

Welcome to the 2025 NASAA Arts Education Professional Development Institute (PDI). Leading up to the PDI, the Arts Education Working Group encourages you to familiarize yourself with the Iowa-based arts organizations and artists we will interact with during our time together.

Click the images below to learn more.

Tuesday, September 16th



Mainframe Studios

Our venue for the day, Mainframe Studios is the nation's largest nonprofit building for creative workspaces, providing permanent, affordable spaces to over 220 artists representing 30 different disciplines.



Akwi Nji, Keynote

Akwi Nji is an interdisciplinary artist and founder of Ampersand, a creative studio and communications agency. She has consulted with school districts, municipalities, and organizations to elevate the role of the arts in education and community development.



Adventures in Social Development

Empowers neurodivergent individuals through performance-based learning to teach social skills.



ArtForce

Provides a supportive arts-based community for youth who have court involvement or identify as refugee/ immigrant.



Momentum

Offers a free, inclusive, and safe space for artists with disabilities.



SEEDS

Dedicated to cultivating the creative, cultural, and entrepreneurial potential of Black and Brown youth.



Seso Martenes

A driven teaching artist whose work embodies Chicanismo as a living practice.

Wednesday, September 17th



George Daily Auditorium

George Daily Community Auditorium is home to over 1,000 events, classes, and programs a year and serves as the community's shared performance space for the Oskaloosa Community School District, William Penn University, and for programming coordinated through the non-profit organization Friends of the Auditorium.



Musco Sports Lighting

Oskaloosa-based national leader in sports and large area lighting and facility solutions



FACE of Mahaska County

Strives to provide exceptional visual arts education to the Oskaloosa community.



Jennifer Drinkwater

Artist and assistant professor in art and visual culture and Iowa State University extension and outreach.



Brant Bollman

Artist who brings larger-than-life puppets to small towns.

Thursday, September 18th



Iowa Economic Development Authority

The PDI concludes at the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the home of the Iowa Arts Council. IEDA's mission is to strengthen economic and community vitality by building partnerships and leveraging resources to make Iowa the choice for people and business.