

WELCOME

A CREATIVE COMMUNITY IN DOWNTOWN DES MOINES.

Welcome to the largest nonprofit creative workspace in the nation, located in the heart of downtown Des Moines.

Mainframe Studios provides permanent affordable workspace to over 180 artists representing 30 different disciplines including glass blowing, painting, fashion design, game development, sculpture, photography, and more.

Experience Mainframe Studios

FIRST FRIDAY OPEN STUDIO EVENTS

// A monthly night of live music, food, drink, special exhibitions – plus four floors of artists and unique shopping possibilities!

GET CREATIVE // Book a glass blowing session, attend a painting class, schedule a photoshoot, or stop in for art supplies—visit mainframestudios.org for a directory of artists and events!

SCHEDULE A TOUR // Staff are happy to provide group tours, meeting presentations, and help coordinating custom gifts, demonstrations and workshops!

VENUE RENTAL // Our windowlined event space is ready to accommodate your every wish, including locally-made amenities!

OPEN DAILY

To experience Mainframe at its most active, join us for our **First Friday** open studio events! Every month from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. you'll find engaging themes, exhibitions, activities and more. They are free and open to the

ART + EQUITY HAPPEN HERE



THE FUTURE IS

Bright

As Mainframe evolves from fledgling startup to established arts hub, it has been a true honor to witness the enthusiasm of new artists joining us, and the community leaning into our offerings.

One offering that is growing in popularity is customizable tours and events. This option might not be well known among our audiences because, in all honesty, we never planned for it. Quite organically, we have responded to inquiries from schools, corporations and other groups.

Through the process it became apparent that Mainframe is inspiring young people in a big way.

We have the absence of barriers to thank. To be part of our creative community, you simply open our doors. Once inside the possibilities of engagement are endless.

Yet another revealing insight confirmed is that while Mainframe is an active hub of inclusive cultural exchange, we also value artists' time. To debunk the stereotype of starving artists and provide parents proof that pursuing a creative career isn't a dead end, an economic culture that supports the livelihood of artists is also a must.

Mainframe is an important part of the equation in elevating a deep and robust community asset that is our artists, and advancing their economic mobility. Another part of the equation is you.

Thank you for considering our artists when shopping for gifts, personalizing your home, updating your wardrobe, commissioning a logo, ordering invitations and teaching our youth that the future is bright!



Siobhan Spain, Executive Director siobhan@mainframestudios.org

MAINFRAME STUDIOS 900 Keosauqua Way Des Moines, IA 50309 Mainframestudios.org @mainframearts

MISSION Mainframe Studios is a financially self-sustaining nonprofit providing affordable workspaces to advance equity and opportunities in the arts.

VISION We envision a dynamic arts ecosystem in Iowa that elevates artists and cultivates leading-edge creative production.

STAFF Siobhan Spain, Executive Director Katelyn Stessman, Program Manager Lani Eclatt, Property Manager

VFNUF The Big Room events@mainframestudios.org

The Studios design by: © Owen Design

Cover Photography: **Andrew Sachin Clements** Pictured: Felix and AB with Jill Wells' 2022 City Sounds public piano "Black Butterfly"

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Students explored Mainframe's five floors of creative workspaces and galleries. The day's immersive highlights were demonstrations and workshops led by JJ Gaffers and The Red Door Press. Students gained valuable hands-on access to techniques, equipment and artistic expertise not typically available to them.

"It is important for these students to see that a career in the arts is possible. I want the students to see that creative people can stay and live in Iowa, and start thinking about what that could look like in Creston." - Bailey

The 140-mile round trip visit was made possible by an Art Project Grant from the Iowa Art Council, along with matching funds from local Creston donor the Conover family. Funds supported transport, lunch, and artist stipends

Financial aid is vital in creating opportunities for youth throughout lowa to explore the abundant career options that creative fields have to offer.

