



Congratulations to new Greenlight Grant recipients!

Produce Iowa is proud to award **\$120,000 to three Iowa filmmakers** to greenlight production on their homegrown Iowa stories, which will build collaboration with other resident filmmakers and create jobs that feed a more diverse ecosystem for the film and television industry in our state. We thank the **Iowa Arts Council** for its help in administering the funds and congratulate the new Greenlight Grant recipients, (pictured from left to right):

- **Chris Filippone of Iowa City** will receive support for "Untitled Pacific Junction," a feature-length documentary about the small railroad town of Pacific Junction in southwestern Iowa, the catastrophic flood of 2019, and the people who have chosen to return and rebuild their homes and community.
- **Antoinette Lavalley of Des Moines** will receive support for "Peck," a feature-length narrative film about a young woman addressing her mental health in the late 19th century. When her mother and father urge her to see someone who may help, she begins a journey toward independence and love.
- **Spencer Smith of Des Moines** will receive support for "The Diane Schofield Cold Case," a short proof-of-concept documentary that will investigate a crime, its effect on legislation in relation to cold-case investigation unit funding in Iowa, and the community of novice sleuthers who've bonded over the case via the Justice for Diane Schofield Facebook group.

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Films selected for "The Film Lounge"

The winners have been announced and **Iowa PBS** will soon begin production on two, one-hour episodes of Season 7 of "**The Film Lounge**," which will air on-channel in Spring 2023. Each selected submission also receives a \$500 stipend from our office and the Iowa Arts Council. Congratulations to the 10 lead producers and their casts and crews:



- **Charlie Borowicz** of Des Moines
- **Kaitlyn Busbee** of Clive
- **Antonio Chalmers** of Cedar Rapids
- **Russ Curry** of Coralville
- **Emille Lacsá** of Burlington
- **Antoinette Lavallo** of Des Moines
- **Spencer Loucks** of Iowa City
- **Michael Minard** of Waterloo
- **Adam Orton** of Cedar Rapids
- **Matthew Williams** of Dubuque

We look forward to elevating their stories and celebrating filmmaking in Iowa!

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Iowa Arts Summit

There is still time to participate in the **Iowa Arts Summit**, which kicked off this morning with a virtual session on the Hopin platform. There will be another virtual session Thursday morning, and an in-person reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at **Historic Valley Junction** in West Des Moines. An in-person gathering is set for 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at **Mainframe Studios in Des Moines**.



This year's three-day event, Aug. 10-12, focuses on supporting Iowa's creative workforce and gives Iowans a chance to network, learn, and celebrate the important role of the arts in vibrant communities. Check out the latest schedule at a glance and full program at iowaartssummit.com.

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48 Hour Film Project

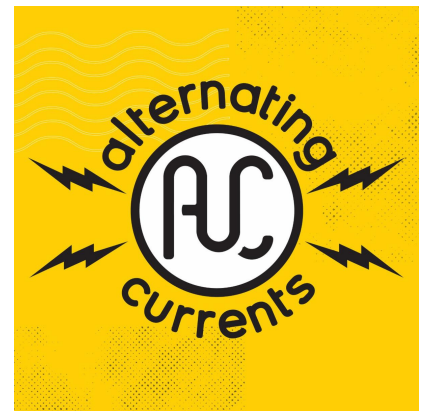


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The premiere screenings of the short films that were produced in just 48 hours last month as part of the [48 Hour Film Project Des Moines](#) are wrapping up tonight at the State Historical Building Auditorium. Who will make it to the **"Best of" Screening on Thursday, Aug 25?** We're on the edge of our seats. (But you'd better get *your* seat because the final screening night typically sells out.) Good luck to all the creative filmmaking teams!

Alternating Currents

What happens when you mix music, comedy, film, art and summer in the Quad Cities? You get the [Alternating Currents Festival](#), Aug. 18-21. There will be more than **100 performances in more than 20 venues** in the heart of downtown **Quad Cities**, where you'll find dozens of restaurants, shops, bars and more beyond the official venues. There's no way you can say you're bored that weekend. And the best part? All festival events are free. And there's an app for it right [here](#).



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Iowa Independent Film Festival



The [Iowa Independent Film Festival](#), Sept. 8-10, is turning 15 this year so don't miss out on all the fun. In fact, it takes two cities to host it: **Mason City and Clear Lake**. Convenient day and weekend passes can be purchased online until Sept. 8 and at the door before each film block. Be sure to stay for the awards ceremony and an after-party starting at 8 p.m. Sept. 10.

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Film Tourism in Clear Lake

Everyone knows the huge economic impact the Iowa film "Field of Dreams" will have on Dyersville this week when Major League Baseball comes to town, but another Iowa community is enjoying its close-up. The Paramount+ documentary, "The Day the Music Died: The Story of Don McLean's American Pie," released on July 19, is attracting interest in northern Iowa. Clear Lake locations featured in the documentary are listed on a new [tour page](#) on the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce website. The chamber began noticing an increase in web traffic looking for **Buddy Holly**-related information and quickly seized the opportunity to invite film tourism to the area.



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Success Stories

If you have a success story, share it with us so we can help you celebrate. Here are two that came across our desk a short time ago:

Congratulations to the entire team behind the Iowa film "[Storm Lake](#)." The documentary's outreach, impact and the accolades continue as the film is now nominated for an Emmy! The [43rd Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards](#) is set for Sept. 29 in New York City. We wish them good luck!



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"[Hockeyland](#)," the feature documentary produced by Iowa filmmakers **Tommy Haines** and **Andrew Sherburne**, will hit movie theaters Sept. 9 and start streaming Oct. 18. Independent film distributor **Greenwich Entertainment** acquired the North American distribution rights to the story of rival high school hockey teams in northern Minnesota. Congrats to Tommy and Andrew and their Midwest producing team at **Northland Films**.



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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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

Aug. 18-21: [Alternating Currents](#)

Aug. 25: [Des Moines 48 Hour Film Project "Best Of" Screening & Awards](#)

Sept. 8-10: [Iowa Independent Film Festival](#)

Sept. 30-Oct. 2: [Sioux City International Film Festival](#)

Oct. 6-9: [Refocus Film Festival](#)

Oct. 7-8: [Halloweenapalooza](#)

Nov. 3-5: [Muscatine Music & Film Independent Film Festival](#)

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