

SPECIAL FEATURE - PORTRAIT CITT/ICTS 2005 award recipient

Since November 2005, StageWorks has featured monthly portrait of CITT/ICTS 2005 Annual Awards Recipients.

This month we portray **Victor Svenningson** recipient of the CITT/ICTS Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award - for significant service to CITT/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 CITT/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 CITT, having been one of the original group who brought CITT 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 CITT) and its Treasurer. Victor also became Treasurer of CITT'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 CITT 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 CITT/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 CITT what it is today. The recipient of this award is someone who has served CITT 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 organisation and that is for the members and the relationships that CITT assists us all in fostering. »

Victor Svenningson accepting his award



VP Internal Heather Kent presenting the Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award



CITT/ICTS Awards recipients for 2005

- The Dieter Penzhorn Memorial Award - for significant service to CITT/ICTS
Victor Svenningson
- The Ron Epp Memorial Award for Professional Achievement
Jaque Paquin
- Education Achievement Award
William Pinnell
- CITT/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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