



## Four Iowa Students Receive Arts Scholarships

Congratulations to this year's Iowa Scholarship for the Arts recipients (pictured from left) **Harbour Buchanan, Ella De Haan, Ella Hayden** and **Aidan Krell**.

The Iowa Arts Council awards scholarships annually to Iowa high school students with proven artistic ability and who plan to study the arts at an accredited Iowa college or university. **Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,500** for their tuition and expenses as a full-time undergraduate student in 2022-2023.

**Harbour Buchanan of Glenwood** has been playing the oboe since sixth grade, when her school started offering band classes. She will pursue a degree in music education at Iowa State University, and hopes to teach high school band and give private lessons.

**Ella De Haan of Ankeny** developed her passion for art in fifth grade, when she created an artist profile about Roy Lichtenstein. She has volunteered more than 300 hours at the Ankeny Art Center, and will attend the University of Northern Iowa to become an art teacher.

**Ella Hayden of Blainstown** was inspired by her family's passion for music at an early age: Her father is a high school vocal music teacher, her brother is studying music education, and her grandmother is a retired elementary music teacher. Hayden will pursue a degree in music education and music therapy at Wartburg College.

**Aidan Krell of West Burlington** began his journey in art as a kindergartner in Portland, Oregon, where he attended a free art camp offered by a neighborhood artist each summer. Krell will attend Luther College to become a professional artist, art teacher, art gallery manager or illustrator.

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## Register for the Iowa Arts Summit

Registration is now open for the 2022 Iowa Arts Summit, which includes **virtual sessions Aug. 10-11** and an **in-person event Aug. 12** at Mainframe Studios in Des Moines.

The biennial Iowa Arts Summit brings together **creatives, nonprofit professionals and community leaders** for a day of networking, learning and celebrating the arts in Iowa. The 2022 conference will highlight the integral role creatives play in community development and explore ways of strengthening support systems for Iowa's creative workforce.

Be inspired by leading state and national voices in the arts and learn how they are transforming their organizations and communities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to **exchange ideas** and **gain practical knowledge** through in-depth workshops.

Image: "**Among Friends**" and "**I Love Music**" by [Chaveevah Ferguson](#) of Waterloo

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## Final Call for 'The Film Lounge' Submissions



Just a few weeks remain before the deadline to submit your short films for "[The Film Lounge](#)," a statewide television program. The television series, produced in partnership with **Iowa PBS** and **Produce Iowa**, is going into its seventh season, and we need your 2-20-minute long documentary, animation or music video. Iowa filmmakers, [upload your work by June 1](#).

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## Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort

Iowa's small-to-midsized arts, culture, history and humanities nonprofit organizations are invited to participate in the pilot [Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort](#). This two-year program will help participants build leadership skills in operations, sustainability and programming through professional development workshops, peer learning, mentorship and support. **Apply by June 17.**

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## Humanities Partnership Grant

Acting as Iowa's interim state humanities council, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is investing in programs that foster discussion, promote civic engagement, and inspire learning through the humanities.

**Humanities Partnership Grants** are discretionary grant awards, of up to \$25,000, for highly unique, one-time opportunities that fall outside of the department's regular granting cycles and that align with the department's mission, vision, strategic goals and funding priorities. Humanities Partnership Grants are made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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## 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. Join us for the last [session at 11 a.m. May 25](#). Access recordings of [past sessions](#).

**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 25



*Photo: Major League Baseball*

## Get Involved With 'Field of Dreams' Prequel

[NBCUniversal](#) announced earlier this month that it plans to produce a "[Field of Dreams](#)" prequel for release as a limited digital series on Peacock in 2023.

Filming will take place in **Polk, Mahaska, Clinton and Boone counties**. The project will engage local crew, suppliers and other vendors including construction, catering, transportation, security and set decoration to name a few. Review the information below to see how you can become involved in the production:

**Update Your Credentials**

**Extra, Extra!**

**NBCUniversal** producers have been checking out Produce Iowa's [Media Production Directory](#) to find crew and support services. This happens daily on a variety of projects with producers from Iowa and out of state who are looking to hire Iowans. Be sure to create or update your listing in the directory. Check out this example of a listing from [Jane Doe](#).

