

CINDY MERCATI: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mercati has had more than one hundred plays published, and has had a show performed in every state in the U.S.; performances have also taken place in Australia, Canada and Europe. Three of her touring shows about Iowans Henry A. Wallace, Grant Wood and Forrest Spaulding have had hundreds of performance across the Midwest, with a special presentation of American Dreamer: The Life and Times of Henry A. Wallace in Washington, D.C. Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel has been produced on IPTV, as has Battle Cry of Freedom, a special presentation by the Des Moines Choral Society. She scripted the show and it was premiered in the Civic Center at Des Moines, and starred Emmy and Tony Winning actor, Hal Holbrook. Mercati also coauthored the script for Milliken's Bend with Emmy winning actor, Greg Alan Williams, which premiered at the Hot Sherman Place. She has also written more than twenty books for children and adults. She presents many residencies and workshops in schools and libraries on writing, playwriting and creative drama, sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council and Metro Arts. She has won several international playwriting awards, including The Bonderman Prize for youth playwriting.