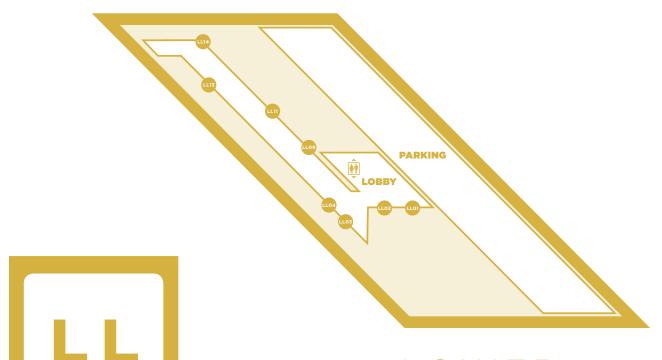
Mainframe staff are available to help coordinate customized experiences, from self-guided tours to a day full of activities, like CCHS's visit.



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Interested in planning a youth event at Mainframe Studios? Contact our staff at info@mainframestudios.org to learn more about touring options.





LOWER LEVEL ARTISTS

#LL02

JJ GAFFERS

Hand Blown and Stained Glass Art

#LLO3

SARAH SPAIN

Mixed Media

#LL04

KYLE KIRWAN

Mixed Media, Designer Toys

#LL09

SOMETIMES

FURNITURE Woodworking

#LL11

RYAN TOPETE

Multimedia

#LL13

CHRIS VANCE

Painting

#LL14

CITY SOUNDS Nonprofit / Public Pianos



TONI CORBETT Studio #217

ess Quinn has known what she wanted to do for a long time. "I knew in kindergarten I wanted to be a teacher." But after ten years of teaching art in public schools, she took a step back to return to her process.

She began small in Mainframe. "It was a big step to the smallest studio here," she says about starting in her 200-square-foot space. She taught art classes on the weekends, building a community of students while relearning her own artistic process, creating oil paintings of flowers and plants.

Since then, she's moved twice within the building. Last fall, however, she had to start turning students away. She didn't have enough room, so in February, she took a leap and landed at her current space: a 1,350-square-foot studio with the capacity to think (and paint) big.

Jess's studio feels like an oasis. Open white walls slowly fill with massive paintings of flowers, the drawers are stocked with plenty of paints, and the air feels calm and serene. And the students can feel that. Jess says the younger students often return to show their parents the space, pointing out what they've learned, and sharing a desire to return and create more.

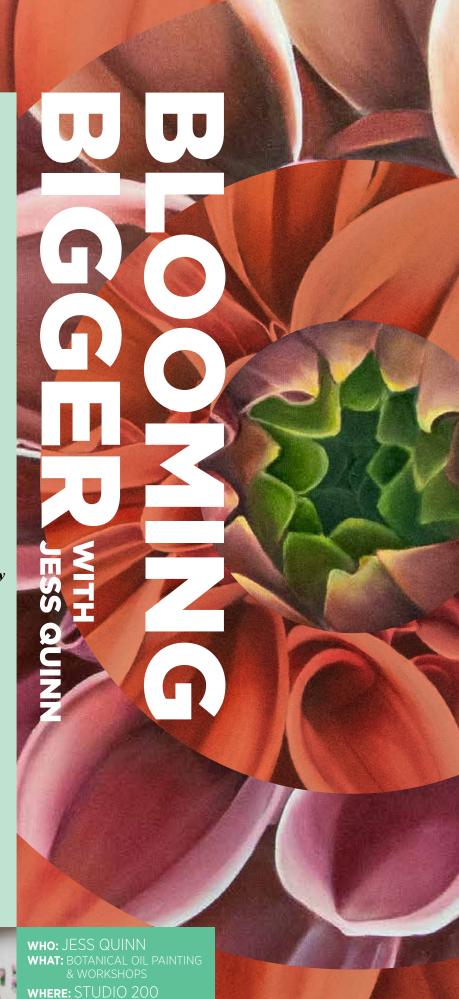
So what is a class with Jess like? Well, that's what you get to decide. Jess' teaching style is student-led. She allows the artists to decide what they want to make and the materials to use. From there, she offers assistance. ${\it ``It's}$

fun to see the students get excited and to know they're learning to get what they

want," whether that's colorful botanical paintings like hers or something entirely different. She says she's found a process that works, and she's excited to share that process with other artists.

And the growth doesn't stop here. Jess says, "What I have learned being at Mainframe is to be open to possibilities because they come." Whether teaching visiting students about the difference between oil and acrylic or working on a collaborative canvas with a fellow artist, Jess welcomes opportunities. This summer, she'll collaborate with The Blok to provide full-day summer art camps to students, something she hasn't been able to do by herself.

