



## Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Grants

### Round One Awards Announced

Good news: This week the Iowa Arts Council distributed a total of \$191,000 in emergency relief grants to 156 Iowa artists and 14 Iowa arts nonprofits.

### Round Two Opens Friday

More good news: The second round of grants for nonprofits is coming right up, made possible by federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts through the CARES Act. The Iowa Arts Council will accept applications **April 24 through May 1**. [All the details and the application](#) will be posted by noon April 24 on our website, at [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).

We'll distribute the federal funds as quickly and widely as possible to help save jobs in the arts sector and sustain the cultural organizations that contribute so much to Iowa's economy and quality of life.

You can find an evolving list of other [coronavirus-related resources](#) on our website. Please take advantage of it and, by all means, spread the word among those who could use some help.



## Meet the Artists Online Tonight

Tonight is the night! Tune in at 5:30 p.m. on Facebook Live [@IowaArtsCouncil](#) to [see and hear short talks](#) from all five current 2019-2020 Iowa Artist Fellows. Say hello, ask the artists some questions and learn more about their work, straight from the artists themselves: Ange Altenhofen of Chariton, Scott Bradley of West Branch, Matthew Kluber of Cedar Rapids, Rachel Merrill of Des Moines and Amenda Tate of West Des Moines.



## Fellow Spotlight: Ange Altenhofen

The ink was still wet on Ange Altenhofen's degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago when she was diagnosed with a degenerative eye condition that could eventually cause blindness. But even as her eyesight dimmed, her artistic vision expanded. [Learn more](#) about her sculptures that incorporate Braille beadwork and other tactile details, including a recent project with embroidered constellations on a black velvet parachute.



## Poetry Champ: No Plane, Her Gain

When Amya Thornton of Holmes Junior High School in Cedar Falls won this year's Poetry Out Loud state contest last month, she couldn't wait to fly (for the first time) to the national tournament in Washington, D.C. But the national organizers called off the event and gave all the state winners an extra \$1,000 – not too shabby. [Watch this video to see why Amya won](#) or, better yet, see her share a few poems during an #IowaCultureCoffeeBreak at 3 p.m. Friday via Facebook Live [@IowaCulture](#).

## Watch Student Films on Saturday

A totally awkward job interview. A town full of superheroes. A rocket that flies into space. See these stories and plenty more during the virtual premiere of this year's "[Film Lounge: Student Challenge](#)" at 3 p.m. Saturday on [OVEE](#). Now in its second year, this program produced by the Iowa Arts Council, Produce Iowa and Iowa PBS showcases the creative ingenuity of student filmmakers from across the state.

*Pictured: Creative Contemporary Movement by Myles Bodtke of Lincoln High School (Des Moines).*



## Extended Grant Deadlines

We've extended spring deadlines for our annual state [grants for arts, film and history projects](#); the new deadline is June 1. We've also extended the deadlines to apply for [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation and re-designation; the new deadline is June 15.



## Power to the Puppets

Never underestimate what a gang of puppets can do. With an Art Project Grant from the Iowa Arts Council, the Creators Lab arts collective in West Branch created "[ArtFarm](#)," a traveling puppet show and art caravan that teaches JEDI wisdom – justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

# Coming Up

Note that some of the following events may be canceled or postponed. Please check online for updates.

## State Grant Opportunities

May 1: [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund: Round Two](#)  
June 1: [Rural Innovation Grant](#)  
June 1: [Capacity Building Grant](#)  
June 1: [School Arts Experience](#)  
June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)  
June 1: [Art Project Grant](#)  
June 1: [Greenlight Grant](#)  
June 15: [Iowa Great Places](#) designation & re-designation  
June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation

## Non-State Grant Opportunities

April 29: [Art Midwest Touring Fund](#)  
April 30: [New Music Solidarity Fund](#)  
April 30: [Artist Relief Fund](#)  
May 1: [Humanities Iowa Grant](#)  
May 7: [Innovate Grant](#)  
May 15: [AARP Community Challenge](#)  
May 19: [The Hopper Prize](#)  
May 20: [Arts Writers Grant Program](#)  
July 9: [Challenge America](#)  
July 9: [NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)

## Calls for Artists

April 25: [6x6 2020](#)  
April 25: [National Park Service](#)  
April 30: [Clear Lake Arts Center](#)  
April 30: [Global Meltdown](#)  
April 30: [Create! Magazine](#)  
May 1: [City of Dubuque](#)  
May 1: [Guthrie County Arts Council](#)  
May 2: [Art as Medicine](#)  
May 4: ["Final Draft" Exhibition](#)  
May 8: [Earth Day 2020: Photos Inspired by Researchers](#)  
May 13: [San Francisco Bay International Photography Awards](#)  
May 15: [ARTapalooza](#)  
May 15: [Kitchen Table Times](#)  
May 22: [Art Educators of Iowa Conference Logo Design](#)  
May 24: [NPR Live Stream Concerts During Covid-19](#)  
May 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)  
May 31: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)  
June 1: [Waukeee Arts Festival 2020](#)  
June 1: [The Film Lounge](#)  
June 4: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)  
June 13: [New Bohemia Arts Festival](#)  
June 17: [Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site](#)  
June 27: [Square Foot Exhibit](#)  
June 30: [100 Bucks for 100 Words](#)

## Art & Culture Jobs

May 14: [Fairfield Arts and Convention Center Executive Director](#)  
May 29: [Iowa Western Community College Arts Center Patron Service Manager](#)  
July 31: [Mount Ayr Community Schools Art Teacher](#)  
Open: [Dubuque Museum of Art Executive Director](#)

## Iowa Arts Council Events

Now-June 30: [Iowa Women's Art Exhibition: "Illusive" by Renee Meyer Ernst](#)  
Now-April 30: [Art at the Café: Works by Matthew Kluber](#)  
Now-April 30: [Art at the Library: "Capturing the Beauty of Iowa's Public Parks"](#)  
Now-May 2: ["20 Artists, 20 Parks" exhibition, Des Moines](#)  
April 23: [Virtual Meet the Artist](#)

April 25: [The Film Lounge: Student Challenge Watch Party](#)

May 1: [Governors Arts Award](#)

Aug. 7: [Iowa Arts Summit 2020](#)

## **Professional Development**

April 23- May 3: [Common Field \(Virtual\) Convening 2020](#)

April 27-May 1: [National Arts Action Digital Summit 2020](#)

May 4: [Margaret Bowland Oil Painting Workshop](#)

May 8: [2020 AEP Annual Convening](#)

May 21: [Des Moines Leadership Network](#)

June 17: [Dance/USA Annual Conference](#)

June 26-28: [AFTA Annual Convention and Public Art & Civic Design Conference](#)