NEA honors Iowan with Heritage Fellowship

Join us in congratulating Dwight Lamb of Onawa who received the 2017 Bess Lomax Hawes National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts this month. The award is the highest honor given by the National Endowment for the Arts in folk and traditional arts.

Known for his unusual left-handed fiddle style, Lamb is a fourth-generation old-time fiddler and button according player and a master of Danish fiddle and according traditions, as well as Missouri Valley old-time fiddling.

Alongside his Danish grandfather, Lamb played his first dance on the single row ten-button accordion and, in 1961, entered his first fiddle contest. Today, he has more than 60 years of experience in collecting, recording, preserving and teaching fiddle and accordion music. Read more about Lamb and listen to his work.
Meet the Artist: Jack Meggers

After spending 15 years working in the film and TV industry in New York and Los Angeles, Jack Meggers has returned to Iowa to continue his filmmaking career. Today, he's working on short films, music videos and his first feature-length movie, "The Burial." He's also one of our new Iowa Artist Fellows.

Read more about Jack and his work.

Guthrie County public art

The Western Skies Scenic Byway dedicated a new public art piece in downtown Guthrie Center called "Listen to the Wind" this month. Inspired by a Native American proverb, the artwork was designed by artist Hilde DeBruyne of Cumming. Guthrie Center is the first of 15 communities along Iowa's byways to install artwork as part of the public art initiative undertaken by the Byways Foundation of Iowa. The project is funded in part by the Iowa Arts Council.
Behind the scenes with Annalibera

We caught up with grantee Annalibera at Flat Black Studios in Lone Tree a few weeks ago to learn more about her process and behind-the-scenes work at the recording studio. Annalibera's upcoming albums are set to be released next spring.

Check out the video.

Iowa a hot spot for Haitian art

You can enjoy the splendor of Haitian art across eastern Iowa over the next week when the annual conference of the international Haitian Art Society kicks off at the Waterloo Center for the Arts Saturday. The week-long moveable feast continues through Sept. 28 with exhibits and programs at the Dubuque Museum of Art, the Faulconer Gallery in Grinnell, the Figge Art Museum in Davenport and the University of Northern Iowa Gallery of Art in Cedar Falls.
Interrobang Film Festival and Challenge

Join Iowa filmmakers and industry professionals in Des Moines Sept. 29-Oct. 31 for the Interrobang Film Festival, a 3-day multi-venue festival featuring films, lectures, a film challenge and a celebration of filmmaking at networking receptions. The three-day film challenge kicks off tomorrow and concludes at 8:30 p.m. on Monday. The festival is presented with support from our sister division, Produce Iowa.

Meskwaki Art and Culture Symposium

Celebrate Meskwaki art and artists on Indigenous People’s Day during "We we ni to tti ki" or "Those who make beautiful things" at the Meskwaki Art and Culture Symposium 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Meskwaki Veterans Convention Center and Red Earth Gardens at the Meskwaki Settlement in Tama County. The event is presented with support from our other sister division, the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Upcoming Deadlines

Calls for Artists
Sept. 22: [Jester Park Nature Center RFQ](#)
Sept. 29: [31st Materials: Hard + Soft National Contemporary Craft Competition and Exhibition](#)
Sept. 29: [Art on Campus Exhibit](#)
Sept. 29: [Skogerbee Juried Exhibition](#)
Sept. 29: [Avera Helmsley Center](#)
Sept. 30: [Ocala Outdoor Sculpture](#)
Sept. 30: [Lydon Emerging Artist Program](#)
Oct. 1: [Poste Print Festival](#)
Oct. 1: [Sculpture One Partner Network](#)
Oct. 1: [Vermont Studio Residency](#)

**Arts Funding**

Sept. 27: [BRAVO Cultural Enrichment Grant](#)
Sept. 27: [BRAVO Local Arts Project Grant](#)
Oct. 1: [GRAMMY Museum’s 2018 Grant Cycle](#)
Oct. 2: [2018 Levitt AMP (Your City) Grant Awards](#)
Oct. 2: [Iowa Tourism Grant Program](#)
Oct. 15: [Residency Partnership Program, Chamber Music Association](#)
Oct. 20: [Iowa City Public Art Matching Fund](#)
Oct. 31: [Performing Arts Japan](#)

**Iowa Arts Council Events**

Now-Oct. 30: [Art at the Café: Agriculture Art Exhibition](#)
Now-Dec. 29: [Art at the Library: Collection by Holly DeGrote](#)

**Iowa Arts Council Grantee Events**

Sept. 26: [Lecture by Todd Green in Stuart](#)
Sept. 30: [Performance by Todd Green in Guthrie Center](#)
Oct. 13: [Uncertainty: Locations and Velocities Closing](#)