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## **Des Moines Arts Festival® Announces MicroGrant Dinner**

*New event to support local artists*

(Des Moines, IA) – The Des Moines Arts Festival has announced a MicroGrant Dinner to raise funds for local artists seeking to accelerate a new idea or project. The MicroGrant Dinner will be on Thursday, September 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at West End Architectural Salvage, 22 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Downtown Des Moines.

The MicroGrant Dinner is a ticketed event that includes artists presentations, a contribution towards a local art project and a delicious meal. During the dinner, five artists will pitch their project to the guests. After all five of the presentations, the guests will vote on their favorite idea. The winning artist will take home the ticket proceeds as a microgrant for their project.

Tickets are \$35 each and include admission to the event, dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and a contribution to the selected artist project. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Tickets are limited and available at [www.desmoinesartsfestival.org/microgrant](http://www.desmoinesartsfestival.org/microgrant).

“One of our organizations core values is to champion new and emerging ideas,” said Stephen King, Executive Director of the Des Moines Arts Festival. “The MicroGrant Dinner does just that by supporting the artists’ vision and bringing the community together to make that vision a reality.”

Artists interested in presenting their project at the MicroGrant Dinner can apply online [here](#). Applications are due on August 23, 2022. Only five artists will be selected for this inaugural dinner. Additional dinners are planned in the future.

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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, the 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 an “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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