



CULTURE CLUB

African American Culture

DISCOVER THE CULTURES THAT HELP MAKE UP DIVERSE DES MOINES! Experience the food, art, attractions, and celebrations that make our region a multicultural treasure. Below is just a sampling of minority-owned businesses and ways that you can engage with African American culture in Greater Des Moines.

EAT



CHICKEN HEAT

Des Moines' south side



COACHES KOLACHES

Urbandale



VEGGIE THUMPER

Various locations

DRINK



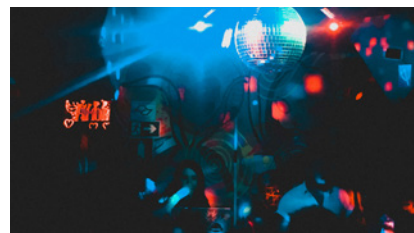
THE CONTRARY

Historic East Village



MARS CAFÉ

Drake neighborhood



INFINITY NIGHT CLUB

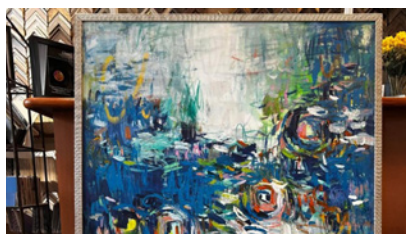
West Des Moines

SHOP



BLK & BOLD COFFEE

Sold in grocery stores across the region



THE GREAT FRAME UP

West Des Moines



FUN FACT

Oak Park Executive Chef Ian Robertson trained at Michelin-starred restaurant Daniel in NYC and is one of the rising stars on the national food scene.

ART



A MONUMENTAL JOURNEY

Downtown sculpture by Kerry Marshall marking the founding of the National Bar Association in Des Moines in 1925 by 12 black leaders.



ROBERT MOORE

Acclaimed Des Moines artist had an exhibition at the Des Moines Art Center and will soon open a downtown studio space.



BLACK RENAISSANCE

Mural by Jill Wells outside xBk Live Music.



FUTURE

Mural by Jill Wells and Marissa Hernandez outside of Evelyn K. Davis Center.



DES MOINES ART CENTER

Rotating exhibitions and collections – South of Grand neighborhood.



MAINFRAME STUDIOS

Various artists and vendors – Sherman Hill neighborhood

FESTIVALS



IOWA JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

Events across the metro including a charity golf outing, community builders banquet, parade, and Neighbor's Day celebration.



WORLD FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Popular downtown August festival features over 50 food vendors from 30 countries.

DID YOU KNOW?

115.9%

The percent change of African Americans in Polk County from 2000-2022.



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CULTURE CLUB VIDEO
ON BLK & BOLD

ATTRACTIONS



THE JORDAN HOUSE

The oldest house in West Des Moines served as a stop for the Underground Railroad and is available for tours.



CENTER AT SIXTH

COMING SOON – a mixed-use building housing a food hall, distillery, and artist workspaces.