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Des Moines Social Club November 2015 Programming

Featured:

Give a Damn, Des Moines: It's Not a Damn Debate

Wednesday, November 4th from 5 - 7 p.m. - Kum & Go Theater

Free, All ages

When you start seeing photos of politicians eating corn dogs, you know political season has officially descended upon Iowa.

With the caucuses fast-approaching, we are teaming up with [the Des Moines Register](#) for a series of non-partisan, caucus-themed events this fall.

Whether we like it or not, the political spotlight is on Iowa and the caucuses provide a unique way for us to be involved. Unfortunately, Iowans age 18-34 are the least-represented in the caucuses.

The "Give A Damn" events series will be a fun, informal, yet informative way to learn more about this important political process. A sort-of Cliff's Notes on caucusing, current events, and political processes.

Nov. 5: It's Not a Damn Debate

The Republican and Democratic Party chairs will discuss the top issues facing young voters that are identified in the Oct. 20 event during a lively, substantive conversation aimed at helping voters get a deeper understanding.

Studio One Live featuring Dylan Sires & Neighbors

Thursday, November 5th at 7 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

November's Studio One band is 3-piece power pop band Dylan Sires & Neighbors! They have toured Japan and played the Gentleman of the Road tour this past summer in Waverly, Iowa. Dylan Sires & Neighbors are fluent in the language of power pop with laser-focused melodies that will get caught in your head for days. Iowa Public Radio's Studio One broadcasts live from The Basement at the Social Club every month. The entire show is broadcast live, plus features a live performance and interview with an Iowa band.

Studio One is heard 7 nights a week from 7 PM to 10 PM, featuring a mix of new alternative and independent music, R&B, blues and world music, singer/songwriters and local artists. Broadcast in Des Moines on 90.1FM or stream online at iowapublicradio.org.

Iowa Public Radio informs, enriches and engages Iowans through high quality news and cultural programming. Learn more at iowapublicradio.org.

Music

An evening with Keri Johnsrud

Wednesday, November 4th from 7 - 9 p.m. - The Basement

\$7 ADV, \$10 Doors - All ages

A highly appealing jazz singer with a quietly expressive voice and a deep understanding of the lyrics that she interprets, Iowa native Keri Johnsrud has been an important part of the Chicago jazz scene for the past 15 years. With headlining appearances at Chicago's top venues including the historic Green Mill Cocktail Lounge, Jazz Showcase, and a monthly residency at Southport & Irving, Keri has built a strong reputation and following among peers and fans, alike. While having a solid regional presence, she continues to perform across the country (including regular appearances in Atlanta and New York City) and has enjoyed singing in Iowa before a hometown audience of fans and friends. In addition to finding success with her own group, Johnsrud also lends her voice to the critically acclaimed jazz ensemble Shawn Maxwell's Alliance. Sample her music [here](#).

First Friday New Orleans Jazz Party featuring NOLA Jazz Band

Friday, November 6th from 5:30 - 7 p.m. - The Basement

\$5, all ages

It's our First Friday New Orleans Jazz Party featuring the NOLA Jazz Band! The current incarnation of the NOLA Jazz Band came about in early 2014. The band members play with many well know groups in Central Iowa. All members have in common a love for the sound and "feel" of old traditional and current New Orleans based music – real, gutsy, heartfelt and raw.

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R.ariel, Betsy Soukup, Evelyn Davis

Sunday, November 8th - Doors 7 p.m., Show 8 p.m. - The Basement

\$6, All ages

Hand picked by Brian Eno and Thris Tian as Best New Artist of the Year for Noise Festival UK 2014, Electronic-tinged singer-songwriter **R.ariel** has toured Canada and the United States which she catalogs in her first book called *In North America*. She just released her new album, *This World*. Listen to it below!

Betsy Soukup is a bassist, a singer-songwriter, and an all-around improviser. Currently living and playing in Des Moines, Betsy is constantly seeking opportunities to play more widely, deeply, and freely.

Evelyn Davis (formerly Frankenixon, Cheer-Accident [Cuneiform, Skin Graft]) is a well-traveled pianist, organist, improviser, and compose presenting a solo set of beautiful, strident, imaginative, proggy songs, with just piano and voice. Her version of “pop” ranges from the angular and technical to folk-simple while remaining viscerally emotional.

