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2011 Iveys Recognize Bain Boehlke for Lifetime Achievement and Anna Sundberg for Emerging Artist

Two Productions and Six Individuals Also Honored in September 19th Celebration

(MINNEAPOLIS) — The Twin Cities theater community honored **Bain Boehlke**, Artistic Director of the Jungle Theater, with the Lifetime Achievement Award and actor **Anna Sundberg** with the Emerging Artist Award at the 7th annual Iveys on Monday, September 19, at the Historic State Theatre in downtown Minneapolis. The yearly celebration honors and showcases the work of professional theater companies and artists over the past year.

Based on evaluations completed by the general public and more than 150 volunteer theater evaluators who saw more than 1,000 performances in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area from September 2010 through August 2011, two productions and six individuals were also recognized with 2011 Iveys:

Productions

Doubt (Ten Thousand Things)

The 7-Shot Symphony (Live Action Set)

Individual Recognition

Craig Johnson, Director, *Street Scene* (Girl Friday Productions)

Peter Christian Hansen, Acting, *Burn This* (Gremlin Theatre)

Dennis Spears, Acting, *I Wish You Love* (Penumbra Theatre Company)

Ben Bakken, Acting, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Chanhassen Dinner Theatres)

Gary Rue, Music, *Buddy—The Buddy Holly Story* (History Theatre)

David Bolger, Choreographer, *H.M.S. Pinafore* (Guthrie Theater)

Bain Boehlke is the founding Artistic Director of the Jungle Theater. He has worked in theaters around the country including Arizona Theatre Company, Louisville Children's Theatre and Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Bain was Associate Artistic Director and a leading actor at the Children's Theatre Company for 13 years. He produced by documentary *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Memories and Perspectives* and appeared as Mr. Mohra in the Cohen brothers' film *Fargo*. He is the recipient of the 2001 McKnight Fellowship for Theater Arts and the 2009 McKnight Foundation's Distinguished Artist of the Year. Since the Jungle's inception more than 20 years ago, Bain has directed, designed and/or appeared in most of the theater's productions. Most recently he directed and designed *Hamlet*, which is now playing on the Jungle stage.

Anna Sundberg currently is appearing in Walking Shadow Theatre Company's production of *Reasons to Be Pretty* at the Guthrie's Dowling Studio. She has recently appeared in *Street Scene* with Girl Friday Productions, as Maid Marian in the Children's Theatre Company's *Robin Hood* and as the lead in Joking Envelope's *Sexy Librarian: File Under Rock Musical*. Other appearances include *Ringtone* in the 2010 Fringe Festival, *Rock 'n' Roll* at Park Square Theatre, *A Christmas Carol* at the Guthrie Theater, and *Macbeth* at Great River Shakespeare Festival.

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