



Play Ball!

Well, it looks like **we're finally going to have a Major League Baseball game played in the middle of an Iowa cornfield.** If you didn't score a lottery ticket, **Fox Sports** will carry Thursday's game – coverage starts an hour before the 6 p.m. game – or you can join the watch party in downtown Dyersville during the **Beyond the Game** festival. With all eyes on the big game, we look back at the movie that continues to give back to this state economically and culturally 33 years after it was filmed. Iowa truly is a heaven to filmmakers.

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Ten Films Announced for Sixth Season

We're happy to announce the selection of **10 short films that will be included in the sixth season of "The Film Lounge."** Once again, two one-hour episodes will be produced by Iowa PBS in partnership with the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa and will premiere later this winter. The television series is an opportunity to elevate Iowa filmmakers and their stories on a statewide broadcast platform. In addition, the storytellers receive a \$500 stipend from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Congratulations to:



- ~ Godfred Ebong, Cedar Rapids – "Doubt"
- ~ Benjamin Handler, Iowa City – "Ghost Creek"
- ~ Tyler Hill and Hao Zhou, Iowa City – "Frozen Out"
- ~ Connor Hopkins, Decorah – "Debut"
- ~ Paul Huenemann, Cedar Rapids – "Birdsong"
- ~ Katie Jensen, Bruce James Bales and Cynthia O'Hern, Des Moines – "A Seussian Trip"
- ~ Antoinette Lavalle, Des Moines – "Green Witch"
- ~ Tempest Montgomery, Iowa City – "Lo/ve"
- ~ Philip Rabalais, Fairfield – "Earth FM"
- ~ Amenda Tate, Des Moines – "The Atmosphere"

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Parading Filmmakers

Today, the **Iowa Motion Picture Association** kicks off its **Call for Entries for the 2022 IMPA**

Awards Gala, which will be held May 14 at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa. To celebrate, they'll be **driving down the streets of Des Moines as part of the Iowa State Fair Parade**. So give them a wave if you're along the route! You might see some of their newly elected officers: President **Jim Brockhohn**, Vice President **Eric Benson**, Secretary **Debbie Brubaker** and Treasurer **Deb W. Griffith**.



Pictured: Deb and Rod Griffith in Jim Brockhohn's 1991 Mercury Capri in the recent Puckerbrush Parade in Forest City.

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Best of the City



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Filmmakers have caught up on their sleep and they **wrap up the premiere screening of short films from the 48 Hour Film Project Des Moines tonight**. But if you don't get a chance to see your favorites on the big screen, stay tuned: They might be part of the **Best of City Screening and Awards ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 26, at the State Historical Building Auditorium**. It's hosted by crowd favorite **Jason Garnett**, and free parking is available in the parking ramp just north of the building. (Note: You'll need to walk around to the south entrance of the building on Locust Street due to construction.) See you there!

Alternating Currents

It's back! **Downtown Davenport is once again hosting its Alternating Currents Festival Aug. 19-22**, with more than 100 film, music, comedy and art events all wrapped up into one weekend. You can find [the schedule](#) online or download the app for easy access to track where all the cool kids are gathering at 20-plus venues around the city.



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MediaMakers: Justin Smith



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Returning from the pandemic . . . **MediaMakers**, our series of spotlights on interesting Iowans and the important work they do in our state. **This month, we're featuring Justin Smith of Waukee, the owner of Lightsmith Media**. He started in the business by offering free videos for nonprofits to get his name out there and now runs a successful company with many clients. His advice? Just go do it!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Aug 11: [Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project Premiere Screening](#)
Aug. 12: [New York Yankees vs Chicago White Sox at the Field of Dreams Movie Site](#)
Aug. 19-22: [Alternating Currents](#)
Aug. 26: [Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project - Best in City Awards](#)
Sept. 9-11: [Iowa Independent Film Festival](#)
Oct. 1-3: [Sioux City International Film Festival](#)
Oct. 8-9: [Halloweenapalooza](#)

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