

years ago and have supported a dozen media projects statewide, prompting **Gov. Kim Reynolds'** recent recommendation to create a new line item and increase the grant program's annual funding by \$450,000. The governor's recommendation also includes \$300,000 in the Iowa Arts Council budget for the film office, Produce Iowa, which was launched in 2013.



We are grateful for the governor's ongoing support of film and media production in Iowa. The 2023 budget will be approved during the current legislative session so feel free to **share your thoughts about the proposed funding increase and the state's film office with your legislators.**

Image: A production crew working on the set of "[Complete Bull](#)," a Greenlight Grant project filmed in Clayton County. The Iowa filmmaker leveraged a \$30,000 Greenlight Grant into more than \$100,000 that was spent on production.

LEARN ABOUT GREENLIGHT GRANTS

New Round of Grants and Opportunities

The Iowa Arts Council has opened its next round of grant funding and designation opportunities for creative projects and activities starting July 1. Most programs have a **May 2 deadline**.

Find all of the guidelines, recorded program webinars, and information on how to apply [here](#). Upcoming webinars and office hours are below:



Webinars

– March 30 at 11 a.m. [School Arts Experience Grant Webinar](#)

Office Hours

- April 1 at 11 a.m. [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)
- April 4 at 11 a.m. [Art Project Grant](#)
- April 5 at 11 a.m. [Greenlight Grant](#)
- April 6 at 11 a.m. [School Arts Experience Grant](#)
- April 7 at 11 a.m. [Cultural Capacity Building Grant](#)
- April 8 at 11 a.m. [Cultural & Entertainment District Designation](#)
- April 11 at 11 a.m. [Creative Places Project Grant](#)

Call for Panelists

Are you interested in helping support Iowa arts? We want to hear from you. Citizen advice from unique artistic and cultural viewpoints is central to government support of the arts. The Iowa Arts Council seeks diverse representation and professional expertise across its grant panels.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT REVIEW PANELS](#)

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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts Applications Due April 1

Iowa high school students with proven artistic ability in dance, creative writing, music, theater, traditional arts or visual arts who plan to pursue a major in the arts at an accredited Iowa college or university are encouraged to apply for an Iowa Scholarship for the Arts. Each scholarship winner will receive \$2,500 for their college tuition and related expenses as a full-time undergraduate student in 2022-2023. **Application deadline: April 1.**



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2022 Meet the Artist Series Kicks Off

Tune in online at noon on Thursdays in April and May for a new presentation in the **Meet the Artist series**, which features the 2021-2022 Iowa Artist Fellows.

The series kicks off with a talk by **Louise Kames, Dubuque printmaker and artist**, about her recent series of pastel and charcoal drawings, prints on fabric veils and images transferred to pages of a prayer book – all inspired by small piles of sticks and leaves routinely gathered by a Dubuque nun in the early stages of dementia. Special thanks to the **Dubuque Museum of Art, Clarke University** and the **Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** for support of this event.



[REGISTER](#)

Register in advance for any or all of the programs listed below to receive a recording even if you can't attend the live presentation.



April 7, Noon: Louise Kames

"I Don't See Anything That's Not Beautiful"

[Register](#)

At Clarke University, where Louise Kames teaches art, she likes to arrange a few white eggs under a simple incandescent light so students can see how the light creates subtle colors and shadows across the shells. When students don't see it, she tells them to "slow down their seeing." [Learn how Kames' finds pleasure and solace](#) in the simple act of seeing.



