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## Iowa announces COVID-19 relief program for movie theaters

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority are launching the Iowa Movie Theater Relief Program, which will offer short-term relief to help eligible movie theaters continue or resume operations during the current pandemic. The fund will provide up to \$10,000 per screen to assist nearly 150 movie theaters housing approximately 550 screens in Iowa with operational expenses. The state allocated up to \$5.5 million of federal CARES Act funds for the program, which will be offered through the IEDA. Applications are due Nov. 16.



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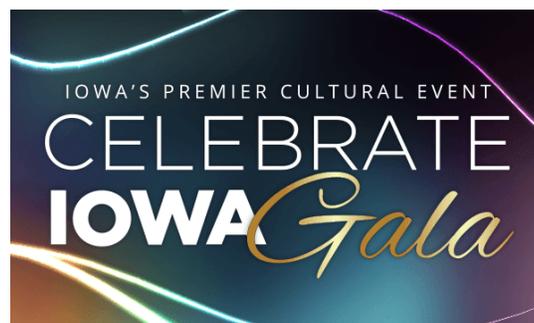
### Telling the Story of the Iowa Writers' Workshop

We continue to check in with our [Greenlight Grant](#) recipients, including Iowa City filmmaker Andrew Sherburne (pictured, on the left, with filmmaker Tommy Haines). Sherburne was one of the producers of the successful 2017 Iowa film "Saving Brinton," and we recently caught up with him at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where he and his crew are following the lives of a dozen students until they graduate from the famous writing program in 2022.

## Celebrate all things Iowa on Dec. 11!

You're invited to the Celebrate Iowa Gala, a statewide celebration of history, art, film and more. At this year's virtual event, on Dec. 11, you'll have a chance to meet notable Iowans, watch an Iowa movie star add his handprints to the Produce

IowaWall of Fame at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, enjoy musical performances at the American Gothic House and the Surf Ballroom – and so much more.



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## 2021 IMPA Award Gala

It's never too early to plan ahead. The Iowa Motion Picture Association is proud to announce that its 2021 IMPA Award Gala will be held at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa on May 22. (And if you're *really* planning ahead: IMPA plans to host the gala in the same place on May 14, 2022.) The association is currently accepting submissions and, due to the pandemic, is accepting any work completed between Jan. 1, 2016, and March 15, 2021. Check out the details on the IMPA website and consider becoming a member.



## If You Rebuild It . . .

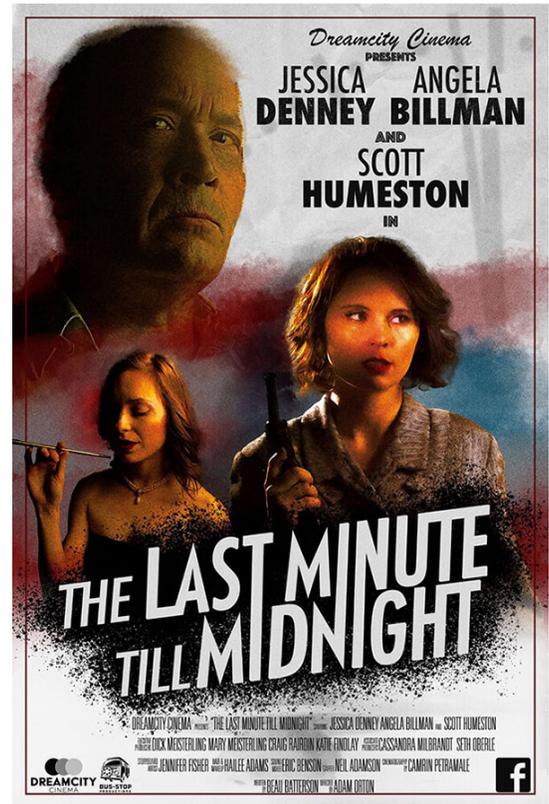
The actor Dwier Brown, who starred as Ray Kinsella's father in "Field of Dreams," recently returned to Dyersville to purchase the abandoned Tegeler Dairy building and now plans to fix it up. When he spotted it last summer, he said he felt like Ray, standing in a cornfield and imagining a baseball field.

"I think I was just as confused and mystified by thinking that somehow I could be buying a property in Iowa just as he might have been about building a baseball field in the middle of the corn," **Dwier told the Des Moines Register.**

## An Iowa Thriller, Just in Time

Be sure to catch the Iowa short film ["The Last Minute Till Midnight"](#) streaming now via Vimeo On Demand. It's a classic black-and-white 1950s film noir with a sci-fi spin, written and produced by Beau Batterson and directed by Adam Orton. It won three IMPA awards, as well as the Critics' Choice Award from the Iowa Independent Film Festival. You may recognize its three stars: Jessica Denney ("Sons & Daughters of Thunder"), Angela Billman ("Amelia 2.0") and Scott Humeston (Theatre Cedar Rapids). Plus, check out the behind-the-scenes bonus feature to see how this film was shot entirely in a green-screen studio in Cedar Rapids. Movie magic!

WATCH IT RIGHT NOW!



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## 'Gods of No Mercy'

According to Prime Video, this Iowa film is a psychedelic thrill ride that'll keep you guessing until the last 30 seconds, and you can stream it for free with an Amazon Prime subscription. ["Gods of No Mercy"](#) was directed by Thor Moreno and stars MJ Gazali, Jacque Stroo and Shawn McAninch. The cast and crew (pictured) gathered for a premiere party last month at the Flix Brewhouse in Des Moines, and we wish them luck with their distribution.

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