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Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit: In Review

The **second biennial Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit**, co-presented by the Iowa Arts Council, Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Alliance for Arts Education, was held virtually on June 17. This year's summit explored how **fine arts educators can deepen social and emotional learning (SEL) connections within arts education**.

Many speakers and more than 200 participants, including K-12 teachers and education professionals, addressed issues related to access, inclusion, healing and equity, which impact student learning, engagement and wellness.

WATCH THE SESSIONS

Grantee Spotlight: Englert Theatre

With support from an Iowa Arts Council Virtual Arts Experience grant, the **Englert Theatre** in **Iowa City** launched the **Writers of Color Reading Series** in 2020. This summer the series features a podcast by Iowa's new **Student Poet Ambassador**, **Shreya Khullar** of Iowa City, whose podcast will be available July 26.



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Tourism Planning Survey



Travel Iowa, the state tourism office, is leading the state's efforts to **boost the tourism industry** in all corners of the state through the development of a new 5-year strategic plan. As key stakeholders in this effort, arts and culture leaders are encouraged to **take a strategic planning survey**. Please complete the confidential survey **5 p.m. July 24**.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Professional Development

Iowa Downtown Conference, Iowa City

Aug. 3-4

This event is the **premier statewide conference for downtown revitalization professionals and volunteers** from Iowa and neighboring states. Participants will gather to network and learn how a strong downtown can stimulate economic activity.



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Iowa Rural Summit, Cedar Rapids

Aug. 18-20

Presented by the **Iowa Rural Development Council**, this event brings together rural residents and companies to **discuss the challenges and opportunities in their communities**. The 2021 summit will convene in person, at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids.



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Federal & Regional Resources

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities

The **National Endowment for the Arts** will competitively award [direct grants](#) of \$50,000 to \$150,000 to eligible arts and culture organizations.

Application deadline: Aug. 12.

In partnership with the NEA, the **National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures** will host a special **webinar at 2 p.m. July 27** to encourage Latinx and culturally specific organizations to apply for these funds.

[VIEW THE WEBINAR SLIDES](#)

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund



Arts Midwest has relaunched its [Grow, Invest, Gather \(GIG\) Fund grants](#) to help organizations grow their capacity and to bring touring artists into their community.

Congratulations to the five Iowa arts organizations who were awarded funds in the first round: the **George Daily Auditorium**, Oskaloosa; **Levitt AMP Earlham Music Series**, Earlham; **Fairfield Arts & Convention Center**, Fairfield; **Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area**, Oakland; and **Legacy Learning Boone River Valley**, Webster City.

During [Round Two](#), organizations must present performing or visual artists for at least two public events, which can be virtual or in person. Projects must take place between January and June 2022.

[Register](#) for the informational webinar at 11 a.m. Aug. 10 and apply by Oct. 5.

Virtual Visit from a Disney Animator

Tune in online at 1 p.m. July 24 for a special program with **Kendra Vander Vliet**, a layout artist at Walt Disney

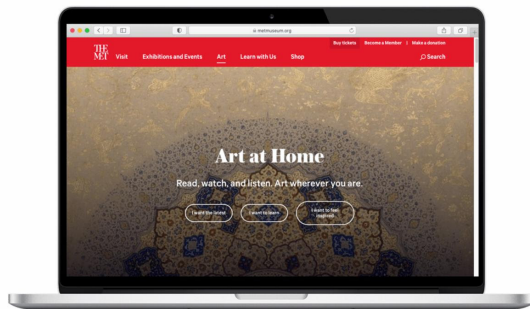
Animation Studios who grew up in Sheldon, Iowa. Vander Vliet has worked on many Disney feature films and shorts including: "Frozen," "Feast," "Big Hero 6," "Zootopia," "Moana," "Olaf's Frozen Adventure," "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and "Raya and the Last Dragon." She'll discuss her design inspiration, demonstrate character models and share some behind-the-scenes stories from her career.



The program is hosted by **Goldie's Kids Club**, which is part of the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Registration is free but required.

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What We're Reading



READ THE BLOG

Virtual and hybrid programming have exploded since the start of the pandemic, but many museums and galleries are still learning how to structure digital work in a way that makes sense for their unique working environments. In this recent blog post from the American Alliance of Museums, **two experienced practitioners from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and David Zwirner Gallery share their advice** on adopting a digital methodology and mindset at your institution.

Coming Up

Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Aug. 1: [ASF Scandinavian Folk Arts Fellowships and Grants](#)

Aug. 5: [NEA Our Town](#)

Sept. 16: [Innovate Grant, Summer 2021](#)

Student Opportunities

Dec. 1: [ICon: Iowa Conservatory Program](#)

Calls for Artists

July 30: [CSPS Derecho Remembrance Exhibit](#)

Aug. 1: [Des Moines Music Coalition Artist of the Month Series](#)

Aug. 1: [With Our Hands](#)

Aug. 15: [The Object Seen](#)

Aug. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

Aug. 31: [Hanson Gallery 2022/2022 Exhibitions](#)

Sept. 18: [Lincoln Highway Arts Festival](#)

Oct. 1: [SPARC Call for Sculpturists](#)