While she may no longer be working out of her house, she has created a home in her studio, providing a place to grow and connect to other creatives. "We learn so much from each other," she says. "I was never going to have this kind of community when I was painting in my bedroom."

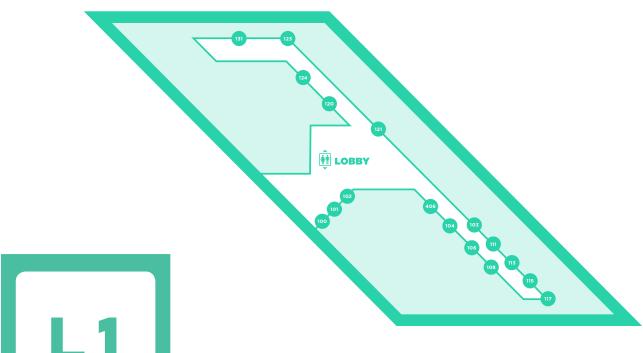


Photography by Alyson O'Hara & Jess Quinn

Keep abreast of Jess's latest offerings on instagram @

Online at jessquinnart.com.

jqartclasses and @jess.quinn.art.



FIRST FLOOR ARTISTS

#100

MAINFRAME STUDIOS

Nonprofit Office

THE BLOK DSM

Fine Art Supplies

#102

DESIGNED BY THE STREETS

Clothing Design

#106

GATEWAY DANCE THEATRE

Dance, Theatre, Music

#103 & #109

COMMUNITY **SUPPORT**

ADVOCATES Nonprofit /

Momentum Art Studio

#108

B. WELL **FOUNDATION**

Nonprofit / Arts in Education

#111

KFMG 89.9 FM

Nonprofit / Radio Station

#113

CIVIC MUSIC **ASSOCIATION**

Nonprofit / Musical Performances

#115

BLOQ BOI ENT.

Music Production

#117

DES MOINES MUSIC COALITION

Nonprofit / Music Management & Promotion

#120

THE RED DOOR

PRESS

Letterpress Print Shop and Design Studio

#121

THE SMALL ROOM

Event Rental Venue, Conference Room

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THE BIG ROOM

Event Rental Venue

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ALFELINO FELICIANO

Commercial Photography

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THE BLOK DSM

Ceramics Room

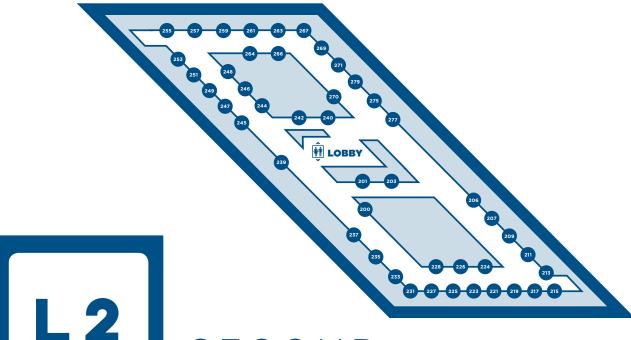
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THE TANGERINE FOOD CO.

