

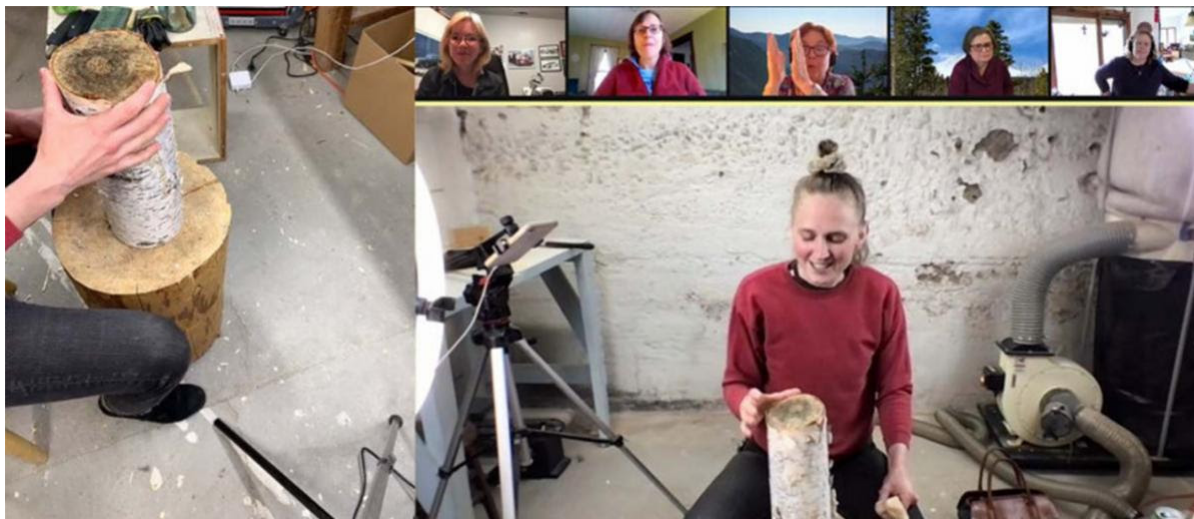
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Folk & Traditional Arts Training Opportunity

**Folk Art Education Re-envisioned:
Teaching Traditional Handcrafting in a Technological World**

Saturday, June 26, and Tuesday, July 20

Iowa handcrafting folk artists who are actively producing work and sustaining cultural traditions are invited to [apply for a two-day, online workshop](#) presented by the Iowa Arts Council in partnership with the Vesterheim Folk Art School in Decorah, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Participating artists will have a chance to share ideas and learn best practices to engage new audiences through online demonstration videos and at-home kits.

The application deadline is May 7.

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Iowa's 175th Anniversary: Call for Art



In the run-up to [Iowa's 175th Anniversary](#) on Dec. 28, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is inviting Iowa artists to **submit artworks** to be considered for reproduction in a special edition of The Annals of Iowa, a quarterly journal published by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Additionally, artists may submit their qualifications to be commissioned to create work for the journal's cover.

The application deadline is May 17.

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Registration is now open for the biennial, statewide event for arts educators, teaching artists, and education leaders. This year's keynote address and breakout sessions will focus on how essential skills like creativity and collaboration can be cultivated to support Iowa's Social-Emotional Learning Competencies, including self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

Registration is free this year to ensure everyone has access to professional development that can help them support students in every classroom and corner of the state.

[SEE THE SCHEDULE](#)

[REGISTER](#)



Time is ticking: Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. May 3 for several grant programs, which support organizations and activities that take place between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. This includes the new **Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants** for artists and nonprofits, which have been designed to allow for more flexibility than ever before.

- ~ Want some tips for an application? [Watch a webinar.](#)
- ~ Have other questions? [Contact the Iowa Arts Council staff.](#)

FIND ALL THE DETAILS

MediaMasters Workshops for Musicians and Filmmakers



This spring's popular MediaMasters Series continues with **one more free workshop designed especially for Iowa musicians and filmmakers.**

Co-presented by the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa, the 2-hour interactive class called **"Creating Film Scores and Working With Composers"** will be led by three leading professionals:

- ~ Texas-born composer **Chanda Dancy.**
- ~ Iowa filmmaker **Joe Clarke** now living in Los Angeles.
- ~ Iowa City composer **Alex Kachingwe.**



In this workshop, **Iowa filmmakers and musicians will learn to compose a film score together.** Participants will connect with other Iowa artists and learn the best practices for successful composition.



Bonus: Participants can stick around afterward for a fun meet-and-greet.

