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Des Moines Arts Festival® Names Seven to the 2022 Emerging Iowa Artist Program

Award-winning program celebrates 20 years of opportunities for Iowa artists

(Des Moines, IA) – Guests at the 2022 Des Moines Arts Festival® presented by [Nationwide](#) will experience a showcase of emerging artists who will exhibit as part of the [Emerging Iowa Artist](#) program presented by [Principal](#). The Emerging Iowa Artists booths will be located on Grand Ave. near 13th Street during the 25th Anniversary Festival, June 24 – 26, 2022, in downtown’s Western Gateway Park.

The Emerging Iowa Artists program offers a unique opportunity for visual artists, who are Iowa residents and currently enrolled in an institution of higher education, to showcase their talents at one of the nation’s most decorated arts festivals at no cost to them. The artists were selected through the same jury process which selected the professional artists for this year’s Festival. The jury was held in February.

The Emerging Iowa Artists are part of the 195 artists that will be exhibiting and selling their work at the Festival this year. The following artists were selected by the jury for the Emerging Iowa Artist Program:

Alima Sula, Cedar Falls
Kirkwood Community College

Ashley Craddock, Ankeny
Grandview University

Becca Hickok, Des Moines
Drake University

Haleigh Anderson, Ames
Iowa State University

Kayana Janay, Des Moines
Grandview University

Luke Schuster, Johnston
Univesidad de Antonio Nebrija

Megan Rohr, Oskaloosa
Central College

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About the Des Moines Arts Festival. The [Des Moines Arts Festival®](#) is committed to strengthening a vibrant and creative community. Dedicated to the principles of collaboration and creative expression, Des Moines Arts Festival inspires engagement with the arts, fosters and celebrates inclusion, values professionalism and quality, and champions new and emerging ideas.

The Des Moines Arts Festival produces an annual outdoor festival celebrating arts and culture, provides programming and support to artists and arts organizations, advocates for a “arts first” leadership model, and inspires individuals to find their creative voice.

The mission of the Des Moines Arts Festival is to Impact Lives through the Arts.

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