Identity, Dirty Kids, Grandchamp

Wednesday, November 11th - Doors 8 p.m., Show 9 p.m. - The Basement

\$7, All ages

Identity is comprised of recent graduates on a quest to spread music and avoid a life of working for the man. Living with a broken identity is like looking at reality through a skewed lens. They have a full length album called Crisis.

The Dirty Kids is garage rock band with Jake Larson on drums, Jeremiah Redford on guitar and Liz McDonough on vocals and keyboard. They have a bunch of videos on their YouTube page including original songs and a great cover of The Mars Volta's "The Widow".

Grandchamp is a Des Moines-based rock band that played at Gross Domestic Product this year. Grandchamp released their single, "You", on NOVA Labs on January 31, 2015.

Synergy Jazz Foundation presents John Blevins' MATTERHORN

Thursday, November 12th at 9 p.m. - The Basement

\$10, All ages

Join in as John Blevins' MATTERHORN celebrates the band's eponymous CD & LP release on pfMENTUM records.

Jazz Happy Hour

Friday, November 13th, 27th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - The Basement

Free, suggested donation of \$6, All ages

Join the **Synergy Jazz Foundation** and DMSC for our Friday Happy Hour series, a free jazz concert series featuring a diverse roster of local jazz musicians as well as occasional performances by touring musicians from all over the country. Sit and have a drink with friends, and enjoy the jazz performances in the heart of downtown.

Jewel City Sound Presents: Under the Bridge

Friday, November 13th at 9 p.m - The Basement

Free, all ages

“The new style...underground vinyl sound. Music. Libations. The world. Jewel City Sound.”

Dang Felton, Rae Fehring

Sunday, November 14th - Doors 4 p.m., Show 5 - 7 p.m. - The Basement

\$5, All ages

This is **Dang Felton**'s first show as a trio with the talented Shane Mills of The Maw on drums and soprano Amanda Lowe! Felton is a multi-instrumentalist from Des Moines, Iowa, who plays a mix of covers and originals. Felton's newest track, "January", will bring a sense of youthful joy to your noggin. It's available for download on [Bandcamp](#).

Rae Fehring has been making an impact in the local music scene for quite some time now. Fehring is known for her smooth voice and honest lyrics. She is also one half of acoustic rock band, [the Honeybees](#).

Carter Hulse, The Millenium, Kieran McMullan

Monday, November 16th - Doors 5 p.m., Show 6 p.m.

\$10 ADV, \$15 Doors, All ages

CARTER HULSEY is an American alt-country singer songwriter from Joplin, Missouri. Being raised by his mother and father gave him daily musical exposure to the likes of Willie Nelson, Elton John, and Jerry Jeff Walker — all on vinyl, of course. At age 13, Hulsey started writing songs that blend honest lyrics, catchy melodies, undeniable hooks, folk and rock. Check out Carter's music [here](#).

Eau Claire, Wisconsin's **THE MILLENIUM** is comprised of Matt Hasenmueller, Kyle Culver and Kyle Featherstone. Their songs are a collection of memories and instances. Of love. Of loss. Of learning.

Writing songs to several people in particular and many in general, acoustic-soul songwriter **KIERNAN MCMULLAN** places importance on both honesty and melody as the foundation of his musical tapestry.

Social Club Song Shop

Wednesday, November 18th - 5 - 7 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

Write it. Bring it. Play it. Join host Kelli Rae Powell every third Wednesday in The Basement for DSM Song Shop – an open mic, song workshop and showcase for local songwriters.

Stutterin' Jimmy & the Goosebumps, Grandchamp

Wednesday, November 18th - Doors 7 p.m., Show 7:30 p.m. - The Basement

\$5, All ages

Stutterin' Jimmy & the Goosebumps is a blues and folk band from Des Moines, IA. Stutterin' Jimmy is Jim Enos. Enos has lived with a debilitating stutter since the age of five. At just eleven years old, Enos fell into a lifestyle of drug and alcohol abuse. On his quest for sobriety, Enos discovered that his stutter disappeared while singing. With this newfound power, Enos achieved sobriety and got his life back. Enos is backed by the talented Goosebumps, who are Jason Kampus, Jason Kopischke, J.B. Williams and Matt Woods.