Mainframe Caterers







SECOND

#200

JESS QUINN

Botanical Oil Painting, Workshops

#201

WES ETTER

Assemblage Sculpture

JIM SPEVAK

Ceramics

#205

KRISTIAN DAY MEDIA

Filmmaking, Screenwriting

#205

COLLIER WILMES

Creature FX

#207

KATIE BYERS

Fiber Arts

#209

DIANE LIEPA

Painting

#211

TERI TEMPLETON CADMAN

Painting

#213

PAPER GARDEN

Garden Design Education

#215

JASON WALSMITH

Photography

TONI CORBETT

Textiles

#219

GEOFFREY PAULLINE

Painting

#221

INDIGO MOORE

Painting

#223

SUSANNAH DOTSON

Fiber Arts

#224

JIMMY NAVARRO Painting

#225

KOHLER

CONSERVATION Historic Conservation

#226

WAVELAND STUDIO

Book Arts

#227

MAGGIE DOUGLAS

Painting

#227

PAM DOUGLAS

Painting

#228

LUCY WATTERS

Painting

#231

GOLD CREEK LLC

Gaming Design

#233

VOLK IMAGES LLC

Photography

#235

KEN SUPPLY CO

Graphic Design, Screen Printing

#237

TOREE GOETZ

#237

GETZ

Sculpture

Fashion Design

#237 **TERRINYE GOETZ**

Painting

#239 **BEN MILLETT**

Quilting

#240

DIANE TOUGH

Painting

#242

ANDREA VAN WYK

Painting

#242

MELYNDA VAN ZEE

Painting

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ARTFORCE Nonprofit / Youth

Arts Education

#247

PATRICK LEER Abstract Painting

JOHNATHAN FUSCO

Illustration, Painting

#249

CRAIG MILLER

Fiber Arts

#251

MATT KARGOL

Sculpture, Multidisciplinary #251

SARAH KARGOL

Mixed Media Paintings

JACKSEN KARGOL

Drawing, Printmaking

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LITTLE VILLAGE

Nonprofit / Local News

#255

MOLLY SPAIN

Multidiscipinary Fine Art, Design

#257

YVETTE SUTTON

Portraits, Painting

#257

BELLA DIAMOND

Diamond painting

#259 **FUECHE VANG**

Portraits, Drawing, Painting

#261 **SOMOS STUDIOS**

Graphic Design, Marketing

#263 **FUTURE STAR AFRICA**

Modeling and Talent Agency

#264

OFFICIAL LANI

Singer, Songwriter

#266

HANNA PIEPEL

Ceramics, Illustration

TOKALON CLOTHING Apparel Design

CYRIL MANDELBAUM

#269

Painting

#269 **IGOR**

KHALANDOVSKIY

Mixed Media Painting

#270

ANTHONY SCANGA

Concert Photography

#271

DIANE KUNZLER

Painting

#273

MICKEY CARLSON Painting

#275 **LINDA HUNTER**

Writing

#277

MAINFRAME STUDIOS

Executive Director's

Office



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A DAY MAKES

ne hundred and fifteen high school students from 18 area high schools registered to attend the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Creative Arts Day at Mainframe Studios.

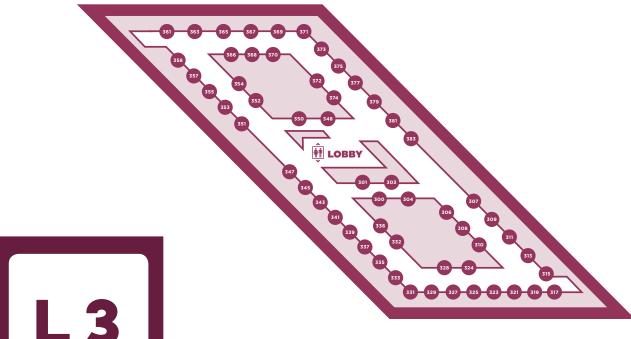
DMACC's Work Based Learning provides students with robust opportunities to increase awareness of career options through education, events, virtual resources and on the job training. Program Director Stephanie Oppel and Coordinator Whiney Riggs worked with Mainframe staff to develop a full day of meaningful experiences.

Juniors and seniors from Ames, Ankeny, Ankeny Centennial, Dallas-Center Grimes, East, Focus, Homeschool, Hoover, Interstate 35, Lincoln, Madrid, North, Norwalk, Prairie City Monroe, Pleasantville, Saydel, Southeast Polk, Urbandale and Walnut Creek participated in hands-on art workshops, a panel discussion with working artists, and time to explore a variety of studios.

Learn more about DMACC's Work Based Learning at dmacc.edu.