April 21, Noon: Paul Brooke

"Nature Through Lens and Form"

[Register](#)

Paul Brooke once perched on a cliff in Iceland to photograph an elusive blue fox. He trekked through the Amazon rainforest to find red-faced uakari monkeys and across a Chilean desert to see flamingos under a starlit sky. He also photographs weeds. [Learn more about how this poet-photographer.](#)



April 28, Noon: Brittany Brooke Crow

"Representation in Self-Portraiture"

[Register](#)

Brittany Brooke Crow fell in love with photography as soon as she set foot in the darkroom at Johnston High School. At 30, her process is different, but watching a print come to life is still a magical experience. [Learn how she overcame fear by turning the camera on herself.](#)

May 5, Noon: Emma Murray

"Dear Casey"

[Register](#)

The idea came to Emma Murray while she was listening to one of Casey Kasem's old dedications, from 1983 – a



14-year-old girl from Cedar Rapids requested a song for an older boy she'd met at a mental health ward. Murray wondered where they'd ended up — and decided to find out. [See what she turned up.](#)



May 12, Noon: Francesca Soans
"Filming Memory, Film as Memory"
[Register](#)

When Francesca Soans flew to Reykjavik a few years ago to present one of her films at the National Museum of Iceland, she was stunned by the reception she received. [Learn all about that experience and more.](#)

Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grants

Four Iowa art organizations have received the Iowa Arts Council's new Folk Arts Apprenticeship grant opportunity for organizations with a demonstrated record of serving folk and traditional artists:

- **Amana Heritage Society**, Amana
- **Living History Farms**, Urbandale
- **National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library**, Cedar Rapids
- **Villages Folk School**, Keosauqua



Each organization will receive a \$5000 award to develop an apprenticeship or residency program. The goal of the program is to **sustain artistic traditions and cultural heritage in Iowa** by encouraging artists and culture bearers to pass on their skills and knowledge. Support for the program is provided by the **National Endowment for the Arts**.

The Villages Folk School has opened a [Call for Applications](#) for its "Creative Escape Mentorship" program, which focuses on learning traditional glassblowing and begins in May.

Photo: Living History Farms Blacksmith Shop, Urbandale

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Marshalltown High School Student Wins State Poetry Out Loud Contest

Landon Stanley of Marshalltown High School took first place in this year's **Poetry Out Loud** state finals. With the victory, he earns a chance to compete for a national championship and a share of \$50,000 in scholarships and school prize money. The national championship semifinals will stream on Sunday, May 1, at [arts.gov](https://www.arts.gov).



Stanley won this year's contest with recitations of "[Broken Promises](#)" by David Kirby, "[A Graveyard](#)" by Marianne Moore, and "[La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad](#)" by John Keats. **Ella Hertz of Cedar Falls High School** took second place and **Lydia Newsome of Waterloo West High School** finished third.

Now in its 17th year, Poetry Out Loud is supported by the **National Endowment for the Arts** and is overseen in Iowa by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Image: Landon Stanley

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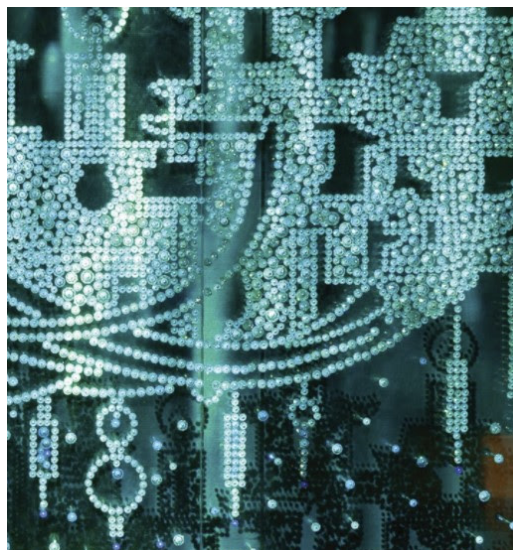
Grantee Spotlight: Des Moines Art Center

'Immersive'

Des Moines Art Center

A new multi-part, experiential exhibition called "**Immersive**" is on display now through June 5 at the **Des Moines Art Center**, made possible in part by a **Humanities Project Grant** from the interim **Iowa Humanities Council**.

