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## Waterloo Gets a Fresh Coat of Paint

The public art commission in Waterloo recently formed a team to spiff up several areas with new murals, especially around entry points into downtown. **They aim to create at least three new murals every year, working in partnership with the [Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities](#).**

“When we closed up for Covid, we pushed for a new way of getting art out into the community,” said **Chawne Paige, curator at the Waterloo Center for the Arts**. “We want to greet people with cultural and visual language about how sophisticated Waterloo really is.”

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## Master Singing Class with David Michael Garry

The Broadway star of "The Phantom of the Opera," "Carousel," "The Last Ship" and other hits will conduct



**amaster class for aspiring vocalists and lifelong singers**, high school age and up, 9-11 a.m. July 18 at the Iowa Theater in Winterset.

**David Michael Garry** will cover every aspect of vocal auditions, including how to enter an audition space and specific performance techniques. The 2-hour class is geared to **help young performers book jobs, get into colleges and conservatories, and succeed in vocal competitions.**

Garry teaches at the Institute for American Musical Theatre in New York and has more than 20 years experience in Broadway roles and vocal work.

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## The Smithsonian Wants Your Story

The **Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street** program is searching for stories of innovation and invention for a **new exhibition called "Spark! Places of Innovation."**

The exhibition will rely on stories gathered from rural communities across the nation. **Do you know a community with an interesting story** to tell about environmental sustainability, economic revitalization, artistic collaboration, education, historical preservation, technological invention, entrepreneurship or reinvention? We encourage you to share information about this exhibition with your neighbors and colleagues and encourage them to apply. With your help, the exhibition will tell stories from diverse perspectives and places.

**Applications are due July 16.**



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## Grantee Spotlight: Fort Dodge

Fort Dodge has added a splash of color to its downtown with the installation of 25



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new trash receptacles that feature student artwork.

The "**Pick It Up Fort Dodge**" project was envisioned by the City of Fort Dodge and Main Street Fort Dodge. Local elementary school students created and entered designs in a contest to decorate each Pick It Up Fort Dodge receptacle. The project was supported in part with funding from an Iowa Arts Council **Arts Build Community grant**, which helps communities use the arts to address local challenges.

## NEA Funding Opportunities

Iowa arts organizations are encouraged to apply for upcoming National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities funding opportunities:

~ [American Rescue Plan Grants](#) (NEW):

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced **new recovery grant**

**opportunities for arts and culture organizations**, made possible by the American Rescue Plan. Eligibility requirements have been eased from prior arts-relief funding to allow for a broader pool of applicants. **Application deadline: Aug. 12.**



To learn more about this program's guidelines, please [register now for the Americans for the Arts ArtsU Free Webinar](#), to be held at 2 p.m. (CDT) July 6.

~ [Grants for Arts Projects](#) 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](#) support creative placemaking. **Application deadline: Aug. 5.**

~ [Infrastructure & Capacity Building Challenge Grants](#) strengthen the humanities by enabling the design, purchase, construction, or renovation of facilities and digital Infrastructure projects. **Application deadline: Sept. 28.**



Since applications for federal grants include several steps, applicants are encouraged to start the process early and to review the application calendar for deadlines. [Iowa Arts Council staff are ready to assist you with any questions](#) about the process.

## More Federal Resources



### Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Updates

According to a June 17 update from Americans for the Arts, **the U.S. Small Business Administration expects to complete processing Shuttered Venue Operators grant awards for all Priority 1 and 2 awards before July 4.** The remaining applications will be processed by mid-July.

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### Vaccine Campaign

The National Endowment for the Arts is pitching in to encourage Americans to get their COVID-19 vaccine. As part of the "We Can Do This" campaign, **a new On-Site Vaccination Clinic Toolkit was released by the U.S. Department of Health**, in partnership with the NEA and the National Endowment for the Humanities – to support community organizations that work with local vaccine providers to make vaccinations more accessible. The toolkit includes a roadmap for launching vaccination clinics in places individuals know and trust, including museums and other cultural organizations.

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### Performing Arts Discovery Program

The **National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Regional Arts Organizations** and **Western Arts Alliance** are teaming up to offer an **international showcase opportunity for performing artists.** During the first round, 10 artists will be selected to showcase their work at this year's Western Arts Alliance and Arts Midwest Conferences. Twenty more

artists and ensembles will be selected for additional showcase opportunities during a second round. Applications from those who self-identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+ artists are encouraged. **Application deadline: June 25.**

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## Support for Artists Who Use Technology as a Creative Medium

The National Endowment for the Arts will host a **virtual forum exploring the intersection of arts and technology 2:00-3:30 p.m. June 29.** The event brings together arts funders, artists and technologists to discuss three aspects of the creative ecosystem: 1) access and community, 2) value and impact, and 3) future and integration.

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## Art Therapy for Veterans

Explore how creative arts therapies can help heal wartime trauma noon-1:30 p.m. today, June 24, during a webinar that will focus on the **National Endowment for the Arts' recent online exhibition "Creative Forces: Healing the Invisible Wounds of War."** **Author Bessel van der Kolk** ("The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind and Body in the Healing of Trauma"), **retired U.S. Navy Capt. Robert Koffman, creative arts therapists and veterans** who have participated in the Creative Forces program and contributed artwork to the exhibition will offer their insights. American Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning will be provided.

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## Coming Up

### Grants