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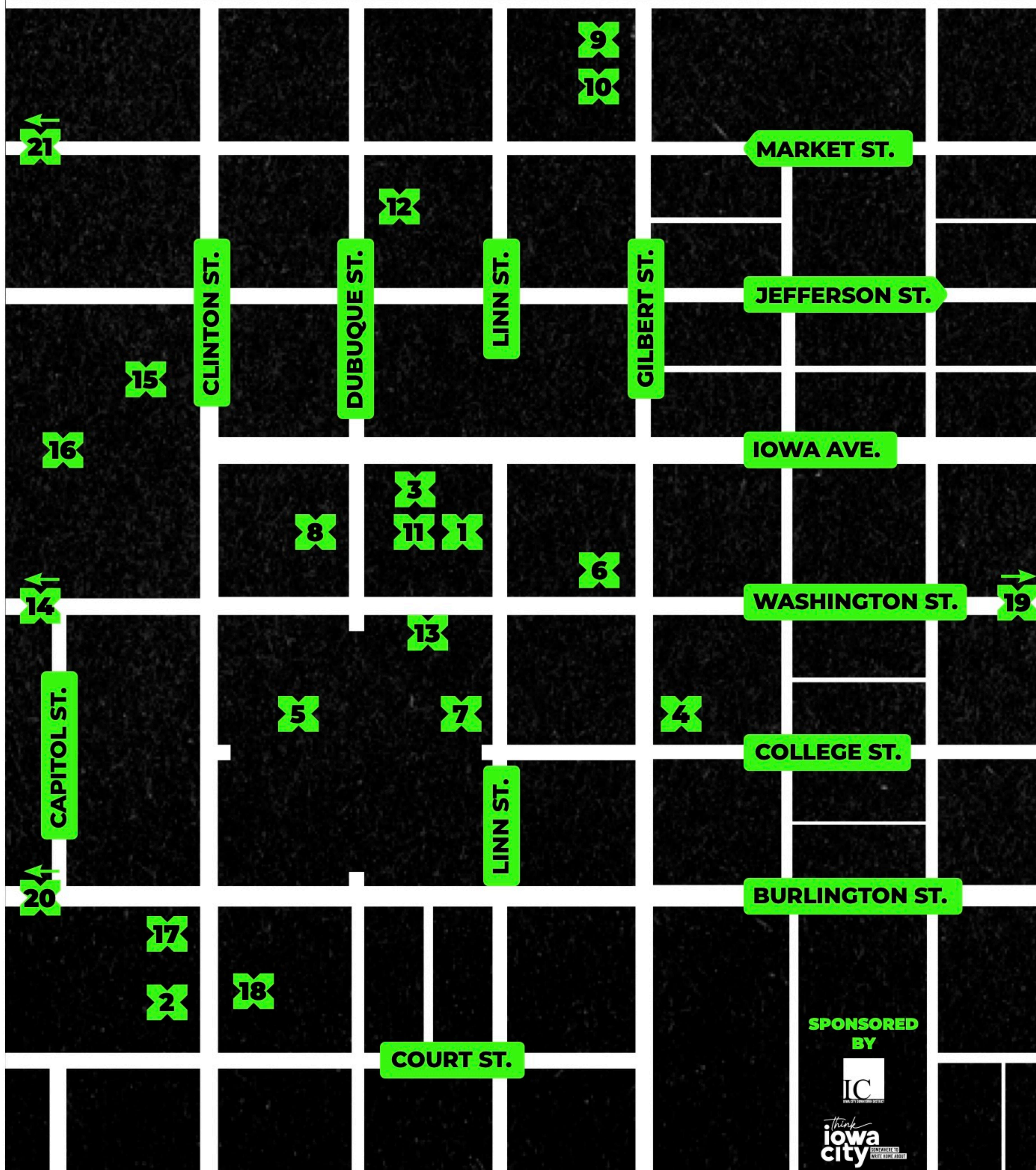
FREE WEEK

FEB 16-22 2026

WINTER ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL



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MONDAY

February 16

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

10 AM – 1PM
Iowa City Public Library
Digital Media Lab Help Hours

10:30 AM
Iowa City Public Library
Chinese Bilingual Storytime

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
PorchLight Literary Arts Center
Write Now: Community Supported Writing Group

4:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery
Curator Guided Tour of Orchestrating Community: The Public Service of Iowa Conductor James Dixon

4:00 – 5:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
LEGO League Challenge (Grades 3-8)

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Anime, Manga, & Manhwa (Teens)

6:00 – 8:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library: **Community Writing Center**

6:00 PM
FilmScene
Out of the Archive: The Tony Cade Bambara: School of Organizing Film & Meal

7:00 – 9:00 PM
Riverside Theatre
Riverside's Crisis: A Group Sing Cabaret Evening

7:00 PM
Prairie Lights
Sam Sussman in Conv with Katie Runde — The Boy From the North Country

8:00 PM
AlleyCat
Metal Monday & Karaoke (21+)

TUESDAY

February 17

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

10:00 AM & 12:30 PM
FilmScene at The Chauncey Inside Out 2 – Schools Out!

