



LINN COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE WEEK

FREE FOR ALL

PRESENTED BY THE GREATER CEDAR RAPIDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

From October 19–25, enjoy a weeklong celebration of art, history, music, theatre, and culture—all free of charge.
New in 2026, *Free for All* features experiences offered by nonprofit organizations across Linn County.

PREVIEW EVENT SAT, OCT 17

10 a.m.
Dress Rehearsal for
Masterworks II Concert
Orchestra Iowa

MON, OCT 19

8 – 10 a.m.
Seeing History Through Arts
& Crafts Open House
Coggon Historical Society

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Open Studio and Mini
Wheel Lessons
*Iowa Ceramics Center and
Glass Studio*

TUES, OCT 20

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
*African American
Museum of Iowa*

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
The History Center

WED, OCT 21

8 – 10 a.m.
Seeing History Through Arts
& Crafts Open House
Coggon Historical Society

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free Day for Seniors
*National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library*

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
*African American
Museum of Iowa*

THURS, OCT 22

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
*African American
Museum of Iowa*

1 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
Marion Heritage Center

4 – 8 p.m.
Free Admission
The History Center

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
*Sound Meditation Class
*National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library*

6 – 7 p.m.
Special Guided Tours
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

6:30 p.m.
Concert at the Library
*New Horizons Band of
Cedar Rapids*

FRI, OCT 23

8 – 10 a.m.
Seeing History Through Arts
& Crafts Open House
Coggon Historical Society

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
*African American
Museum of Iowa*

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
The History Center

1 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
Marion Heritage Center

2 – 4 p.m.
Hunt & History:
Free Admission
*The Granger House
Victorian Museum*

6 – 7 p.m.
Adult Dance Lessons at
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
*Fuerzas Culturales Ballet
Folklorico de Cedar Rapids*

SAT, OCT 24

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Playtime Poppy's 75th
Birthday Celebration at
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
*Playtime Poppy Children's
Theatre*

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free K-12 Open Studio Day
Eastern Iowa Arts Academy

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
*African American
Museum of Iowa*

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Family Day
*National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library*

12 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
The History Center

12 – 4 p.m.
Seeing History Through Arts
& Crafts Open House
Coggon Historical Society

1 – 4 p.m.
Hunt & History:
Free Admission
*The Granger House
Victorian Museum*

1 – 4 p.m.
Free Admission
Marion Heritage Center

1 – 5 p.m.
*Intermediate Songwriting
Class
Brucemore

SUN, OCT 25

1 – 5 p.m.
*Beginning Songwriting Class
Brucemore

2 p.m.
Stories of Sondheim
Performance at the Library
Cedar Rapids Opera

3 – 5 p.m.
Hunt & History:
Free Admission
*The Granger House
Victorian Museum*



SCAN TO VIEW
FULL SCHEDULE +
MORE DETAILS

*Pre-registration required. Scan
the QR code to learn how to
reserve your spot.

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS, EVENT LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS



African American Museum of Iowa

Explore the museum's galleries and discover the rich history, culture, and experiences of African Americans in Iowa.

Brucemore

Have you ever had an idea you wanted to turn into a song? Try this free songwriting workshop to explore your creativity, find inspiration in the experiences around you, and connect with others through music. Pre-register at Brucemore.org.

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

Peruse the artwork on view in the galleries or get a tour of the CRMA's historic Carnegie Library building. Tours are free of charge, but space is limited to the first 15 people who check in per group.

Cedar Rapids Opera

Inspired by Daniel Okrent's Stephen Sondheim: Art Isn't Easy, this free program explores the life and musical works of Stephen Sondheim beyond Sweeney Todd.

Coggon Historical Society

View displays at both buildings that represent various eras of Coggon's history including paintings, quilts, needlework, and hair wreaths.

Eastern Iowa Arts Academy

Kids K-12 are invited to explore art supplies, try musical instruments, and learn alongside local artists and musicians during this free open studio day.

Fuerzas Culturales Ballet Folklorico de Cedar Rapids

Join us to learn traditional Mexican folk dancing, for ages 18+.

Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio

Enjoy tours of the studio and mini pottery lessons on the wheel.

Marion Heritage Center

Explore the exhibits including the Model Railroad exhibit, Francis Marion information, and many artifacts depicting the history of Marion.

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Enjoy the museum through hands-on activities. Visitors can enjoy creative fun, explore Czech and Slovak culture, and take advantage of special Museum Store discounts. (pre-registration required); Free museum admission; Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

New Horizons Band of Cedar Rapids

Enjoy a fun concert by this senior adult concert band featuring patriotic marches, nostalgic show tunes, and original band compositions.

Orchestra Iowa

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the orchestra as they prepare for their Masterworks II concert during an exclusive dress rehearsal before the official performance.

Playtime Poppy Children's Theatre

Celebrate Playtime Poppy's 75th Birthday! Meet Playtime Poppy in her birthday glow up and enjoy theater games, arts and crafts, historical fun, and delicious Poppy treats!

The Granger House Victorian Museum

Step into history with a free special tour featuring a fun scavenger hunt for all ages. Follow the clues, uncover hidden stories, and earn a commemorative sticker.

The History Center

Explore the museum galleries and discover the stories, people, and events that have shaped Linn County.

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