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Greenlight Grant submissions are open

We're ready. We're giving you the green light to **submit for funding** to help take your script to screen here in Iowa. Greenlight Grants seek to support entrepreneurial projects that can **accelerate business and careers in film**. We encourage collaboration between Iowa filmmakers and want you to get out of your comfort zone to make things happen. Good luck!

Application deadline: May 1.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY

On the set of "Peck," which was supported by a Greenlight Grant from Produce Iowa.

MediaMasters class for Greenlight Grants

Here's your chance to go 3 for 3. It's our third and final Greenlight Grant Bootcamp class to get you into shape to **submit your Iowa project** for a Greenlight Grant. **Iowa Arts Council's David Schmitz** and **EJ Philby Burton** along with **Iowa Film Commissioner Liz Gilman** will walk you through the submission process and answer any questions you may have to set you up for success.

Join us 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, on Zoom.

Watch past Greenlight Grant workshops
If you're a member of our **Production Directory**, you can **contact our office** to see recordings of the last two workshops. We also have **supplemental resources and materials available for you.** The previous workshops were taught by filmmaker and film industry advisor **Kevin Christoffersen** last fall.

CONTACT US

REGISTER HERE

Varsity Cinema hosts watch parties

Congratulations to the filmmakers featured in **Season 7 of "The Film Lounge."**

We had a blast last weekend at the **Varsity Cinema** in Des Moines. Thank you for joining us on the red carpet for the matinee screenings.

Remember to **submit your short film** for **Season 8, now open through June 1.**

Top Images: Left to right:

- *The newly renovated Varsity Cinema lobby full of filmmakers.*
- *Spencer Loucks, Antonio Chalmers and Charlie Borowicz.*
- *Caryline Clark from Iowa PBS at the SWAG table.*

Bottom image:

- *Left to right: Patrick Boberg, Antoinette Lavalle, Matthew Williams, Juan Luna, Emille Lacsa and EJ Philby Burton holding a Q&A.*

SUBMIT FOR "THE FILM LOUNGE: SEASON 8"

'The Film Lounge' in Decorah

Couldn't make it to one of our Sneak Peek Watch Parties for season 7 of "The Film Lounge?" Well, you're in luck. We are **hosting another in-person screening** at the **Oneota Film Festival** in Decorah. We will be part of the **4 p.m. Film Block on Friday, March 3, at the ArtHaus, 107 W. Broadway St.** See you there!

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Oneota Film Festival
While you're at it, make it a staycation and watch even more films throughout the weekend. **The Oneota Film Festival runs March 2-5** with various events and screenings all throughout beautiful downtown Decorah. Check out the **schedule of events**. The Oneota kicks off the Iowa film festival season and the complete list of 15 festivals can be found on our **website**.

Iowa City's FilmScene offers animation camps

Sign up your young filmmaker for FilmScene's animation camps to be held during Spring Break and summer.

The lineup includes "**Spring Break LEGO Camp,**" "**Animation Camp**, "**Advanced Animation Camp**" and "**Miniatures Camp**."

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IMPA awards nominations

The 32nd Annual Iowa Motion Picture Association Awards is seeking submissions. The awards show will be at the **Boman Fine Art's Center in Forest City** on Saturday, May 6.

Submission deadline: Feb. 28.

