



DUBUQUE
museum
OF **art**



Smithsonian Affiliate

Dubuque Museum of Art Receives Support from State of Iowa and Two Local Funders

*Grant Funding to Support Museum Operations, Education and
Collections Digitization Project*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

David Schmitz

Executive Director

(563) 557-1851 x. 112

July 1, 2019 (DUBUQUE, Iowa) – The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) announced today that it has received several grants in support of its operations, educational programs, and a project to digitize its permanent collections.

New grants awarded to the DuMA, between May 1 and June 30, 2019, include:

- **\$23,065 from the State Historical Society of Iowa**, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, to upgrade the museum's collections management software and to make its collections of American art accessible online for the first time;
- **\$10,000 from the Iowa Arts Council**, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, to support the DuMA's operations and programs through June 30, 2020;

- **\$9,259.05 from the Dubuque Racing Association** to upgrade the museum's server and to make other key technology upgrades; and
- **\$2,500 from ITC Midwest** to be used to enhance educational achievement through access to the arts.

Details about each grant award follow below.

State Historical Society of Iowa

The DuMA was awarded \$23,065 from the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, through its Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP). Funding for the HRDP comes from the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program and the Iowa Legislature.

Beginning in late 2019, the DuMA will carry out a three-year project to photograph and digitize nearly 2,500 works of art and upgrade its collections management software to increase public access, encourage scholarship, and foster engagement with its growing collection of American art.

This project addresses a number of pressing needs related to our ability to effectively manage, interpret, and steward collections held in the public trust. When completed, the new collections software will serve and directly impact a diverse group of Iowans, including students, educators, the general public, and other museums who benefit from viewing and borrowing works from our collections and accessing it for scholarship and general appreciation.

Iowa Arts Council

The DuMA was awarded \$10,000 through the Iowa Arts Council's Cultural Leadership Partners (CLP) program. Funding for the CLP program comes from the National Endowment of the Arts and appropriations from the Iowa Legislature.

The DuMA was among approximately 45 arts, cultural, and heritage organizations statewide – and among seven in Dubuque – to receive CLP funding during the most recent funding round. According to the Iowa Arts Council, "Cultural Leadership Partners demonstrate an exemplary record of programming, managerial excellence and community service on a year-round basis to the citizens of Iowa."

Dubuque Racing Association

With support from the Dubuque Racing Association, the DuMA will make critical upgrades to its primary server, which stores and backs up important financial and historical data; upgrade hardware and software used by our visitor services and development staff; and optimize our website to improve access and service on mobile devices.

ITC Midwest

The DuMA was awarded \$2,500 from ITC Midwest, through its ITC Charitable Giving Grant program. Specifically, the grant will be used for K-12 arts education and field trips, building art skills into the 21st century, and creating more inclusive, affordable and culturally diverse programming.

“We are thrilled to welcome ITC Midwest into the Dubuque Museum of Art family,” said Director of Advancement Barb Barton. “The company’s generosity will help us continue to change lives and transform our community through the arts.”

Through the ITC Charitable Giving Program, ITC Midwest makes contributions to local nonprofits as part of the company’s commitment to the many communities it serves. ITC supports qualified nonprofit organizations whose programs and projects emphasize the company’s focus on education, environmental stewardship, social services, and health and wellness.

“ITC Midwest is pleased to provide this support to the Dubuque Museum of Art,” said ITC Midwest Area Manager Local Government and Community Affairs Cydney Lovell. “We are grateful for the collections, exhibitions and educational programs the organization offers in the Tri-State area.”

About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa’s oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA’s mission is to excite, engage and serve diverse communities within the Tri-State area through

our collections, exhibitions and educational programs. We connect generations of people to their cultural heritage and exceptional art.

DuMA is located across from Washington Park in historic downtown Dubuque at 7th and Locust Streets. Museum hours are Tuesday–Friday 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. The museum is closed on Mondays. Daily admission rates are: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, and \$3 college/university students. The museum is free on Thursdays, and those 18 and younger receive free admission every day, thanks to Prudential Financial. Website: www.dbqart.com

###