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DJ Nighthawk: Oldies but Goodies

Friday, November 20th from 5 - 9 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

After work, every third Friday of the month, come see the legendary DJ Nighthawk from 5 - 9 p.m. play music for the Oldies but Goodies party. Come out and jam to some old school R&B, rhythm and blues music. This is the perfect way to get your weekend going.

Singer-Songwriter Afternoon: Jacob Jones, Kevin Lindgren, Nate Nelson

Saturday, November 21st - Doors 4 p.m., Show 5 p.m. - The Basement

\$8, All ages

Jacob Jones is a singer/songwriter from Madison, Wisconsin. Known for his lyrics and melodies that connect with people, Jones has played in practically every location imaginable from coffee shops to bars to charity festivals.

Kevin Lindgren is a singer-song writer that has planted himself in Iowa for the past decade. His influences run the gamut on the musical map. Lindgren naturally has an acoustic rock style that encompasses influences from Hooty & The Blowfish to Edwin McCain.

Nate Nelson and the State Street Band played at the Iowa State Fair this past summer. From Granger, Iowa, Nate Nelson's soulful and earthy vocals are meant to be behind a mic with a guitar in hand.

Peter Webb, Nella Thomas

Sunday, November 29th from 5 - 7 p.m. - The Basement

\$7, All ages

The opening track to **Peter Webb's *Liminal Space***, "Spain" drips beautiful piano chords into soundscape that eases into the coolly-urgent tones of Webb's voice in "Little Sister". Ryan Gregory's violin work will enchant the listener with a meticulous transition into "Proximity" where Webb's hearty vocals shine bright. *And that's just the first three tracks*. Hailing from Atlanta, Georgia, Webb's first solo effort, available for pre-order now with a physical release due out November 13th, 2015, *Liminal Space* is a culmination of a remarkable reflection and digestion.

Nella Thomas is an elementary music school teacher that is also a talented singer-songwriter. Thomas released her debut album *Yonder Woods* on July 28th, 2015. Thomas has collaborated with some of the most well-known talent in Des Moines including GoodcaT's Nels Dovre and The Envy Corps' Scott Yoshimura.

Social

WOW-WILD-WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, November 4th at 9 p.m. - The Basement

\$5 ADV, \$7 Doors - All ages

Who says you're only supposed to party on the weekend??? "Wow-Wild-Wednesday" is when the city's hottest up and coming artists blaze the stage and blast live, underground sounds out the "Basement". Featuring "OOchie Gang Stevie", "Hippie Kidd LJ", "Indie" and more. Music, prizes, giveaways, it's all about good times and positive vibes so come "Turn Up" on Wednesday, November 4th at the Social Club until we get kicked out! Come for the show, stay for the WILD!

Prototype Presents: Haiku Deathmatch

Friday, November 6th from Doors 7p.m. Game 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

So, a poet and a game show host walk into a bar...It's fast-paced. It's team-based. It's competitive poetry.

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Assembly Required

Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Kum & Go Theater

Free, All ages

Assembly Required returns for our 5th annual gathering of G.I. Joe fans and aficionados! Not unlike a certain Cobra supreme leader cloned from the DNA of history's greatest villains, this year's Assembly Required will bring together all the best aspects of past events to create the ultimate celebration for G.I. Joe collectors.

Team Trivia

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

Bring a team of 2-6 people for great drinks and 8 rounds of trivia! Rounds contain 5 questions with links hinting at each previous question's answer. Also, occasional theme rounds to spice things up! Each weekly winner gets to pick the first category for the next week's trivia as well as bragging rights. Monthly winners receive a reserved table the next month, and whatever else we might come up with. Door prizes given away throughout the night.

Counter Culture: Consuming Spirits

Thursday, November 12th from 7 - 9 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

To put it simply: culture, conversation and drinks. Admit it, you judge people when you find out they love the Twilight Saga. And most of your coworkers can't understand why you won't shut up about The Walking Dead. Well now you have a time and a place to share your passion, ideas, and theories about the stories that captivate us. As the se-

ries goes on, you can even help decided which stories we'll look at next. Or, you can just come, drink, and enjoy the ride.