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The "Field of Dreams" **production will need extras**, and a casting company will be set up soon. Produce Iowa anticipates cast needs for the digital series will be announced as producers continue to finalize their plans. Continue to monitor Produce Iowa's [social media platforms](#) for casting needs.

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## Measuring the Impact of the Arts in Iowa

We're excited to team up with **Americans for the Arts** and 10 communities and regions on the rollout of [Arts & Economic Prosperity 6](#) (AEP6), the sixth national study of the economic impact of the nonprofit arts and culture industry.

Our statewide partners in **Ames, Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Dubuque, Johnson County, Marion, Mason City, Quad Cities, Greater Des Moines, Pottawattamie County and Sioux City** are dedicated to demonstrating the impact of the arts on Iowa's economy and have joined us in launching this study in Iowa.

Economic impact studies such as these expand the conversation about the arts and demonstrate that when we invest our dollars in the arts, it strengthens our local economy, supports jobs, generates government revenue and is a cornerstone of tourism.



**We need your help to collect Iowa data and tell the story of the arts in Iowa.** If you attend an in-person arts or culture event in a study-partner area now through December 2022, you may be presented with the opportunity to participate in this study through an audience survey. Be sure to fill out this brief survey and do your part to collect important economic data for the state of Iowa.

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## Grantee Spotlight: Luther Bangert

"**Distillations**," a contemporary juggling show created by Iowa Arts Council grant recipient [Luther Bangert](#), premiered last week at Chauncey Swan Park in Iowa City, in partnership with **FilmScene**. The performance engages the talents of many Iowa

artists, including video created by multimedia artist **Mark Anthony**; a score and music by **Alex Brody**; an opening aerial skills performance by **Mimi Ke**; and dramaturgy by dancer **Stephanie Miracle**.



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Additional performances are scheduled for **6 p.m. on May 20 at Mercer Park**, and **4 p.m. on May 22 at Willow Creek Park**, both in **Iowa City**.



## Community Spotlight: Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon's [Cultural and Entertainment District](#) is anchored by the First Street Community Center and Cornell College and traces the route of the historic Lincoln Highway. This creative place annually features more than 14 events that highlight arts and culture, including the popular "[Chalk the Walk](#)" (pictured), which brought thousands of visitors together to create a larger-than-life chalk mural earlier this month.

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## DESTINATION IOWA

Revitalizing Iowa

**Gov. Kim Reynolds** recently 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. Funding is made available through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

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 first application window opened **May 9** for projects aligned with the economically-significant development, outdoor recreation and tourism attraction areas. Details about the Creative Placemaking area will be announced at a later date.

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## National Endowment for the Arts Grant Awards

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced more than **\$91 million in recommended grants** to organizations in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions. Grants are in three NEA funding categories: Grants for Arts Projects, Our Town, and State and Regional Partnerships. **The Iowa Arts Council has received a State Partnership Grant in the amount of \$761,835.**



In addition, the announcement includes three grants awarded to the following in Iowa:

- Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc., Indianola, \$15,000
- University of Iowa, Iowa City, \$40,000
- Red Cedar Chamber Music, Marion, \$15,000

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# 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.



- May 22:** [B.J. Spoke Gallery](#)
- May 29:** [Mural, Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance](#)
- May 30:** [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)
- June 1:** [The Film Lounge Submissions](#)
- June 1:** [Indianola Summer Art Festival](#)
- June 5:** [The Painting Center Exhibition](#)
- June 16:** [Innovate Grant](#)
- June 24:** [CUE Art Foundation](#)
- Aug. 26:** [Art on the Square \(Jefferson, IA\)](#)



- Ongoing:** [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)
- June 3:** [The Lewis Prize for Music's Accelerator Awards](#)
- June 10:** [Vilcek Foundation](#)
- June 30:** [Levitt AMP Grant Awards](#)



- May 25:** [Public Art Fundamentals, Session Four](#)
- June 4-5:** [NBCUniversal P.A. Bootcamp](#)
- June 7:** [Rural Regenerator Fellowship](#)
- June 17:** [Iowa Culture Leadership Cohort](#)
- 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](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



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