



Greenlight Grant Support

As a state agency, our film office receives annual funding appropriated during the Iowa Legislative Session.

We are grateful for **Governor Kim Reynolds'** ongoing support of film and media production in Iowa and a **recommendation to increase funding for our Greenlight Grant program**. Governor Reynolds recommended a new budget line of \$450,000 for Greenlight Grants in the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs fiscal year 2023 budget.

The 2023 budget will be approved during the current legislative session so feel free to **share your thoughts about the proposed funding increase with your legislators**. Launching the Greenlight Grants three years ago was a major milestone for our office, and we look forward to continued growth and new opportunities for Iowa filmmakers.

We appreciate this affirmation of our work to help take your scripts to screen, create jobs, and encourage collaborations that help retain filmmakers here in Iowa. As always, it's our goal to create a sustainable ecosystem for quality storytelling to thrive.

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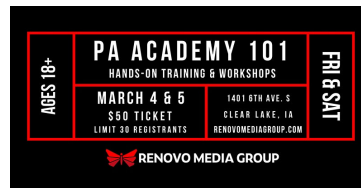
The [Oneota Film Festival](#) will light up screens next month – **March 3-6**, to be exact – in downtown Decorah, where you can watch films, eat, drink, shop and repeat. The festival has a new director, **Elise Skellenger**, but one thing hasn't changed: All the screenings are still complimentary.

So while you're marking your calendar, circle a few other [Iowa film festivals](#) while you're at it. Hope to see you there!

Production Assistant Academy 101

Renovo Media Group wants to help you learn the important basics of a being a production assistant – proper protocols, terminology, etiquette on set and more.

Join them in Clear Lake during their [PA Academy 101 Hands-on Training and Workshop](#). The class will be held in their studios on **March 4-5** and cost \$50 to attend. We suggest you sign up early because the class will be capped at 30.



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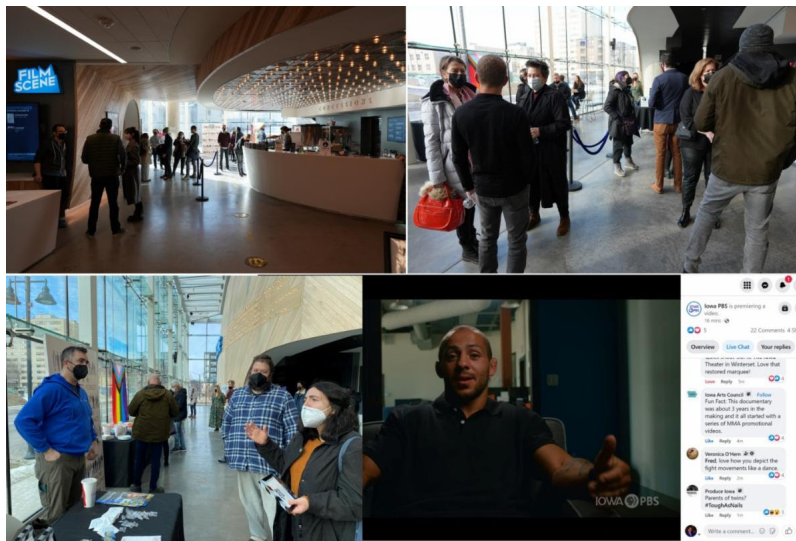
The Big Picture



Greg Zekowski.

Join the **Iowa Motion Picture Association** and the **Iowa Scriptwriters Alliance** for a virtual workshop 10-11:30 a.m. **Feb. 19** when **Greg Zekowski** will present "**The Big Picture: From Film Financing to Avoiding Pitfalls.**" Zekowski's credits include directing several episodes of "The Walking Dead," "Ryan's Mystery Playdate" and "John H." The session is complimentary to the public, and you can find [all the details](#) online.

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Lots of Lounging

We hope you caught the new season of the television series "**The Film Lounge**" in person at **FilmScene** in Iowa City, on-channel through **IowaPBS** or online through the virtual lounge on **Facebook Live**. The virtual lounge was new this year and was a fun way to interact live with our featured filmmakers during the primetime viewing of our one-hour episodes. We offer a big thank-you to our programming partners, the [Iowa Arts Council](#) and [Iowa PBS](#), for continuing to help us showcase Iowa filmmakers and their creative short stories.

If you want a chance to see your work featured on statewide television, grab a camera and start working on a film submission for Season 7. You can find all details online at thefilmlounge.org, and entries are due **June 1**.

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Iowa Theater Marquee

If you tuned in to “The Film Lounge,” you may have spotted the iconic marquee at the [Iowa Theater](#) on the Winterset square. We'd like to thank them for allowing Iowa PBS producer Patrick Boberg to put our name in lights in a space usually reserved for upcoming attractions at the theater. You can read more from [Travel Iowa](#) about this community treasure and the restoration work that saved this landmark of film history.



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Visionary Support



FilmScene Executive Director Andrew Sherburne with DCA Director Chris Kramer.

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FilmScene in Iowa City recently recognized the [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs](#) as a Visionary Supporter in 2021. According to FilmScene Executive Director Andrew Sherburne, the DCA was honored for its help in **marshaling federal and state funding** that helped FilmScene and other cultural institutions in Iowa survive the most challenging period they've ever faced. We thank FilmScene for the shout-out and echo the appreciation of our colleagues for their hard work throughout the pandemic.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

March 3-6: [Oneota Film Festival](#)

March 4-5: [PA Academy 101 in Clear Lake](#)

March 8: [IMPA Awards Applications Due](#)

April 20-24: [Julien Dubuque International Film Festival](#)

May 14: [Iowa Motion Picture Awards in Ottumwa](#)

June 24-26: [Interobang Film Festival at Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

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