

# CELEBRATE IOWA

A GALA SHOWCASING IOWA'S ARTS, HISTORY AND CULTURE

## IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



## You're investing in arts, history and culture in Iowa

Your Gala support provides Iowans access to educational programs, exhibits and unique experiences at the State Historical Museum of Iowa and across the state.

### Museum Exhibits

Hollywood in the Heartland, First in the Nation, Portrait of Maquoketa: The Dimensional View and other exhibits showcase artifacts and Iowa's rich stories in the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

### School Break Programs

Programming for children and families offered throughout school breaks – spring, summer and winter – at the State Historical Museum. Upcoming summer programs will include the Step into History photo booth, vault tours featuring artifacts from the Museum's collection, hands-on art activities and other interactive programs.

### Young Writers Workshop Summer Camp

Students entering seventh through twelfth grade can join renowned young adult author Stephanie Hemphill to explore the craft of writing historical fiction and non-fiction while mining the museum's collections for ideas and inspiration. Students also have the opportunity to video chat with other young adult authors personally selected by Ms. Hemphill.

### National History Day in Iowa

This tremendous educational experience is coordinated by the State Historical Society of Iowa and positively impacts 8,000 elementary, middle and high school students that participate each year. Winners compete at the national contest and in June 2015, Iowa had two gold medal winners!

### Historic Sites

Eight Historic Sites across Iowa, including the American Gothic House which inspired Grant Wood's famous painting, provide Iowans with a unique glimpse into the past.

### Preserve Iowa Summit

The State Historical Society of Iowa's State Historic Preservation Office coordinates this premier statewide annual conference where attendees learn how to discover, preserve, and enhance their communities' unique history and sense of place. In September 2016, the summit will be held in Davenport in partnership with the city of Davenport, Davenport Historic Preservation Commission and Preservation Iowa.