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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Des Moines Arts Festival® Announces 2018 Award Winners**

**Des Moines, IA** – July 2, 2018 – The 2018 Des Moines Arts Festival® is pleased to announce the 2018 award winners. Mixed media artist, [Amanda Outcalt](#) from Norfolk, VA was selected as this year's Best of Show. And [Ryan Koning](#) was selected as the Leysens Family Best of Emerging Artist award winner. Ryan is a third-year Studio Art and Education major at Luther College and resides in Urbandale, Iowa.

#### **FULL LIST OF 2018 AWARD WINNERS:**

##### **Best of Show**

[Amanda Outcalt](#), Mixed Media

##### **Leysens Family Award for Best Emerging Iowa Artist**

[Ryan Koning](#), Painting

##### **Awards of Excellence**

[Tana Acton](#), Jewelry

[Beth Bojarski](#), Painting

[Chris Dahlquist](#), Photography (Ghost Notes Series)

[Lynda Ladwig](#), Ceramics

[Marina Terauds](#), Printmaking

##### **Juror Awards**

[Lisa Krannichfeld](#), Mixed Media

[Cheryl Mackey Smith](#), Ceramics

[Ernest Curry & Erin Curry](#), Mixed Media

##### **Best Booth**

[Mick Whitcomb](#), Mixed Media

The jury for the Interrobang Film Festival also announces their 2018 award winners.

#### **2018 INTERROBANG FILM FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS:**

##### **Best of Show**

[My Dead Dad's Porno Tapes](#)

**Best Showmanship**

[\*The Old Stripper\*](#)

**Best Feature Documentary**

[\*American Futbol\*](#)

**Best Short Documentary**

[\*The Happiness Machine\*](#)

**Best Feature Narrative**

[\*Anori \(Wind\)\*](#)

**Best Short Narrative**

[\*The Manual\*](#)

**Best of Iowa**

[\*Saint's Rest\*](#)

**IFF Producer's Choice Award**

[\*Hairat\*](#)

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**About the Des Moines Arts Festival®**

The eleven-time Grand Pinnacle Award-winning Des Moines Arts Festival presented by Nationwide will be held June 22-24, 2018. This free annual three-day arts and culture festival will surround the **John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park**. 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. The Des Moines Arts Festival is presented by Nationwide and sponsored by Bravo Greater Des Moines, Prairie Meadows, Principal, and MidAmerican Energy.

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