HOW THEY ALL CAME FROM A DIFFERENT BACKGROUND AND MADE THEIR OWN BUSINESS HAPPEN. ART CAN. IN FACT. **BE A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.** THERE ARE WAY MORE ART FORMS THAN I KNEW. DES MOINES HAS A GREAT ART COMMUNITY AND IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE AS AN **UPCOMING ARTIST.** I AM MUCH MORE THANKFUL FOR HAVING GROWN UP IN THE DES MOINES AREA THAN I WAS PRIOR TO THIS EVENT. I FEEL THAT THERE'S A **LOT MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS** IN A CAREER IN THE ARTS THAN I **EXPECTED.** THAT PUTTING YOURSELF OUT THERE IS GOOD FOR YOU BOTH SOCIALLY AND IN A WORK ENVIRONMENT. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN GETTING TO MEET ARTISTS WHO HAVE A CAREER IN THE **AREAS I'M INTERESTED IN!** THERE ARE SO MANY PLACES FOR ARTISTS IN IOWA! LOTS OF PEOPLE WILLING TO SHARE. AND ASSIST UP AND COMING ARTISTS. HOW DIVERSE THE ARTISTIC WORLD IS AND ALL THE POSSIBILITIES. ALL THE CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES HERE, AND IT ALL FELT VERY WELCOMING AND FRIENDLY. YOU CAN DO MORE THAN ONE THING AS ANY ARTIST, AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE WILLING TO HELP YOU. THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO EXPRESS MYSELF. I THINK EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT AND I REALLY ENJOYED MY DAY, I REALIZED I DO WANT TO GO INTO FASHION.



THIRD FLOOR ARTISTS

#300 **DOMESTICA**

Artist-made prints, products

#301

JUDE GOLDMAN

Photography, Painting

JON LEMONS

Photography

#304

NIK STAR BOUTIQUE

Fashion Design

#306

LAURA WILKENS

Painting

#307

URBAN COUTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography

#308

EMILY MA

Painting, Printmaking

#309

WARD CREATIVE **STUDIOS**

Photography

#310

JODY VALENTINE

Mixed Media

CAMERON GRAY

ISU Dept of Art & Design Alumni Studio

DESIGN FETISH BY DESHARA

Wreaths, Decor

HUEY PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography

#317 **BRALE**

Creative Technology

MAGGIE GULLING

Photography

#321

JULIA FRANKLIN

Mixed Media

#323

DINOCAT STUDIO

Graphic Design and Printmaking

#324

CHARLES BOROWICZ

Photography

#325 **CLAIRE SEDOVIC**

Illustration

#327

MADDY FUSCO

Illustration

ANDREW CLARRIDGE

Painting

#329

NOW DESIGNS

Graphic Design

#331

MIDDLE OF THE

MAP TATTOO Tattoo Shop

JORDAN SANDQUIST

Photography

#332

NICK LAPOLE

Multimedia

#333

TITLE FIGHT

Graphic Design and Printing

#335 **ESTUARY MOTION**

STUDIOS Cinematography

#336

515 PRINTS

Graphic Design, Printing

#337

ONE DSM

Branding

#339

BRITTANY BROOKE CROW

Photography

#339

SUZANNE CORUM-

RICH

Photography

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PAM HIBBS

Painting

#343

INK AND OAK CALLIGRAPHY

Calligraphy, Hand-Lettering

#345

OWEN DESIGN

Graphic Design

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SABRINA CARPER

Mixed Media

#347

CLAY + SLAY

Clay, Jewelry

#348 JK CROCKETT

Sculpture

#350 **ALYSSA TAUBER**

Printmaking

#351 **LOVE LIFE**

COLLECTIVE Dance Studio

#352

SESO MARENTES-

GONZALEZ

Mixed Media

#352 RICHARD

ALVARENGA Photography

#353 MICHAEL WILSON

Painting

#354 **SARAH ROSE STUDIO**

Chalk Pastel, Painting

#357

PI 515 **Educational Nonprofit**

#359 & #366

FIRAT ERDIM Artist

#361 **IVORY HOUSE**

PHOTOGRAPHY Portrait Photography

#363 **EVENTO VIDEO**

Videography

#365

RYAN DAMMAN **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography #367

JEFF KLISARES

#368

NATASHA PETROSOVA

Painting

Painting

#369 CAMERON

SADEGHPOUR Photography, Fine Handmade Knives

#370

ABENA SANKOFA

IMHOTEP Author, Educator, Consultant

#371

SARA BOESEN SJ Fine Art Conservation

#372

LAUREN PESTA

Mixed Media

#373

LEVI ROBB

Mixed Media

GREEN MAMA SOAPS Soapmaking

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AMENDA TATE Interdisciplinary Artist

#377 LAURA NICHOLE **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography

