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Des Moines Art Center receives 2022 Cultural Leadership and Capital Project Grant from Bravo Greater Des Moines

DES MOINES, IA (July 2022) The Des Moines Art Center is honored to receive a 2022 Cultural Leadership Grant and a 2022 Capital Project Grant from Bravo Greater Des Moines that will support free admission and programming throughout the year and advance facility accessibility improvements.

Bravo's support and grant-making programs enable the Art Center to provide quality art and art education opportunities, vital in making Des Moines a vibrant community for people to live, work, and visit. The 2022 Cultural Leadership Grant will allow the Art Center to ensure these opportunities remain accessible through free programming nearly 365 days a year, including educational activities, tours, and admission to the museum and the Pappajohn Sculpture Park.

Additionally, the 2022 Capital Project Grant in the amount of \$45,000 supports the installation of a new ramp to the Bookey Family Courtyard and automation of several doors throughout the building, allowing visitors with mobility concerns to access the museum's galleries and event spaces more easily. The project is part of the Art Center's 75th Anniversary Campaign efforts to enhance facilities in a way that will make the building accessible and accommodating to visitors and staff.

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About the Des Moines Art Center + John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park

Recognized by international art critics as a world-class museum in the heart of the Midwest, the Des Moines Art Center, an AAM-accredited institution, has amassed an important collection of art from the 19th century to the present, with a major emphasis on contemporary art. Focused on quality and global in scope, it includes major works by Henry Ossawa Tanner, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Francis Bacon, Andy Goldsworthy, Henri Matisse, Wangechi Mutu, Ai Wei Wei, and Kara Walker, among hundreds of others. The collection is housed in three major buildings, each designed by a renowned architect—Eliel Saarinen, I. M. Pei, and Richard Meier. General admission to the museum is always free for all.

In September 2009, the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park opened in Des Moines' Western Gateway Park. Philanthropists John and Mary Pappajohn provided funding for and donated 31 sculptures by internationally

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acclaimed contemporary artists to the Des Moines Art Center. The collection of sculptures by such artists as Martin Puryear, Louise Bourgeois, Deborah Butterfield, Willem de Kooning, Mark di Suvero, Olafur Eliasson, Keith Haring, Robert Indiana, Ellsworth Kelly, Yayoi Kusama, Jaume Plensa, Richard Serra, and Joel Shapiro is the most significant donation of artwork to the Art Center in a single gift in the museum's history. The Pappajohn Sculpture Park is a collaboration of the Pappajohns, the City of Des Moines, the Des Moines Art Center, and numerous corporate and private donors.

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