



**IOWA STATE FAIR  
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**PAINT THE FAIR ON EXPO HILL DURING THE GREAT IOWA STATE FAIR**

**Des Moines, IA-** The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation will be hosting the ultimate social painting class at the Iowa State Fair to help ensure a colorful future for the Fair. Every day during the 2016 Iowa State Fair, Messy Missy's will be on Expo Hill for Fairgoers to experience the Fair in a way never before. Participants can create everything from a campsite to their favorite livestock all with a stroke of a paint brush.

The Iowa State Fair has several iconic features. Some of them include the butter cow, the campgrounds, the Ye Old Mill, livestock, gardening competitions, the Giant Slide and more. Join in and paint a favored part of the Fair every day at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There will be no class Tuesday, August 16 or the morning of Thursday, August 18. The final painting schedule is available on our website, [www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org](http://www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org). With 7 paintings to select from, there's sure to be one to strike a creative chord.

Advance registration is now available at [www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org](http://www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org) under events. Onsite registration is available a half hour before the class starts or you can register for a class at the Foundation's merchandise trailer located on Grand Avenue, by the northwest corner of the Administration building. There is space for up to 40 painters at each class.

All proceeds from the painting class are dedicated to Our Fair's Future, the Blue Ribbon Foundation's endowment fund. As the endowment grows, it will provide a reliable source of funding for future renovations and maintenance improvements to the fairgrounds, ensuring the Fair will be a grand tradition for generations to come.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation is a non-profit organization. Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has generated more than \$120 million for the renovation and preservation of the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds.

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