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Greenlight!

Congratulations to **five Greenlight Grant recipients who were awarded a total of \$164,870 from Produce Iowa**. Now in its third year, the program helps Iowa filmmakers become job creators who grow the film and television industry in Iowa, build collaboration with other in-state filmmakers, and benefit small businesses who serve the industry. Here are this year's five grant recipients who will be taking their scripts to screen (pictured above, left to right):

~ **Brendan Dunphy of Ames** received \$25,000 for a documentary tentatively titled "In The Footsteps of Foxes," about a man's extraordinary relationship with a family of foxes.

~ **Rebecca Haroldson of Urbandale** received \$10,000 to produce "In Luck," a female-centric comedy web series that features two millennial friends as they experience the awkwardness of life, love and family.

~ **Tyler Hill of Iowa City** received \$50,000 to develop "Happy to Have You," a narrative feature film about a Chinese immigrant's new life in Iowa, presented as a contemporary drama with romance and dark humor.

~ **Kevin Kelley of Iowa City** received \$32,000 to produce "Standing Strong: Elizabeth Catlett," a short documentary about the African-American artist who was mentored by Grant Wood and earned the University of Iowa's first Master of Fine Arts degree for a visual artist.

~ **Hannah Rosalie Wright of Des Moines** received \$47,870 to produce "Daughters," a trilogy of short dramas about three women who navigate jobs, families and romance.

Jolly Good Fellow

But wait, there's more . . . an **Iowa Artist Fellowship was awarded to Francesca Soans of Waterloo**. Francesca is an independent filmmaker and an associate professor of Digital Media at the University of Northern Iowa. As one of the five fellows awarded by the Iowa Arts Council, **she will receive a \$10,000 grant plus professional development opportunities** to advance her career. Congratulations, Francesca!



[Learn more](#) about the \$2.3 million in grants recently awarded by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

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Animated Fun For All Ages

The State Historical Society of Iowa's Goldie's Kids Club shouldn't get to have all the fun on Saturday, July 24. You're welcome to tune in for a special summer art program with **Kendra Vander Vliet**, a layout artist at Walt Disney Animation Studios who grew up in Sheldon, Iowa. Kendra has worked on numerous Disney films and shorts including: "Frozen," "Feast," "Big Hero 6," "Zootopia," "Moana," "Olaf's Frozen Adventure," "Ralph Breaks the Internet," "Frozen 2," and "Raya and the Last Dragon." Kendra will share her design inspiration, demonstrate character models and share behind-the-scenes information via Zoom. Virtual attendance is free for all participants but you must register. **1-2 p.m. Saturday, July 24.**

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'Snake Alley Festival of Film'

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The **crookedest film festival in the United States** kicks off next month in **downtown Burlington**, a town with a rich history dramatically situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. The festival's namesake, Snake Alley, was built in 1884 and continues to draw visitors from all over the world to see the famous crooked street. The festival's table reads, short films, Saturday morning cartoons for adults and fun SNAFFter parties each night after the film blocks are also famous with filmmakers. **We'll see you Aug. 5-8.**

'DSM48'

Have you signed up yet for the "Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project?" Well, what are you waiting for?! Time is ticking for 48 hours of exhilarating film-production fun July 30-Aug. 1. Gather your crew, make up a crazy team name, and **sign up before July 20 to save money**. The kickoff event starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 30, at Teehee's Comedy Club. Good luck!

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

July 24: [**Goldie's Kids Club with special guest Kendra Vander Vliet**](#)
July 30-Aug. 1: [**Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project - Filming Weekend**](#)
July 30-Aug. 1: [**Executive Directors' Picks Program screening at SNAFF**](#)
Aug. 5-8: [**Snake Alley Festival of Film**](#)
Aug. 9-12: [**Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project Premiere Screenings**](#)
Aug. 12: [**New York Yankees vs Chicago White Sox at the Field of Dreams Movie Site**](#)
Aug. 19-22: [**Alternating Currents**](#)
Sept. 9-11: [**Iowa Independent Film Festival**](#)

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