The Des Moines Art Center is one of 60 arts, cultural and humanities organizations awarded Cultural Leadership Partners status and funding by the Iowa Arts Council.



"Immersive" takes visitors through a series of four video installations by modern and contemporary artists, including **Bill Viola's work, "Ascension,"** drawn from the Art Center's permanent collections.

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2022 Iowa Arts Summit

The **Iowa Arts Summit** returns in 2022, with virtual sessions planned for Aug. 10-11 and an in-person event on Aug. 12 at **Mainframe Studios in Des Moines**. The biennial event brings together artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders from across Iowa to network, learn and celebrate the arts.



This year's conference will highlight the integral role creatives play in community development. **We want to hear your ideas for summit sessions, speakers and performers that respond to this theme. [Submit your ideas](#) by Monday, April 18.**

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[SUBMIT SESSION IDEAS](#)

The Next Season of 'The Film Lounge'

Right on the heels of a successful sixth season of "[The Film Lounge](#)," the Iowa Arts Council, Produce Iowa and Iowa PBS invite Iowa artists, filmmakers, and musicians to submit films for Season 7. The series is an annual **showcase of short films by Iowa filmmakers**. Through a compilation of shorts and interviews, each episode celebrates the work of Iowa filmmakers, acquaints viewers with the state's vibrant film communities and explores the art of filmmaking. **Entries are due June 1.**



[ENTRY GUIDELINES](#)

Regional & Federal Resources

Grow, Invest, Gather Fund

Through its GIG Fund, **Arts Midwest** helps arts organizations **rebuild and re-imagine creative engagement** in their communities amid the uncertainty that challenges all corners of the creative sector. Proposed projects that are led by disabled people, advance accessibility, and/or prioritize working with disabled artists are encouraged.

Application deadline: April 12.



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Changes for Federal and State Grant Applicants

Beginning April 4, the federal government will switch to a new verification system for all businesses and organizations seeking federal and state grant awards. As part of this change, the **Unique Entity Identification** number will replace the current DUNS number as the authoritative identifier used by federal and state agencies, including the Iowa Arts Council. If your organization is currently registered with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), a new UEI number has been automatically created for you, and you do not have to take further action. If you do not currently have a [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration and/or DUNS number, visit [this page](#) for more instructions.

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Challenge America Grants

The NEA's Challenge America Grants support primarily small organizations on projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are \$10,000 for projects that begin in 2023.

Application deadline: April 21.

Coming Up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunity](#) and we'll spread the word.



March 25: [CUE Art Foundation](#)

March 28: [ArtFest Midwest](#)

March 30: [Create! Magazine](#)

March 31: [Valley Junction Arts Festival](#)

April 1: [53rd Annual Art on the Square, Mahaska Chamber & Development Group](#)

April 1: [2022-23 Art on the River, City of Dubuque](#)

April 1: [Art Week Des Moines, Group Creatives](#)

April 12: [Noelridge Greenhouse, Friends of Noelridge](#)

May 1: [Creston Arts Festival](#)

May 16: [Rural Experience Collective](#)

May 22: [B.J. Spoke Gallery](#)

May 30: [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)

Aug. 26; [Art on the Square \(Jefferson, IA\)](#)



April 5-7: [Our Shared Future](#)

May 3: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)



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

March 24: [Innovate Grant](#)

March 30: [USArtists International Grants, Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation](#)

April 21: [Challenge America Grants](#)

May 2: [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)

May 2: [Art Project Grant](#)

May 2: [Creative Places Project Grant](#)

May 2: [Cultural Capacity Building Grant](#)

May 2: [Greenlight Grant](#)

May 2: [Cultural & Entertainment District Designation](#)

May 2: [School Arts Experience Grant](#)



April 1: [Iowa Scholarship for the Arts](#)

June 20-21: [Teaching Iowa History with Primary Resources](#)

Aug. 9: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

Nov 3: [A Seat at the Table, Des Moines Arts Festival](#)

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