

## IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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## IOWA ARTS SUMMIT

AUGUST 10-12, 2022 | Mainframe Studios · Des Moines, IA

### Register now for the 2022 Iowa Arts Summit

Be inspired, gain new ideas, make new connections, and learn practical tips when you attend the 2022 Iowa Arts Summit.

The summit will be held Aug. 10-11 online and Aug. 12 in Des Moines, and brings together **artists and creatives, nonprofit arts professionals, and community leaders** over three days to learn, connect and celebrate the arts in Iowa.

At this year's summit, you'll:

- **Hear from leading national voices** in the arts, including speakers from the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Springboard for the Arts and Americans for the Arts.
- **Learn from Iowa arts leaders** and hear about innovative Iowa projects.
- **Renew and make new connections** at networking breaks and lunch roundtables.

#### [Register Here](#)

**Aug. 10-11**

**9 a.m. to noon each day**

Virtual sessions are **FREE**; registration required.

**Aug. 12**

**8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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\$50 per person registration includes refreshments and lunch.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

- Artists, filmmakers and creatives.
- Nonprofit arts professionals.
- Local government leaders.

– Share best practices for valuing creative work, recruiting volunteers, raising funds on a budget, and much more.

– Creative community builders.

The full schedule will be available this month.

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

## Upcoming Grants Office Hours

Three Iowa Arts Council's grant programs – School Arts Experience Grant, Artist Catalyst Grant, and Creative Places Project Grant – have a **quarterly deadline**, with an **Aug. 1 application deadline** coming up for the current round.

Have a question or project to discuss? Find guidelines, recorded webinars, and [more information](#) about the grant programs, and talk directly with staff during our upcoming office hours listed below.



Fredericksburg elementary school students.

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### School Arts Experience Grant

**Office hours: 11 a.m.-noon July 19**

This program supports schools, professional teaching artists and nonprofit organizations to strengthen the role of arts in student learning and achievement.

**Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500.**

**Application deadline: Aug. 1.**

### Artist Catalyst Grant

**Office hours: 11 a.m.-noon July 20**

This program supports Iowa artists, filmmakers, musicians and creative writers to undertake activities that advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative field in Iowa.

**Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500.**

**Application deadline: Aug. 1.**

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Olivia Valentine and Paula Matthusen.

### Creative Places Project Grant



Mount Vernon "Chalk the Walk" project.

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**Office hours: 11 a.m.-noon July 21**

This program provides funding for small, collaborative projects in communities that are using creative placemaking as a job creation, talent attraction and retention, and tourism strategy.

**Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500.**

**Application deadline: Aug. 1.**

## Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Congratulations to **eight Iowa organizations** that are receiving Arts Midwest GIG Fund awards! The **\$2,500 grants** will support creative projects and educational events in summer and fall 2022. Recipients include:

- Quad Cities Chamber Foundation
- Civic Music Association
- Community Support Advocates
- Gateway Dance Theatre
- Earlham Chicks with Checks
- Public Space One
- Iowa City Poetry
- Art Center Association

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**The GIG Fund has reopened!** Arts Midwest is accepting applications now for projects that will take place January – June 2023. **Awards have been increased to \$4,000 (from \$2,500)** to offset programming and touring expenses. **Application deadline: Oct. 5.**

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## Grantee Spotlight: Ballet Des Moines

Ballet Des Moines will bring its **full company of professional dancers to six locations this summer**, sharing world-class arts and education programming with Iowans across the state.

"**Gravity on Tour**" includes excerpts from a longer ballet that premiered at **Des Moines Performing Arts** in April, along with interactive STEM experiences from **Iowa State University's Virtual Reality Lab** and a portable planetarium. The free performances exemplify how music and movement can make abstract concepts more human and accessible to audiences of all ages.

The statewide tour is supported in part by funding from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, through its **Creativity and Innovation Initiative** and association with the [\*\*Governor's STEM Advisory Council\*\*](#).

**The current tour schedule** includes six locations across the state, ending with a tour-finale celebration in Des Moines.

**July 27:** RiverLoop Amphitheatre, Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo

**July 28:** Thursday on Main – Clear Lake Bandshell, Clear Lake

**July 29:** Wilcox Performing Arts Center, Algona

**July 31:** Muscatine Riverfront, Muscatine

**Aug. 2:** Lucas County STEAM Festival, Chariton

**Aug. 3:** Lauridsen Amphitheater at Water Works Park, Des Moines

More details about the Summer Tour and individual performances can be found [online](#).

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## Grantee Spotlight: MYCYOWA



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**MYCYOWA** is a STEAM-themed traveling public art project by **Iowa Artist Fellow Jennifer Knox** that increases awareness of mycormediation, a process in which **fungi break down and absorb pollutants on land and in fresh water, including:** heavy metals, textile dyes, tanning chemicals, wastewater, petroleum, hydrocarbons, pesticides and herbicides. Trail signs with poetry in English and Spanish explain the process to passersby.