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Murals

BEN SCHUH PAINTING

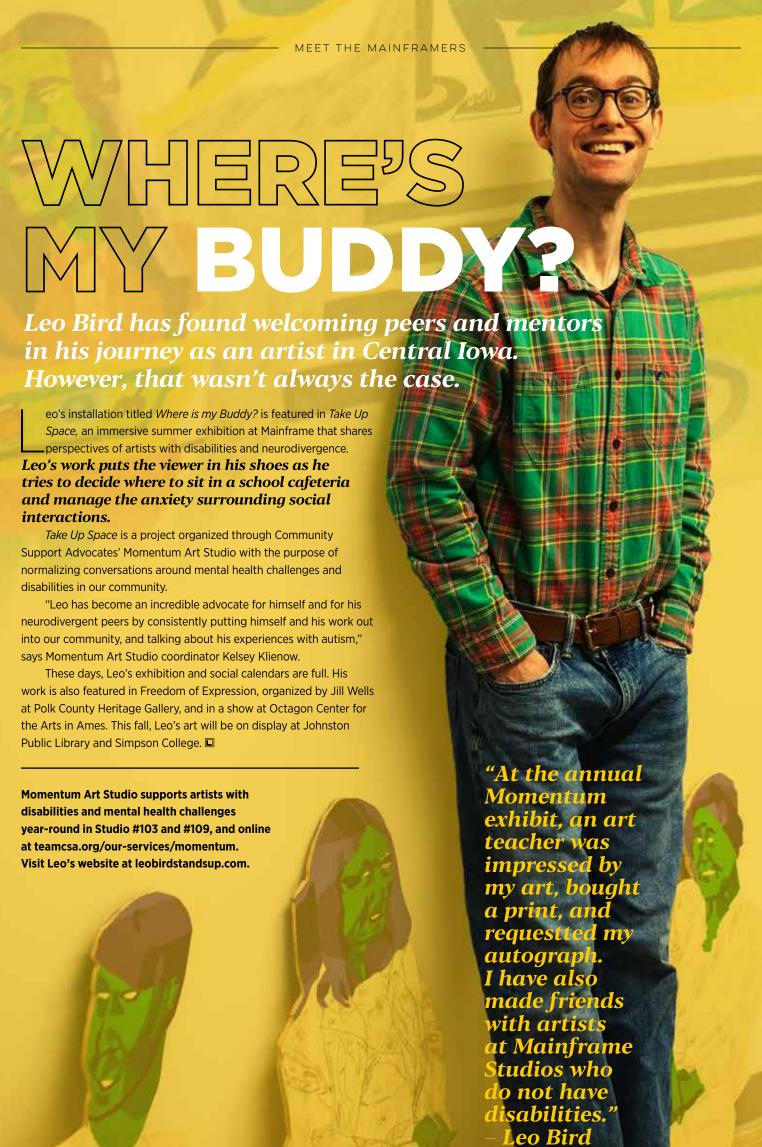
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Painting

