



**First Night Council Bluffs  
Executive Committee**

Chairs: Inky Westfall  
Geoff Hubbard

Kathy Fiscus  
Don Gross  
Tom Hanafan  
Gilbert Thomas  
Laural Ronk  
Ron Tekippe  
Paula Danker  
Melissa Head

**Entertainment Committee**

Chair: Molly Noon  
Penny Christiansen  
Clay Cunningham  
Barbara Peterson  
Sara Richwine  
Laural Ronk  
Dick Zion

FirstNight® Council Bluffs  
P. O. Box 1871  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51502-1871  
[www.firstnightcouncilbluffs.org](http://www.firstnightcouncilbluffs.org)  
Phone Number 712-328-4601

## Call to Artists

Calling all artists, on December 31, 2010, the Council Bluffs community will join together for the fourth annual First Night® celebration of art and culture. Performing artists from across the region are encouraged to submit applications to participate in this unique evening.

First Night® is an international event with a 35-year history of celebrations taking place all over the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. It is a family-friendly, alcohol free, public festival that brings together the entire community to usher out the old and rejoice in the first night of the New Year.

Council Bluffs is the only community in Iowa or Nebraska to participate in this one of a kind festival of artists, performers and vendors united in celebration of art, creativity and culture. All First Night Council Bluffs activities take place downtown in Bayliss Park and the surrounding areas. Dozens of performances are staged simultaneously in non traditional venues ranging from churches and museums to City Hall. While attendees move from venue to venue, each performer will be scheduled several 30-40 minute time slots in which to perform, all within the same location (except for identified roving artists). This is an exceptional opportunity for artists and performers to reach new audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

First Night Council Bluffs pays all chosen artists for their work. Artist selection is based primarily on artistic merit with special attention to uniqueness, feasibility, affordability and programmatic balance.

Applications must be received by June 30<sup>th</sup> to be eligible. Press kits and media (cd, dvd, photo) is appreciated. Previous First Night Council Bluffs artists must complete and update the application to be reconsidered. All materials submitted become the property of First Night Council Bluffs and will be returned only by special arrangement.

For applications and more information, please visit our website at [www.firstnightcouncilbluffs.org](http://www.firstnightcouncilbluffs.org) or contact Molly Noon at (712) 388-7141. We are excited for your application and another great First Night Council Bluffs.