10:30 – 11:00 AM
Iowa City Public Library
Spanish Bilingual Storytime

1:00 – 7:00 PM
Beadology
Elastic Bracelet Workshop

1:00 – 2:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
LEGO Junior Bots Mini-Bootcamp

3:00 PM
FilmScene at The Chauncey Cinema Salon w/ Senior Center

3:00 – 8:00 PM
FilmScene
Free Tuesday (all shows, both locations)

4:00 – 5:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
World Club: Chinese New Year Lion Dance

4:00 – 9:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Digital Media Lab Help Hours

6:30 – 8:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Idea Boost: Cricut Lab

10:00 PM
AlleyCat
Karaoke Contest (21+)

WEDNESDAY

February 18

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

10:30 – 11:00 AM
Iowa City Public Library
StoryJAM

12:00 – 12:30 PM
The Englert Theatre
Building Tour

1:00 – 4:00 PM
PSI's IC Press Co-Op
Print Your Own Free Swag

7:00 – 8:00 PM
Prairie Lights
Jake Fournier in Conv with Alicia Wright — Punishment Bag

7:30 PM
Voxman Music Building
Chamber Music Concert of Works by Ida Cordelia Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor Lowell Liebermann

9:30 PM
AlleyCat
Improv & Comedy (19+)

10:30 PM
Studio 13
Open Stage (19+)

THURSDAY

February 19

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

10:30 – 11:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Stories & More

2:00 PM
UI Theatre Building
Ten-Minute Play Festival

4:00 – 5:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Totally Tweens: Scentweens

4:00 – 5:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Writing Group for Teens

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Tea and Hot Cocoa Social Hour for Teens

5:00 – 7:30 PM
UI Stanley Museum of Art
Cozy Embroidery Workshop

5:30 – 6:30 PM
Old Capitol Museum
Death of a Brewer Trailer Screening & Panel

6:00 PM
Voxman Music Building
American Voices: In Conversation with Lowell Liebermann & Gabriel Kahane

6:00 – 7:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Try Watercolors

6:00 – 7:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
From Plastic to Plants: The Future of Fashion with Luke Haverhals

6:00 – 8:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Community Writing Center

6:30 – 8:30 PM
The Artifactory
Life Drawing Class

9:30 PM
AlleyCat
The Drop Out Open Mic (19+)

10:30 PM
Studio 13
Body & Soul Drag Show (19+)

FRIDAY

February 20

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

10:00 – 12:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
English Conversation Group

10:30 – 11:00 AM
Iowa City Public Library
Book Babies Storytime

1:00 – 7:00 PM
Beadology
Elastic Bracelet Workshop

5:00 – 7:30 PM
PSI's Northside
Dead or Amazing! Gallery Talk

5:30 – 7:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Free Week Library Listen & Paint for All Ages

6:30 – 8 PM
Iowa City Public Library
First LEGO League Challenge for Grades 3-8

7:00 PM
Elrays Live & Dive
John D Neal

7:30 PM
Voxman Music Building
UI Symphony Orchestra with Liebermann & Kahane

8:00 – 11:00 PM
Vue Rooftop
Dage Lee

8:00 PM
Gabe's
Jacoozy

9:30 PM
AlleyCat
Comic's Cabin Comedy Show (19+)

10:30 PM
Studio 13
Drag Show (19+)

FULL SCHEDULE HERE



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SATURDAY

February 21

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
The Artifactory
Just the Basics Drawing Class

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Chauncey & Merge
One Book Two Book Festival

11:00 – 12:30 PM
Iowa City Public Library
IC Speaks Spoken World Club

1:00 – 2:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Spanish Conversation for Teens

1:00 – 5:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

2:00 – 4:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Toni Cade Bambara: The Artist and Organizer – Community Discussion with Local Authors and Scholars

2:00 PM
UI Theatre Building
Ten-Minute Play Festival

2:00 – 6:00 PM
UI Museum of Natural History
Silent Disco

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Tea and Hot Cocoa Social Hour for Teens

6:30 PM
Voxman Music Building
Symphony Band Showcase Concert

7:30 PM
Voxman Music Building
Del Sol Quartet

8:00 PM
The Englert Theatre
Elizabeth Moen

8:00 PM
Gabe's
Lou Sherry Local Showcase

8:00 PM
Elrays Live & Dive
Lil Man J

8:00 – 11:00 PM
Vue Rooftop
Painted Porch

9:00 PM
AlleyCat
Camp Cardinal Band (19+)

10:30 PM
Studio 13
Drag Show (19+)

SUNDAY

February 22

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
The Englert Theatre
IC Flea Market

1:00 – 5:00 PM
UI Main Library Gallery

1:00 PM
Voxman Music Building
Iowa Honor Band Showcase Concert

1:00 – 2:00 PM
Macbride Auditorium
Write Out Loud

2:00 – 4:00 PM
Iowa City Public Library
Sunday Fun Day: 3D Hot Air Balloon Cards

2:00 PM
UI Theatre Building
Ten-Minute Play Festival

7:30 PM
Voxman Music Building
Center for New Music Ensemble Concert III

9:30 PM
AlleyCat
All Acts Open Mic (19+)