

# Des Moines, Iowa • Calendar

## January

**HOLLYWOOD IN THE HEARTLAND.** Celebrate Iowa's legacy with the silver screen throughout history. See how Iowa has been portrayed on-screen in a variety of films and meet the actors.

## February

**IOWA POWER FARMING.** The third largest farm show in the U.S. Has exhibitions from more than 800 companies.

## March

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF IOWA'S KIDSFEST.** Help at-risk families in need by bringing your family out to a kid-centered festival fundraiser full of fun activities, games, and entertainment. Play on inflatables, watch stage shows and so much more.

## April

**ULTIMATE DINOSAURS.** Learn about awesome dinosaurs and new discoveries at the Science Center of Iowa.

## May

**GREATER DES MOINES FARMERS MARKETS.** Starting the first Saturday of May, come taste the fresh fruit and produce at the Downtown Farmers' Market.

## June

**DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL.** Catch interactive arts-related activities, live music, film, and performing arts.

## July

**80/35 MUSIC FESTIVAL.**

Watch a show on stages set in the streets of Western Gateway Park. With a variety of genres and regional and local bands, 80/35 is perfect for music fans of all ages and interests.

## August

**IOWA STATE FAIR.** It's the true heartbeat of the Midwest. Join the great celebration and salute the state's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement.

## September

**DES MOINES WORLD FOOD FESTIVAL.** Enjoy more than fifty international food vendors, a variety of arts and crafts vendors, like music, and special cooking demonstrations and contests.

## October

**WORLD FOOD PRIZE.** Learn from international experts and policy leaders about decisions on cutting-edge nutrition and food security issues.

**ANAMOSA PUMPKIN-FEST** and **RYAN NORLAN GIANT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF.** Enjoy a true Main Street Festival. Some activities include craft vendors, food booths, kids' games, one of the largest parades in all of Iowa, and of course, GIANT pumpkins!

## November

**LIVING HISTORY FARMS RACE.** Run seven miles in the cool November weather of Central Iowa. Wade through creeks, dodge farm animals, and claw your way to the top of gullies.

## December

**DOWNTOWN WINTER FARMERS' MARKET.** This is the perfect opportunity to stock up for holiday meals, parties, and gifts. Farmers

sell a variety of locally raised products and produce; holiday wreaths, trees, and decorations are cute pieces to pick up from the festive market.

