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BREAKING Festival News

Des Moines Arts Festival® celebrates 20th year with two new surprise features

A free showing of eVenti Verticali's "WANTED" Thursday night and a social media giveaway through Friday evening at midnight add to 20th year celebration

What: FREE showing of eVenti Verticali's "WANTED" aerial comedy show

When: **TONIGHT** (Thursday, June 22, 2016 at 9:15 p.m.)

Where: Western Gateway Park, Downtown Des Moines

Admission: FREE

What: #DMAFVIPME social media giveaway

When: Now through Friday, June 23, 2016 at midnight

Where: Anywhere you find public art

Prize: Two VIP tickets to the Silent Rivers Design+Build VIP club, a 2017 commemorative poster signed by featured artist Chris Vance, an official Des Moines Arts Festival t-shirt

In addition to an already outstanding lineup of visual, performing, film and interactive arts, Des Moines Arts Festival has added something new to the programming for it's 20th year celebration, a free public showing of eVenti Verticali's "WANTED" aerial comedy show and a social media giveaway surrounding the use of the hashtag #DMAFVIPME.

"WANTED": You have to see this spectacular vertical dance act sponsored by a leading retirement services company, Athene, to believe it. The Italian production company's visual comedy show features video projections behind two artists suspended by rope while they play "cops and robbers" on a vertical stage. Follow this link to discover the group's unusual type of aerial theater: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8AC1RZ9bk>.

Please share this free public showing with your audiences. A poster of the event can be found [here](#).

#DMAFVIPME: Get social and share the love for public art with #DMAF20! Des Moines Arts Festival will issue one lucky winner a set of two VIP passes to the Silent Rivers Design+Build VIP club, a 2017 commemorative poster autographed by feature artist Chris Vance, and an official 2017 Des Moines Arts Festival t-shirt.

To enter the giveaway, just post a selfie of yourself in front of a public piece of art with #DMAFVIPME. We will draw one winner at midnight on Friday, June 23.

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About the Des Moines Arts Festival®

The Gold Grand Pinnacle Award-winning Des Moines Arts Festival® is a free annual three-day arts and culture festival the last weekend in June surrounding the **John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park** and is presented by **The Des Moines Register**. The Festival would also not be possible without the support of **Bravo Greater Des Moines, PrincipalSM, MidAmerican Energy, and Prairie Meadows**. DMAF invites you to “go where it takes you...” by engaging with 180 invited professional visual artists, emerging Iowa artists, the cutting-edge **Interrobang Film Festival**, live music, performing arts, interactive arts activities, award-winning community outreach programs, live artist workshops and demonstrations, artisan food, and beverages for every taste.

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