



Gold Medal Winners

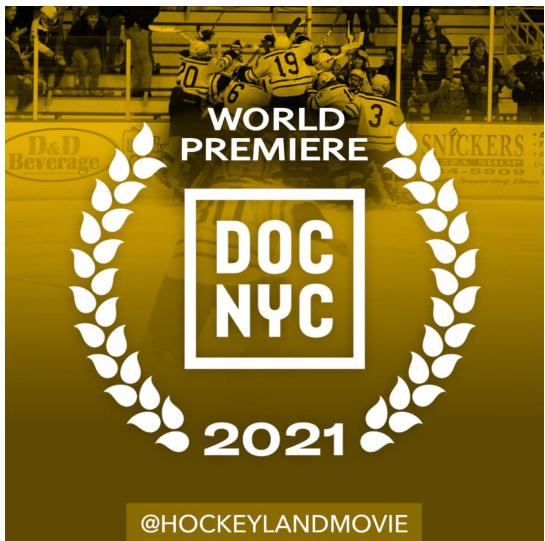
An Iowa short film was recently honored with a **Student Academy Award** and a \$5,000 grant from the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences**. The 5-minute film, called “**Frozen Out**,” reflects on an immigrant’s struggles with mental health. It was written and directed by its star, **Hao Zhou**, a graduate student in film and video production at the University of Iowa, and produced by Iowa City filmmaker **Tyler Hill**.

Plus, the film was also selected for the sixth season of “**The Film Lounge**,” so you’ll be able to see it on Iowa PBS in January. Stay tuned!

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'Hockeyland' @ DOC NYC

The world premiere of the feature film “**Hockeyland**” will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the **DOC NYC Film Festival**, America’s largest documentary film festival, based in New York City. The film follows a group of high school seniors from rival communities who skate for their last chance to win the Minnesota state championship. Congratulations to the film's Iowa creators: director/editor **Tommy Haines**, producer **Andrew Sherburne**, cinematographer **Benjamin**



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MediaMaker: Hannah Rosalie Wright

This month we're spotlighting the Des Moines writer and director **Hannah Rosalie Wright**, who received a **Greenlight Grant** earlier this year. She hasn't followed a traditional path to filmmaking, but she's enjoying the journey and believes everyone has a story to tell. Check out our [video profile](#).

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Hannah Rosalie Wright. Photo: Emily Kestel

The True Story of the Monuments Men



Truth First Film Alliance is partnering with the Figge Art Museum to present a free Veterans Day screening of the **Emmy-nominated documentary "Stout Hearted: George Stout and the Guardians of Art,"** about the Winterset native who helped save priceless artworks and artifacts from the Nazis during World War II. The screening on Nov. 11 will precede a Q&A with the film's Iowa City filmmakers **Kevin Kelley** and **Marie Wilkes** and is the Truth First Film Alliance's first public event in the Quad Cities. We look forward to more!

Handler, assistant editor **Cole Norum** and composer **Tarrell Christie**.

If you can't make it to NYC this weekend, [buy a ticket to an online screening](#), Nov. 14-28.

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In the News

Congratulations to **The Varsity Cinema** in Des Moines and Iowa City's **FilmScene** for sharing the spotlight in the **Washington Post**. Both nonprofit film societies and others like them around the country have weathered the pandemic storm and are starting to thrive thanks to federal grants, PPP loans and donations from local fans. While many movie theaters have been struggling, especially with competition from streamers, **we are excited to see the arts build community here in Iowa** as we re-imagine, re-engage and reconnect to culture.



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Donna Reed 100



[SEE 10 ICONIC EPISODES](#)

As we round out the **100th anniversary celebration of Donna Reed's birth**, we want to point out two highlights from her career.

First: "**The Donna Reed Show.**" We compiled a list of **10 iconic episodes** to re-introduce you to one of the most popular family sitcoms in TV history.

Second: "**It's a Wonderful Life.**" Tune in online at noon Dec. 9 for an Iowa History 101 webinar, "**Hollywood & Iowa: 'It's a Wonderful Life**," when curators **Christopher Wilson** from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and **Leo Landis** from the State Historical Museum of Iowa will discuss the historical context of this holiday classic 75 years after its debut.

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The Wonderful Thing

A wonderful thing happened on Nov. 7, 1921. A century ago, “**The Wonderful Thing**” was released to U.S. audiences. The silent film starred Norma Talmadge as the wealthy daughter of an American hog farmer and was **filmed in Appanoose County**. This was big news back then since it was the first time a film production of this size had been this far into the “middle west.” What attracted them? Centerville’s big town square, acres of beautiful scenery and more than 1,000 Duroc Jersey hogs on the Bradley-Harbold farm, according to the film’s director Herbert Brenon. During the two-day premiere at Centerville’s Majestic Theater, the pigs upstaged the talent when local headlines urged readers to “**See actual Appanoose County hogs on the screen.**”(Sorry, Norma.)



You're invited!

Please join us for a celebration of Iowa's history, arts, culture and film! The 10th annual Celebrate Iowa Gala features Iowa cuisine and entertainment from across our great state.

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7-11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Nov. 11: "Stout Hearted: George Stout and the Guardians of Art" screening

Nov. 14-28: "Hockeyland" online screening for DOC NYC Film Festival

Nov. 15: Iowa PBS Independent Lens: "Storm Lake"

Dec. 9: Iowa History 101: "Hollywood & Iowa: It's a Wonderful Life"

Dec. 10: Celebrate Iowa Gala

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