

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

IOWA ARTS COUNCIL PRODUCE IOWA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

IOWA ARTS COUNCIL

Grant applications due May 2



The deadline for our next round of grants is coming up quickly. A variety of grants are available for creative projects and arts and cultural activities that start on or after July 1. **Applications for all currently open programs are due May 2.**

Have a question or project to discuss? Find the guidelines, recorded webinars and more information on [how to apply](#). Talk directly with staff during our upcoming office hours:

April 29 at 11 a.m.
[Artist Catalyst Grants](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

Meet the Artist series continues

Our **Meet the Artist** series featuring the current [Iowa Artist Fellows](#) continues at noon each Thursday through May 12. Remember to register in advance for the programs so you'll receive a recording, even if you can't attend the live presentation. You can also see [previously recorded sessions](#) on Iowa Culture's Youtube channel.



May 5 at noon: Emma Murray
"Dear Casey"

Register

The idea came to Emma while she was listening to one of Casey Kasem's old dedications from 1983, when a 14-year-old girl from Cedar Rapids requested a song for an older boy she'd met at a mental health ward. Emma wondered where they'd ended up — and decided to find out. [See how her detective skills helped her tell the rest of the story.](#)



REGISTER



May 12 at noon: Francesca Soans

"Filming Memory, Film as Memory"

Register

When Francesca 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 how she weaves layers of memory and culture into documentary films.](#)

REGISTER

Webinar series on public art

As part of our ongoing focus on creative places, we're offering a four-part webinar series called "**Public Art Fundamentals**," which explores aspects of effective public art programs in communities. The sessions address public art committees, funding, maintenance and master plans. The May schedule follows:

May 11 at 11 a.m.: [Session Three](#)

May 25 at 11 a.m.: [Session Four](#)



The sessions are being recorded.

Series Instructor Dan Perry, pictured, is an award-winning interdisciplinary artist and educator who has shown his artwork in museums, art centers and outdoor sculpture exhibitions across Iowa and the United States, in addition to completing 15 commissions of large-scale public sculptures. An active member of several arts committees and a frequent consultant on public art, he teaches sculpture in the **University of Northern**

Iowa's Department of Art and is the coordinator of the university's **Public Art Incubator** program.

REGISTER: MAY 11

REGISTER: MAY 25

Grantee spotlight: Ballet Des Moines

Beau Kenyon was a kindergartner when he saw "E.T." but still remembers how it changed his view of the stars. As an adult, the Des Moines-based composer recaptured that sense of awe through "**Of Gravity and Light**," an ambitious, full-length show from [Ballet Des Moines](#) that premiered last week at the Des Moines Civic Center.

With support from NASA's [Iowa Space Grant Consortium](#), [Iowa State University](#) and [Iowa PBS](#), the ballet company supplemented the show with a seventh-grade science curriculum that uses dance and music to help audiences understand the solar system and the forces that hold it together.

The curriculum and related outreach and engagement activities are supported by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, through its **Creativity and Innovation initiative** and collaboration with the **Governor's STEM Advisory Council**.



Photo by Jami Milne for dsm magazine

[LEARN MORE](#)

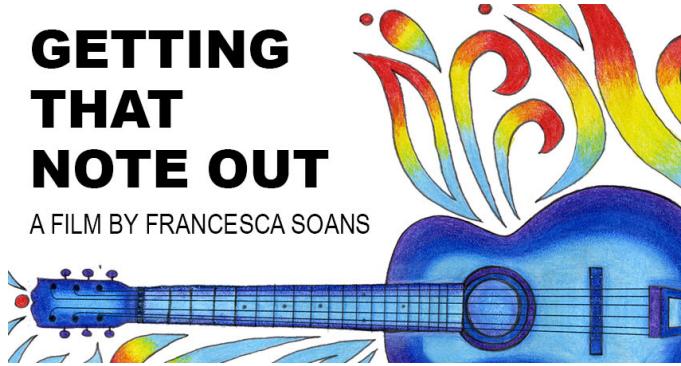
Grantee spotlight: Francesca Soans

Iowa Artist Fellow Francesca Soans' new documentary, "[Getting That Note Out](#)," is an intimate look at Waterloo blues guitarist **Etheleen Morehead Wright** and her passion for music. Etheleen reconnects with band members to perform at