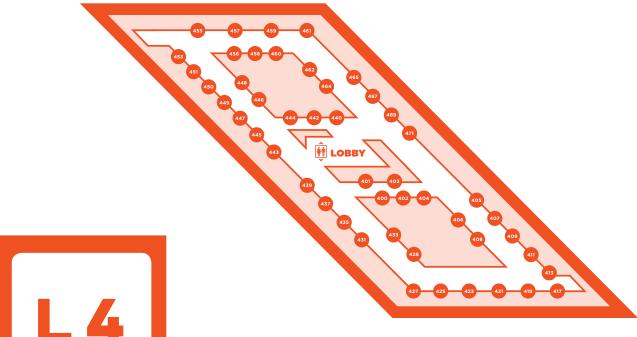
#383 JOHN RAVET

JOSH SORRELL

Fiber Arts, Textiles



Photography by Alyson O'Hara



FOURTH OOR ARTISTS

#400

TYLER BILYEU

Painting

#401

MATTHEW CORONES

Painting, Mixed Media

PURPLE RAVEN

Jewelry

BRIAN MOSES

Woodwork

#403

DANIEL CHRISTUDOSS

Woodwork

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STUART ARTS

Painting

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HEARTLAND STUDIO

Painting

#406

PIEDRAS HASEYA LLC

Jewelry

#407

THE HEALTHY **PROJECT**

Podcasting

#408

JAY GRIFFITH

Painting

HAPPY HOME COFFEE

Coffee Shop, Music Production, Podcasting

#411

BECCA HICKOK

Drake University's Dept of Art & Design Alumni Studio

SUE PENN DESIGNS

Painting, Fabric Design

#417

WAVEFORM MUSIC

Recording Studio

EMILY MACFARLAND

Pottery

#419

MARION NEHMER

Pottery

#421

CAPITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography

#423

BITTY BUTTONS

Children's Clothing

LAINEY BECK

Encaustic Fine Art

#427

SARAH NOLL WILSON

Leadership Lab

#428

CLOGLI STUDIOS

Painting, Portraits

#430

SHEENA THOMAS

Jewelry

#431

DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL

Nonprofit

#433 & 435

LINDA LEWIS

Clay Narrative Sculptures

#435

DIANE HAYES

Clay Sculpture

JUDY GOODWIN

Clay Sculpture

#437

JEN LAWLER

DESIGNS Jewelry

#439

ISA MAÏSA

Fashion, Textiles

#439

GENEVIEVE LAVALLE ART

Textile Art

#439

ANTOINETTE

LE VALLE Painting, Film

#440

KZA LLC Makeup as Art

JOSHUA HALL

Painting

#443

KATIE GERATY Mixed Media, Jewelry

#444

SAMANTHA GREEN

Upholstery

#445

GRETCHEN BOHLING DESIGNS

Sustainable Fashion Design

JEFF RIDER ART

Painting

#447

MAINFRAME STUDIOS ARTIST-IN-

RESIDENCE Jill Wells **AXA Mentorship**

TATIANA GIACINTI

Fine Art Photography

JENNIFER LEE

Ceramics

#451

JAMI MILNE

Photography, Ceramics

#453

THE DUST **COLLECTIVE**

Vintage Clothing

#455

ALEX BROWN FOUNDATION

Nonprofit / Residency

#457

MICHELLE LOVELL

Photography

#456

KENNETH HALL Painting

#458

FAITHWERKS ENTERTAINMENT

Production

#459 MARGO Z NAHAS

Jewelry, Multimedia

VENNESSA SIRES

Painting

#461

ADAM VAN WYK Storyboard Artist

#461

TYLER WALPOLE

Illustration

ERIC DUKE MILLER

Object Making

#464

PAIGE PETERSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Reveal Room

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PAIGE PETERSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography

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JAY VIGON CREATIVE

Fine Art, Design

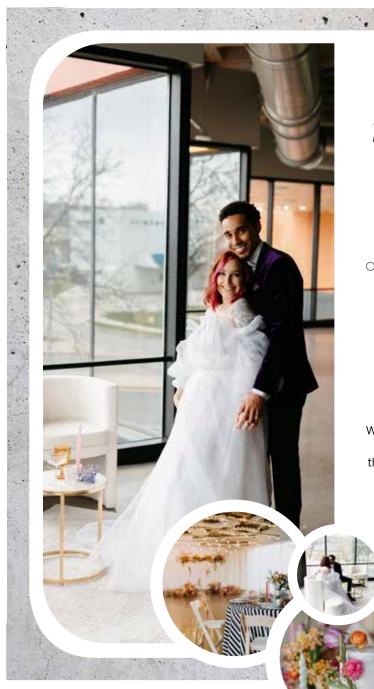
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BRIAN DUFFY

Cartoons, Illustration

NUMINOUS GAMES

Game Development, AI Fashion



Book your next event at Mainframe Studios!

OUR CONTEMPORARY, WINDOW-LINED EVENT RENTAL SPACE IS LOCATED INSIDE THE REGION'S PREMIERE ART STUDIO BUILDING.

INCREDIBLE CATERING

The Tangerine Food Company is the preferred caterer for events at Mainframe Studios.

FLEXIBLE SPACE

With a full wall of windows overlooking downtown
Des Moines, our space can be transformed into
the perfect backdrop for your wedding, corporate
party, large-group meeting and more.

EVENT BOOKING & CATERING: 515-216-4253

and events@mainframestudios.org Capacity // 250 seated; 400 reception-style Size // 4700sf flexible banquet room



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MAINFRAME STATS

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Creative disciplines
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