 1986 he was one of the founding members of the Algonquin Section of USITT (later to become the Ontario Section of CITI) and its Treasurer. Victor also became Treasurer of CITI's first executive, and stayed involved with the board by becoming the first ever VP Corporate elected from 2001 to 2003. He is still actively involved with the CITI Ontario Section Board as Corporate Representative. His work has benefited greatly the organization and helped it move forward to becoming a key player on the cultural scene, both in Canada and abroad.

In 2005, Victor was very touched by his colleagues by being awarded the Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award

The Recognition

Heather Kent, VP Internal presented the award and shared her thoughts about Victor: « Tonight is about celebration and honour, not just for our organization and our industry, but for the people that make up who the ‘WE’ in CITI/ICTS really is. The Dieter Penzhorn award is an award that is about the people that hold our organization together, the award that celebrates the people who have made CITI what it is today. The recipient of this award is someone who has served CITI well, not only the organization but especially the people that make up who we are; something that I think is one of the most important aspects of our organization. Victor Svenningson was one of the founding members of this organization; he has served on the national board as Treasurer and as VP Corporate. He continues to contribute his efforts to the Ontario section by organizing the successful Annual Corporate Showcase. But most importantly, his smile touches us all and reminds us why we believe so heartily in this organization and that is for the members and the relationships that CITI assists us all in fostering. »

CITI/ICTS Awards recipients for 2005

- The Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award - for significant service to CITI/ICTS
  Victor Svenningson

- The Ron Epp Memorial Award for Professional Achievement
  Jaque Paquin

- Education Achievement Award
  William Pinnell

- CITI/ICTS Supplier (Corporate) Achievement Award
  Engineering Harmonic

- Award of Technical Merit
  Théâtre du Nouveau Monde and 4D art for La Tempête de Shakespeare

- The Honorary Membership Award
  Eric Fielding

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