REGISTER TODAY

Grantee Spotlight: 'Dance Into Spring'

Ballet Des Moines and the **University of Iowa's Hancher Auditorium**, two recipients of the Iowa Arts & Culture Recovery Grants, are **teaming up to present a trio of free outdoor performances** to celebrate the season's spirit of renewal.



7:30 p.m. April 30

Water Works Park in Des Moines

7:30 p.m. May 1

Hancher Auditorium in Iowa City

5:30 p.m. May 2

Riverside Park in Muscatine

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Good Luck, Elijah!

Iowa's 2021 Poetry Out Loud state champion, **Elijah Thiessen of Marshalltown High School**, will represent our great state during the Poetry Out Loud Midwest Regional semifinals, which will be livestreamed online at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2. The top three students from three different regional semifinals will advance to the Poetry Out Loud National Finals set for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Tune in and show your support!



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Professional Learning Resources



**Arts Midwest:
'Gather Round Series'
April 29 and May 20, Noon**

The Gather Round Series promotes sustainable resilience and recovery for historically under-resourced communities, organizations and leaders. Tune in on April 29 for a session called “**Rebuilding and Reimagining: How to Use Scenario Planning to Make Strategic Decisions**” and then on May 20 for a session with **Benya Kraus from Lead for America** about arts and cultural sustainability through a rural perspective.

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**Americans for the Arts:
'Creative Communities'
April 29, 2 p.m.**

Tune in to learn how the National Endowment for the Arts has supported more than **600 creative placemaking projects through its Our Town grant program** – and how your own community could benefit, too.

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**Iowa Alliance for Arts Education
'Money, Money, Money (no, really) Money/Part II: The Iowa Angle!'
April 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**



The state of Iowa will be receiving nearly **\$775 million dollars in federal relief for Pre K-12 schools** to address costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are part of the latest relief package provided by the **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)** plan. IAAE Executive Director Leon Kuehner and Jane Triplet will [discuss how to evaluate your needs and apply](#) for ESSER funds to provide resources and equipment for your local fine arts programs.

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Research & Resources in the Arts

'Native Arts and Culture: Resilience, Reclamation, and Relevance'

Last year, the **National Endowment for the Arts**, **National Endowment for the Humanities**, and **Native Arts & Cultures Foundation** hosted a first-of-its-kind national gathering of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts, humanities and cultural heritage leaders. The event's [recently released report](#) summarizes the event's discussions and performances, with recommendations to strengthen Native arts, cultures and humanities.



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Coming Up

Grants

- Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)
- Now-May 26: [The Wellmark Foundation 2021 MATCH Grant](#)
- April 30: [Asphalt Art Initiative Grants](#)
- May 1: [Not Real Art 2021 Grant Program](#)
- May 3: [Annuity Freedom Artist Grant](#)
- May 3: [Annuity Freedom Black Business Grants & Minority Resources](#)
- May 3: [Annuity Freedom Small Business Grant for Women](#)
- May 3: [Arts Midwest GIG Fund](#)
- May 3: [Cultural Leadership Partners](#)
- May 3: [Greenlight Grants](#)
- May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for artists\)](#)
- May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for nonprofits\)](#)

Professional Development

- April 27-28: [2021 Iowa Tourism Conference](#)
- April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists with Disabilities](#)
- April 29: [Using Creative Placemaking](#)
- April 30: [Kolaj Institute's Social Justice Collage Workshop](#)
- May 1: [Creating Film Scores and Working With Composers](#)
- May 9: [Art Mums United Spring 2001 Directory](#)
- May 15: [Pro Bono Consultation/Social Cohesion](#)
- June 23: [Teaching Artists Guild Webinars](#)

Calls for Artists

- April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists With Disabilities](#)
- April 30: [Art Week Des Moines](#)
- April 30: [Meltdown Exhibition](#)

May 14; [Artwork Archive's Art Business Accelerator Grant](#)

June 10: [Innovate Grant Spring Cycle](#)

Aug. 1: [ASF Scandinavian Folk Arts Fellowships and Grants](#)

Student Opportunities

June 1: [ICF Student Composers Competition](#)

Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)

May 10: [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)

May 12: [Women's Work](#)

May 15: [515 Manifestival](#)

May 28: [Art on the Trailway](#)

June 1: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)

June 1: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)

June 11: [Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Dance](#)

June 16: [VAST Art Magazine](#)

Aug. 1: [Des Moines Music Coalition Artist of the Month Series](#)

Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

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