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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts Winners

Four of Iowa's most talented high school seniors have earned an Iowa Scholarship for the Arts from the Iowa Arts Council to support their college education next fall.

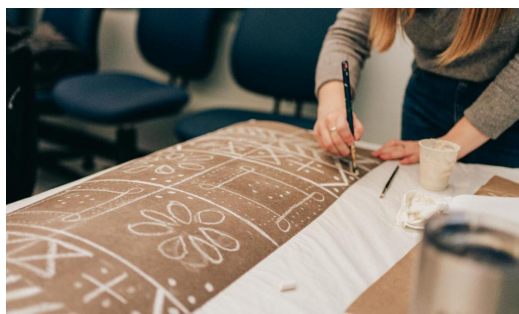
Pictured above, from left: **Faith De Groot of Alta, Ruby Hummel of Yale, Mikayla Lane of Cresco and Mio Legaspi of Adel are the recipients of the prestigious award.** Each student will receive \$2,500 for his or her college tuition and related expenses in 2021-2022.

The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts program supports Iowa high school students with proven artistic ability in dance, creative writing, music, theater, traditional arts or visual arts who plan to pursue a major in the arts at an accredited Iowa college or university.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

Last Chance: Artist Opportunities

Folk & Traditional Arts Training Opportunity



Iowa's 175th Anniversary: Call for Art



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. 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. **Application deadline: May 17**

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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. **Application deadline: May 17.**

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Springboard for the Arts is offering a new fellowship to help creative rural leaders in the upper Midwest strengthen their communities through art and culture. In all, **10 fellows will be chosen for the Rural Regenerator Fellowship program** based on their commitment to rural arts-based community development, their interest in sharing their experiences with other fellows, and their desire to grow, adapt or launch new community-focused work. **Each fellow will receive \$10,000 in flexible funds** to support existing work and/or to launch a new local project.

Applications for the Rural Regenerator Fellowship are due by June 11, with an information session on May 21.

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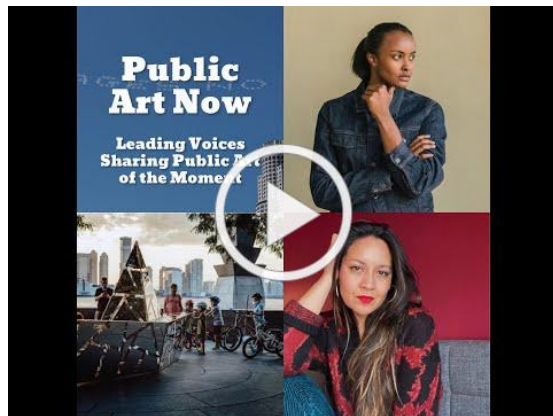


Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge

The **National Endowment for the Arts and the American Theatre Wing** are accepting submissions to the **2021 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge**. This national contest is for high school students with a passion for writing songs that could be part of a musical theater production and the wide range of musical styles represented in contemporary musicals. The program is designed to encourage musical theater professionals to nurture the next generation of songwriters. Last month, Des Moines Roosevelt's [Ada Fender](#) **was selected** as one of 12 U.S. winners of the 2020 award. **Submissions are due May 17.**

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'Blessing of the Boats' Webinar Recording



Public artist **Muna Malik** discusses her public art project, “**Blessing of the Boats**,” which suggests that people have an opportunity “to set sail towards a new future” and asks, “What society would you build and how do we get there?” She explains the process for building her public art project from the ground up during this first event in a webinar series, powered by Forecast Public Art and co-hosted by Public Art Now guest curator Tricia Heuring.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

Congratulations to **Red Cedar Chamber Music** and the **Des Moines Metro Opera**, who were among more than 1,100 arts organizations awarded grants by the National Endowment for the Arts this week! Per the same announcement, the Iowa Arts Council received a state partnership award of \$709,635 for its next fiscal year starting July 1, 2021. This represents an increase from 2020, which strengthens the IAC's ability to support Iowa arts and culture.



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Current NEA Funding Opportunities

Iowa arts organizations are highly encouraged to apply for upcoming NEA funding opportunities:

~ [Creative Forces Research Funding](#): Up to four sub-awards for feasibility/pilot studies: Art Therapy Research with Military Populations, and Music Therapy Research with Military Populations. **Application deadline: June 16.**

~ [Grants for Arts Projects](#): These grants support arts projects that unite and heal in response to current events; celebrate creativity and cultural heritage; invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values; and enrich humanity. **Application deadline: July 8.**

~ [Our Town](#): Grants for creative placemaking projects. Guidelines will be posted in May 2021. **Application deadline: Aug. 5**

The application process for a federal grant includes several steps. Applicants are encouraged to start the process early and to review the application calendar for program deadlines. [IAC staff are here to assist you with any questions](#) about the process of applying for federal grants.

National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities [recently designated](#) the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs as its interim state humanities partner. In its new role, the department will work with constituents throughout 2021 to serve and strengthen the humanities and culture throughout the state. The department will seek input from Iowa's humanities sector and national peer groups to develop programs that meet Iowans' current needs. New programs will be announced when the initial public input process finishes at the end of 2021. Additionally, the department expects to launch new Humanities Project Grants in August.