The project is at [Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor](#) through mid-July, thanks to Story County Conservation. After that, it'll be at [McFarland Park](#) in Ames for the remainder of the month. MYCYOWA is taking requests. Book a visit by this fun guy to a location near you.

## Creative Places: Music Licensing & Recruiting Artists

This Creative Places Webinar, on Zoom at 1 p.m. July 21, will explore best practices in working with **musical artists, recruiting local talent, and artist rights**, including how to navigate music licensing for outdoor festivals and community events. The webinar will include **Tobi Parks**, entertainment and intellectual property attorney, majority owner and **CEO of xBk**, a Des Moines-based music venue, and the board vice president for the **National Independent Venue Foundation**, the 501(c)(3) arm of the **National Independent Venue Association (NIVA)**, and co-founder of **D-Tour**, an independent venue and promoter collective. The webinar will be recorded.



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**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS**

[arts.gov](http://arts.gov)

An opportunity from the **U.S. Department of Justice** seeks to support “high-quality arts programs for justice-involved youth to **reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and/or other problem and high-risk behaviors.**” Grant funds may be used to support and strengthen collaborations between arts-based organizations and juvenile justice systems to develop, expand, or enhance effective interventions using the visual and performing arts, film and media, or creative writing. **Awards are up to \$66,500** with an 18-month performance period.

**Application deadlines:** July 18 and Aug. 1.

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### **Our Town Placemaking Grants Program**

The funding period for the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town placemaking grants program is currently open. Our Town projects advance **local economic, physical or social outcomes** in communities, laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. Projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity. **Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000**, with a minimum cost-share or match equal to the grant amount.

**Application deadlines:** Aug. 4 and 16.

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## **The Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Survey**



Organizations around the state are in the midst of collecting data about arts and culture audiences, through the [\*\*Arts & Economic Prosperity 6\*\*](#), a survey organized by [\*\*Americans for the Arts\*\*](#). The survey is conducted once every five years and is supported by the Iowa Arts Council.

Image: Michaela Kendall with Limelight, which is leading the Cedar Valley's participation in AEP 6, distributes surveys at the recent College Hill Arts Festival.

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## **Midwest Arts Xpo Set for Sept. 18-21**

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Midwest Arts Xpo, which will be held **Sept. 18-21, 2023, in Indianapolis**. The Xpo is a new and reimaged annual booking and presenting conference focused on America's heartland. It will be **hosted by Heartland Performing Arts**, a new non-profit organization

formed by an independent coalition of booking agents, artist and state performing arts presenter consortia leaders.

The launch of the new conference comes after **Arts Midwest** announced the pause of future programming on the **Arts Midwest Conference**, in 2021. To support the work of Heartland Performing Arts, Arts Midwest is giving the organization a one-time grant as start-up funding.



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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.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**July 15:** [Mural Designs, City of Cedar Falls](#)

**July 22:** [Art Seen, The Curator's Salon](#)

**July 26:** [Iowa Exhibited XXXVII, Polk County Heritage Gallery](#)

**July 27:** [Interactive Community Water Feature, City of Marshalltown](#)

**Aug. 2:** [Washington Free Public Library Foundation](#)

**Aug. 5:** [Artists in Action – Plein Air, Polk County Conservation](#)

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

**Oct. 31:** [Enchanted Illusion, The Sunny Porch](#)

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

**July 18 and Aug. 1:** [NEA Arts Programs and Justice-Involved Youth](#)

**July 19:** [School Arts Experience Grant \(Office Hours\)](#)

**July 19:** [Humanities Collections and Resources, National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

**July 20:** [Artist Catalyst Grant \(Office Hours\)](#)

**July 21:** [Creative Places Project Grant \(Office Hours\)](#)

**Aug. 1:** [School Arts Experience Grant](#)

**Aug. 1:** [Artist Catalyst Grant](#)



**Now-July 17:** [Under Pressure, Jami Milne](#)

**July 18:** [The Parking Space Project](#)

**Now-July 23:** [Light Waves: Moments of Being](#)

**July 28:** [Lives Behind Bars – Community Film Discussion Series, Coe College](#)

**Now-July 31:** [MYCYOWA, Jennifer Knox](#)

**July 21-Aug. 3:** [Gravity and Light on Tour, Ballet Des Moines](#)

**Aug. 1:** [Creative Places Project Grant](#)

**Aug. 4 and 16:** [NEA Our Town](#)

**Sept. 1:** [USArtists International, Mid Atlantic Arts](#)

**Sept. 15:** [Innovate Grant](#)

**Oct. 5:** [GIG Fund, Arts Midwest](#)



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

**Aug. 10-12:** [Iowa Arts Summit](#)

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

**Sept. 18-21, 2023:** [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

