

# *Nina A. Givan*

## **EDUCATION**

**Council for Early Childhood, Washington, DC  
CDA, 1985**

## **RECOGNITION**

- **Disney Teacher of the Year Award. Nominee, 2002**
- **VSA Arts of Iowa. Jackie Merrit Award. Winner, 2002**
- **Puppeteers of America. Emma Warhol Scholarship. Winner, 1993**

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- **Member. International Mother Goose Guild. Flushing, MI**
- **Roster Artist. Metro Arts. Des Moines, IA 2001**
- **Artist. VSA Arts of Iowa. 1991-1998**
- **Artist. Annual Dubuque Fest Arts for Children. Dubuque, IA 1992-1998**
- **Member. Puppeteers of America Association**
- **Member. Metro Arts Association. Des Moines, IA**

## **PROFESSIONAL STORYTELLER/CHARACTER ACTOR/PUPPETEER EXPERIENCE**

- **Mrs. Claus. "Snacking with the Clauses," Des Moines Botanical Center. Des Moines, IA 2009 & 2010  
Included storytelling, singing, and history of Christmas carols.**
- **Mother Goose. "Mother/Daughter Story Hour & Tea," DM Golf and Country Club. DM, IA 2005-2010**
- **Mother Goose. Iowa State Fair. Des Moines, IA 2005-2010**
- **Mother Goose, "Story of the Christmas Ornaments," Ankeny Art Center. Ankeny, IA 2006**
- **Ankeny Art Center Summer Arts Festival. Ankeny, IA 2006**
- **Fine Arts Day, West Des Moines Schools. West Des Moines, IA 2006**
- **Easter Bunny Event, Des Moines Botanical Center. Des Moines, IA 2005**
- **Heritage Carousel, Union Park. Des Moines, IA Summer 2005**
- **Entertainer. Clive Public Library Grand Opening. Clive, IA 2001**
- **Entertainer. Rosa Parks Puppet Show, AAUW State Diversity Conference 2000**
- **Live Nutcracker Puppet. "Fire in the Sky Christmas Celebration," Downtown Partnership. DM, IA 1998**
- **Puppeteer. "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," Alligator's Tale Children's Store. Des Moines, IA 1998**
- **Puppeteer. "Nutcracker," Des Moines Public Libraries. Des Moines, IA 1997**
- **Storyteller. Summer Reading Program, Des Moines Public Library. Des Moines, IA 1997**
- **Program Director. "Puppets for Prevention with Bert & Ernie," Sesame Street Live. DM, IA 1996**
- **Blank Children's Hospital and American Cancer Society. Des Moines, IA 1996**
- **Program Creator/Puppeteer. "Puppets Promoting Prevention," American Cancer Society. Mason City, IA 1993-1996**
- **Organizer/Director. "Nutcracker Ballet Puppet," Governor Brandstad party, Terrace Hill. DM, IA 1995**

## **TEACHING/CHILD CARE EXPERIENCE**

- **Lead Teacher 3-yr. olds. Happy Time Daycare. Waukee, IA -present position**
- **Director/Secular Teacher. Alef Bet Preschool, Jewish Kollal of Greater Des Moines. Des Moines, IA**
- **Preschool Teacher. Shalom Preschool, Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. DM, IA 2000-2001**
- **Unit Leader. Camp Shalom Kibbutz. Waukee, IA Summer 2000**
- **Teacher 3-4 yr. olds. Mercy Hospital Daycare Center. Des Moines, IA 1996-1998**
- **Acting Teacher/Puppeteer. Stebens Children Theatre. Mason City, IA 1995**
- **Special Population Instructor. Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts. Denison, IA 1994-1995**
- **Art Teacher. "Puppets Can Act Too," MacNider Museum. Mason City, IA 1992**