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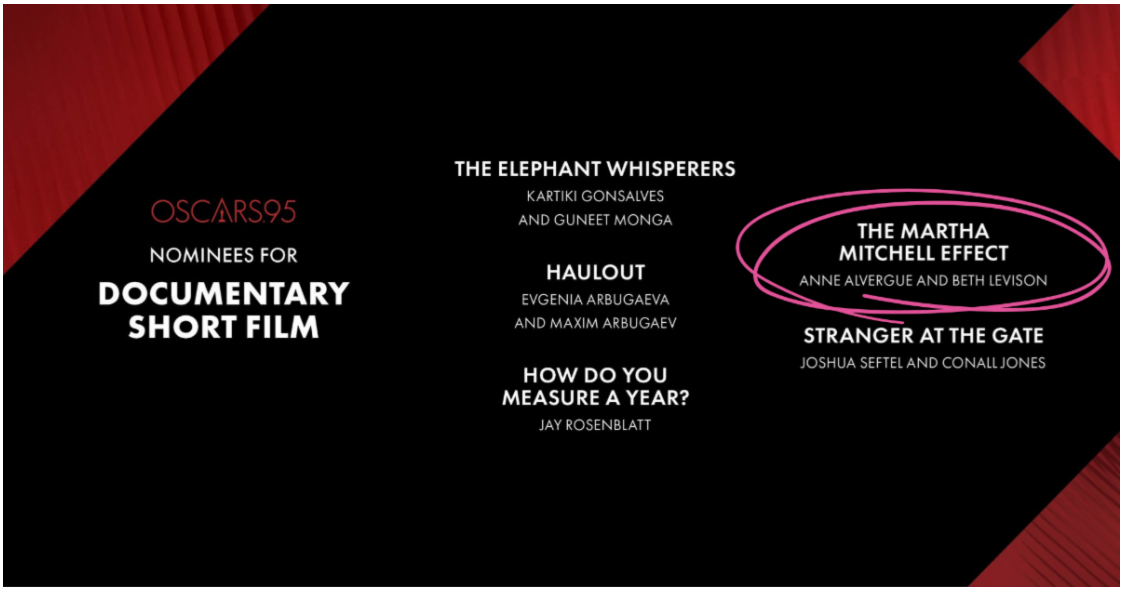
Success Stories

If you have a success story, **share it** with us so we can help you celebrate. Here are two follow-up stories to projects we told you about last fall.



Oscars Connection

Beth Levison, who produced the Iowa film **"Storm Lake,"** is headed to the Oscars! The New York City filmmaker is nominated in the **Documentary Short Film category for "The Martha Mitchell Effect"** currently streaming on Netflix. We wish her the best of luck and hope you'll tune in to the 95th Academy Awards on March 12 to cheer her on.

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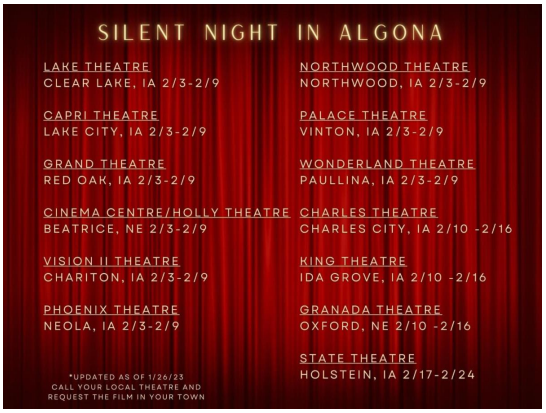

'Silent Night in Algona'

The Iowa feature film "Silent Night in Algona" continues its theatrical run across the state and beyond. The movie is a character study that **takes us inside the dynamics of a small Iowa town during World War II** and is based on true events leading up to December 1944. Check out the times and locations near you.

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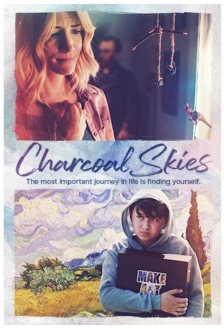
'Charcoal Skies'

The feature film "Charcoal Skies" was **written and produced in Cedar Rapids** and, in case you missed it, it's now **streaming on a variety of platforms** listed at right. It's the story of a reclusive 11-year-old boy and his single mother who struggles to be a good parent. Through chance encounters and tragic events, they both find meaningful connections and learn to accept themselves and each other. **Check out the cast and crew** for Iowans you'll recognize, and be sure to write a review.



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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Events

Feb. 24: **MediaMasters Greenlight Grant Bootcamp Class #3**
March 2-5: **Oneota Film Festival**
March 4: **Renovo Media Group Celebrating Women in Film Event**
April 14-16: **Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival**
April 26-30: **Julien Dubuque International Film Festival**
May 5-6: **Renovo Media Group Production Assistant Academy**
May 6: **IMPA Awards Gala**
May 20-21: **Farm to Film Fest**

Film Festival Submission Deadlines

Feb. 12: **Interrobang Film Festival** (regular)
March 12: **Interrobang Film Festival** (late)
April 2: **Interrobang Film Festival** (final)