Waterloo's annual **North End Arts and Music Festival**, which celebrates the city's African American cultural legacy. The documentary will be screened at **6:30 p.m. April 29** at the [Van G. Miller Adult Learning Center](#) at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a Q&A will follow. Admission is free.

GETTING THAT NOTE OUT

A FILM BY FRANCESCA SOANS



[LEARN MORE](#)

Iowa's Poetry Out Loud champion to compete in national finals May 1



Tune in **May 1** to see 2022 Iowa Poetry Out Loud state champion **Landon Stanley** of **Marshalltown** represent Iowa in the national finals, which will be streamed live at [arts.gov](#). Poetry Out Loud is an arts education program that encourages students in grades 9-12 to study and recite great works of poetry. Now in its 17th year, the program is overseen in Iowa by the Iowa Arts Council with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Iowa Arts Summit set for Aug. 10-12

The **Iowa Arts Summit** returns this **summer** with virtual sessions on Aug. 10-11 and an in-person event on Aug. 12 at Mainframe Studios in Des Moines. The biennial conference brings together **artists, filmmakers, nonprofit professionals and community leaders** for a day of networking, learning and celebrating the arts in Iowa.



[LEARN MORE](#)



DESTINATION IOWA

Revitalizing Iowa

Gov. Kim Reynolds has announced a **\$100 million** investment in Iowa's quality of life and tourism through a new grant program called **Destination Iowa**. The funding will support visionary projects in four key areas: economic development, outdoor recreation, tourism, and creative placemaking.

The program **accelerates ongoing momentum for creative placemaking** across the state, generated by business, government, education and cultural leaders. It also recognizes the role you and others play in **creating places where people want to visit, live and work** – from our smallest towns to biggest cities.

Guidelines

Review the [**Destination Iowa guidelines**](#) on the Iowa Economic Development Authority website.

The application window opens **May 9** for projects that must be completed by June 30, 2026. Funding is made available through the federal **American Rescue Plan Act**.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Regional & Federal Resources

Changes for Federal and State Grant Applicants

On April 4, the federal government switched 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 replaces the 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**](#), 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**](#) registration and/or DUNS number, find [**more instructions**](#) online.

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

An Introduction to the Arts Public

Funding Ecosystem

May 4, 1-2 pm

Join the **National Endowment for the Arts** staff for an overview of grant funding opportunities and find out which program is the right fit for your project.

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.



April 30: [Create! Magazine](#)

May 1: [Creston Arts Festival](#)

May 1: [Foodways and Social Justice](#)

May 1: [ArtHaus in the Park\(ing\) Lot](#)

May 10: [Plaza Center One Building Mural, Iowa City Downtown District](#)

May 15: [Doors Downtown 2022, Iowa City Downtown District](#)

May 16: [Rural Experience Collective](#)

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

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

June 5: [The Painting Center Exhibition](#)

June 16: [Innovate Grant](#)

June 24: [CUE Art Foundation](#)

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



**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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](#)



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

April 29: [Artist Catalyst Grant office hours](#)

May 2: [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

[**May 11:** Public Art Fundamentals, Session Three](#)

[**May 25:** Public Art Fundamentals, Session Four](#)

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](#)

June 3: [The Lewis Prize for Music's Accelerator](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



[Iowa Arts Council](#) | [Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs](#) | 515-281-5111 | [iowaculture.gov/arts](#)

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, IA 50319

[**Update Newsletter Preferences**](#)

[Unsubscribe from All Newsletters](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)