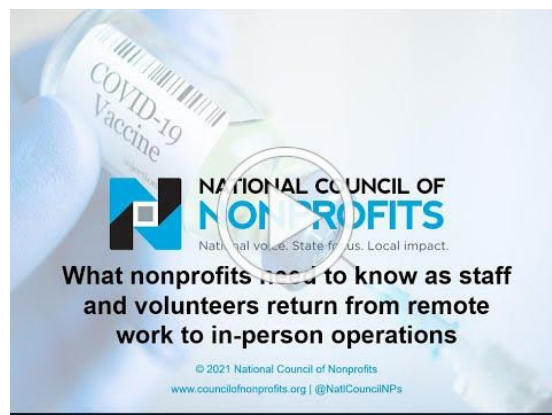
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Reopening Resources

The **National Council of Nonprofits** recently hosted a webinar featuring national experts in law, volunteerism and communications discussing what nonprofits need to know as staff and volunteers return from remote work to in-person operations. [Watch the recording.](#)

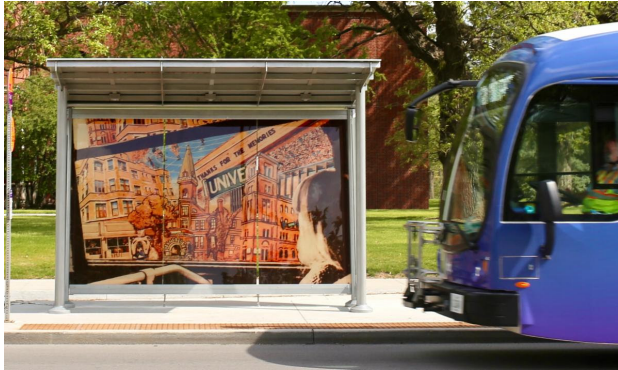
The **Mid-America Arts Alliance** will host "Ready for Reopening: Navigating Messaging and Marketing in a Hybrid World" 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20. The free webinar will focus on practical strategies for



continued online engagement that will help small and mid-size organizations determine where to focus their digital marketing efforts in a hybrid world. [Register](#).

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DART Art Shelter Roster



The **Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority** is seeking artists for its **Art Shelter Roster**. The roster will be used by central Iowa communities to select artists to design two-dimensional artwork for new DART bus shelters. Artists working in any media are eligible to apply; public art experience is not required. **Application deadline: June 10, 2021.**

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Grantee Spotlight: Summer of the Arts



Summer of the Arts is gearing up for two concert series this summer in Iowa City: the 2021 Friday Night Concert Series, May 21 through Sept. 10, and the Northside Concert Series, July 10 through Sept. 11. Musicians in the wide-ranging lineup include the **Awful Purdies**, above, **Dave Zollo and the Body Electric**, and the **Latin jazz group Ritmocano**. Summer of the Arts also produces local arts and cultural events, including the Iowa Arts Festival, Iowa City Jazz Festival and Music on the Move.

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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](#)
- May 14: [Artwork Archive's Art Business Accelerator Grant](#)
- June 10: [Innovate Grant Spring Cycle](#)
- June 16: [NEA Creative Forces Research](#)
- July 8: [NEA Grants for Art Projects](#)
- Aug. 1: [ASF Scandinavian Folk Arts Fellowships and Grants](#)
- Aug. 6: [NEA Our Town](#)

Student Opportunities

- June 1: [ICF Student Composers Competition](#)
- Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)

Professional Development

- May 15: [Pro Bono Consultation/Social Cohesion](#)
- May 20: [Ready for Reopening Webinar](#)
- May 26: [Collage Artist Residency: Money, Money](#)
- June 11: [Rural Regenerator Fellowship](#)
- June 11: [Common Field Convening 2021: Sustaining Futures](#)
- June 23: [Teaching Artists Guild Webinars](#)

Calls for Artists

- May 15: [515 Manifestival](#)
- May 15: [Too Cute!](#)
- May 16: [Iowa City Mural Project](#)
- May 17: [intrinsic Nature](#)
- May 17: [Annals of Iowa](#)
- May 24: [2021-22 Art on the River Sculpture](#)
- May 26: [Collage Artist Residency](#)
- May 28-29: [Art on the Trailway](#)
- June 1: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)
- June 1: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)
- June 4: [River Place Plaza Public Art, Cedar Falls](#)
- June 10: [DART Art Shelter Roster](#)
- June 11: [Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Dance](#)
- June 16: [VAST Art Magazine](#)
- June 20: [120 for \\$120: Fine Art at Fair Prices](#)
- June 25: [ARTiculAction](#)
- June 30: [Strange Figurations](#)
- June 30: [Sunspot Literary Journal's Rigel 2021](#)
- Aug. 1: [Des Moines Music Coalition Artist of the Month Series](#)
- Aug. 1: [With Our Hands](#)
- Aug. 15: [The Object Seen](#)
- Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