Beta Test - November Theme: "Keeping It Real"

Friday, November 20th from 9:30 p.m. - Midnight - The Basement

Free, All ages

Four 'Experts' present educational 'Ted Talks'. The only catch is NOTHING is true! Roundtable discussing authenticity and 'realness' in culture with **special guests TBA. Possibly Van Holmgren and Mickey Davis*

Japanese Conversation Hour

Saturday, November 28th from 5 - 7 p.m. - The Basement

Free, All ages

Do you like Sake? Do you like to hang out? Do you want to chat in Japanese? This is a place for you! Join us for an unique evening of a good drink (some non-alcoholic!) and a fun conversation in Japanese with native speakers. Have a drink or two while we watch the Japanese award-winning movie, "**Departures**." There will be conversation time after the movie. Great way to spend time downtime after you are done eating your turkey!

Education

Des Moines Craft Collective Open Craft Sessions

Sundays, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th from 3 - 5:30 p.m. - Workshop

\$5 drop-in, no registration required

BYO Craft Supplies – limited supplies will be available for purchase. Open craft sessions are designed to jumpstart your creativity and give you an opportunity to actually make something. The best part is that since you pick out your own craft and supplies, you have total creative control of what you make, how you make it, and the style of what you make. Bring your own project and supplies. (We do have a craft locker filled with additional supplies if you need something extra). No teachers, no pressure, just a fun crafting party. Students from the skill-building workshop may stay and work on their projects at no extra charge.

Guitar for Beginners

Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th from 6 - 7 p.m. - Des Moines Social Club
FREE, All ages

No pre-registration required. First come, first served. Guitar for beginners! Bring your axe, your questions, and your favorite hat (*hats optional). At this workshop we will start from the very beginning. Learn the basics about the instrument in a friendly environment. We'll cover the parts of the instrument and basic maintenance. We'll also go over entry level playing technique, entry level music theory, some simple songs, and ANY questions you might have. Open to all ages. If you've always wanted to play guitar, it's not too late to start!

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CARTOON CHARACTER: A Weekend Workshop

Saturday & Sunday, November 14th-15th from 12:30 - 4 p.m. - Workshop

\$100 / Weekend workshop

Ever wanted to create your own cartoon character or storybook but didn't know where to begin? Drawing from his varied career as a cartoonist/author/illustrator, David Trumble lays out the steps to designing memorable creations from pencil sketch to finished drawing, as well as the brainstorming process of placing them into an original story. A mix of witty examples, practical tips, and group exercises, this two-day workshop is perfect for any budding doodlers or writers who are looking to create their own Mickey Mouse, Charlie Brown, or Cat In The Hat!

Theater

DMYAT Presents: Disney's High School Musical Jr.

Friday, November 13th, 20th from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 14th, 21st from 2 - 4 p.m. & 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 15th, 22nd from 2 - 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 19th from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Adult \$20, Students/Seniors \$18, Children 12 & Under \$15

It's the first day after winter break at East High School and the Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the start of something new. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy Bolton, and brainiac, Gabriella Montez, cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for

their school's musical. The smash Disney phenomenon comes to exuberant life in this 90-minute adaptation that is fun and educational for the entire family.

Culinary

Open Circuit Dining: Chef Jacob Demars

Friday, November 20th & Saturday, November 21st from 6:45 - 10 p.m. - Culinary Loft
\$100 (without wine), \$150 (with wine pairings)

Join us for an intimate night of dining with the marvelous Chef Jacob Demars of Open Circuit Dining in Chicago. This will be a twelve-course tasting menu featuring New American cuisine made to excite your taste buds and send your dining experience to the next level. [Register](#) here now! Questions? Email us at amandamae@desmoinessocialclub.org.

Nut Milks? Holy Cow!

Monday, November 23rd from 5:30 - 7 p.m. - Culinary Loft
\$40 with Instructor Sheree Clark

Nuts milks are delicious, nutritious and are the perfect alternative for those wishing to avoid gluten, dairy and soy. This series will cover nut and seed milk making, including variations; nut sauces, dips and toppings; nut pates and cheeses, plus a few nutty ideas Sheree will share with us later. [Register](#) here now! Questions? Email us at amandamae@desmoinessocialclub.org.

Gastronome's Book Club

Tuesday, November 24th from 6 - 8 p.m. - Culinary Loft

\$50 with Instructor Amanda Phillips

The place where foodies and bibliophiles meet! The second installment of our food-focused book club includes discussion and hands-on cooking as guests prepare a thematic meal based on the book of the month. November's book: *The Art of Eating* by M.F.K. Fisher. [Register](#) here now! Questions? Email us at amandamae@desmoinessocialclub.org.