

CULTURE CLUB

Asian 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 Asian American culture in Greater Des Moines.

EAT



MIYABI 9

Sushi and Japanese –
Historic East Village



LUCKY LOTUS

Southeast Asian – Des Moines' Ingersoll neighborhood



KATHMANDU

Nepalese – Windsor Heights



5 BOROUGH BAGELS

Multiple locations across
the region



CRÈME

Bakery – Des Moines' Ingersoll neighborhood



AKEBONO

Sushi and Japanese –
Downtown Des Moines

DRINK



HORIZON LINE COFFEE

Coffee shop – Des Moines' Western Gateway



ZENKO TEA

Bubble tea – Multiple
locations across the region



OCHA BUBBLE TEA

Bubble tea – Windsor Heights

SHOP



PETALS AND MOSS

Historic East Village



READING IN PUBLIC

Historic Valley Junction in
West Des Moines



NEW ORIENTAL FOOD STORE

Historic East Village

ART



DES MOINES ART CENTER

Rotating exhibitions and collections –
South of Grand neighborhood.



MAINFRAME STUDIOS

Various artists and vendors –
Sherman Hill neighborhood



FUN FACT

Sammy Mila, owner
of Crème bakery, won
the Iowa Restaurant
Association's
Emerging Leader.

FESTIVALS



CELEBRASIAN

Each year in late May, Iowa's largest
Asian American festival in Western
Gateway Park downtown features
authentic food, cultural exhibits, and
family-friendly activities.



PHO KING COOKOFF

Fun 21+ event in December with
Pho stations, a full-service bar,
eating contests, music, and more.



WORLD FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

ATTRACTIONS



ROBERT D. RAY ASIAN GARDENS

Asian pavilion with stone pagodas,
lanterns, and rock formations that
acknowledges the contributions
Asian Americans have made to Iowa.



PAPPAJOHN SCULPTURE PARK

Outdoor sculpture park within
Western Gateway Park in
downtown with more than 30
pieces of selfie-ready art.



WATCH THE
CULTURE CLUB VIDEO
ON CRÈME

DID YOU KNOW?



The Asian American community
in Greater Des Moines is the
second largest and
second fastest-growing
population.