

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

An exciting and diverse line-up of non-stop FREE entertainment is another highlight of the Des Moines Arts Festival on June 27-29, 2008, in downtown Des Moines' Western Gateway Park. As it begins its second decade, Iowa's award-winning three-day celebration of the arts entices guests with a variety of *Cultural Sweets* that includes free stage entertainment and live street theatre. Stimulate your senses with a variety of performing arts including music, dance, theatre, magic and comedy showcased throughout the three-day weekend on the U.S. Cellular Stage, Meredith Corporation Stage and Performing Arts Stage.

STREET THEATRE PRESENTED BY MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES

Bill Robison: Animated, fast-paced and outrageously funny, Bill Robison's performances are a unique and masterful blend of physical comedy, mimicry and clowning. He is extremely skilled in the art of improvisation props (such as wrestling with a gravity-defying suitcase).

Creations with a Twist: An extraordinary balloon artist, Daniel Poe creates imaginative balloon sculptures that thrill people of all ages! The magic and delight of balloons crosses all generations.

Janet Rayor-Dancing Stilts!: Janet transports you with stunningly beautiful costumes and the amazing ability to engage, stay in character, and dance with grace - as though she isn't really on the tiny tips of two 2" x 2" poles!

Mundus: World traveler Rusty Eklund brings forth traditional and original arrangements inspired by music from Africa, Arabia, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

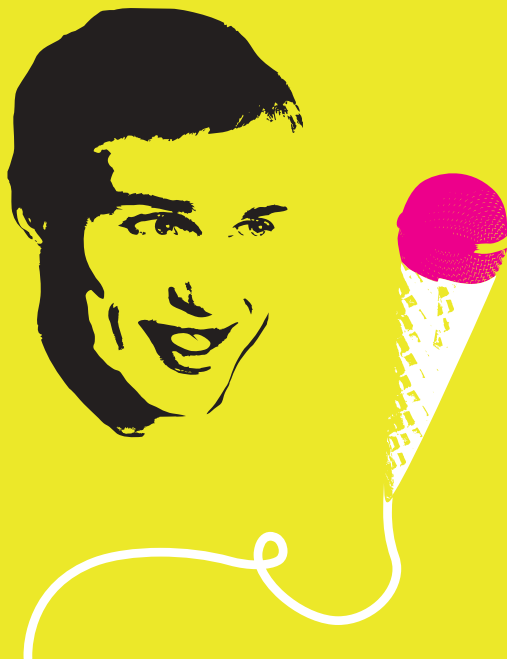
Project Dynamite: Project Dynamite is a high-energy performance that will blow you away, literally. This action-packed show features astonishing stunts and memorable moments wrapped up into one hilarious presentation.

Reggie Greenlaw: Reggie plays the hammered dulcimer and guitar.

Roberto the Magnificent: Roberto has provided entertainment for fairs, schools, colleges, corporate functions and sporting events for 25 years. His show is full of snappy patter, amazing stunts, and audience participation.

Shakespeare Center: Join actor director Lorenzo Sandoval's award-winning acting troupe as they spout immortal scenes from Shakespeare, featuring the famous interchanges of *Taming of the Shrew*.

Swing Crew: The Swing Crew plays a variety of country, swing, island beat, rockabilly, rock-and-roll and a humorous collection of novelty tunes. Known for its audience participation, the band members enjoy performing and are keen on selecting impromptu *entertainers* from the crowd.



Friday, June 27

U.S. Cellular Stage

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Truth Be Told
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. North of Grand
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Public Property

Meredith Stage

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fat Tuesday & the Greasefire Horns
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. True North
8:30 – 10:00 p.m. Swing Crew

Performing Arts Stage

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Michael Whisler
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Roberto the Magnificent
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Hot Club of Des Moines
8:30 – 10:00 p.m. Java Jews

Saturday, June 28

U.S. Cellular Stage

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. BeJae Fleming Duo
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Barb Miller Band
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Little Mojo
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Hyentyte
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Gumbohead
8:00 – 9:45 p.m. The Josh Davis Band

Meredith Stage

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Highway Home Bluegrass Band
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roxi Copland Band
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Deja Voodoo Band
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Mr. Baber's Neighbors: The Solar String Band
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Matt Woods & the Thunderbolts
8:00 – 9:45 p.m. Lady Blue

Performing Arts Stage

10:15 a.m. – Noon Nurturing a Student's Vision Ceremony
12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Des Moines Playhouse presents Grease
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Mundus
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Bill Robison
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Ryan "R.J." Collier
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Roberto the Magnificent
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Switchback
7:30 – 9:45 p.m. Lamajamal

Sunday, June 29

U.S. Cellular Stage

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pumpstown
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Rob Lumbard
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Peter Mulvey
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Old School

Meredith Stage

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Johnny Cash Tribute
11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Driftwood Fire
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Pocket Full of Nickels
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Gladys Kravitz

Performing Arts Stage

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Ecuador Manta
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Clubhouse at the Playhouse
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Roberto the Magnificent
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Des Moines Symphony Academy Flute Choir
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Des Moines Symphony Academy *Strebor* String Quartet