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IOWA NPR *TINY DESK CONTEST* ENTRANT WILL PLAY IOWA PUBLIC RADIO'S 80/35 STAGE

DES MOINES, Iowa (February 27, 2020) – Iowa Public Radio (IPR) is pleased to announce that one Iowa-based entrant for NPR's *Tiny Desk*® Contest will be offered a slot on IPR's 80/35 stage during the music festival weekend (July 10-11, 2020). The *Tiny Desk Contest* is now open, and will be accepting entries until the deadline, March 30, 2020.

"This is a really great opportunity for Iowa musicians," said Al Schares, Music Program Director of Iowa Public Radio. "This collaboration with NPR and the 80/35 music festival team is an exciting way to highlight the growing talent and music scene that we have right here in Iowa."

Iowa Public Radio Studio One hosts Mark Simmet, Tony Dehner and Cece Mitchell will collaborate with Jarin Hart, Des Moines Music Coalition's Executive Director and 80/35 festival organizer, to narrow down the top three videos submitted to NPR's *Tiny Desk Contest* from Iowa. Those top three videos will be posted to iowapublicradio.org, where the community will vote on their winning choice. The video with the most votes will get to play Iowa Public Radio's stage at 80/35 this summer. More contest details and information on timing will be shared in April on iowapublicradio.org, when NPR's *Tiny Desk Contest* entry period has closed. For complete contest rules and eligibility, visit tinydeskcontest.npr.org.

About The NPR *Tiny Desk Contest*

The NPR *Tiny Desk Contest* is inspired by the wildly successful NPR Music Tiny Desk [video series](#) recorded live at the desk of NPR's *All Songs Considered* host Bob Boilen. For the past five years, the *Tiny Desk Contest* has brought together thousands of artists and bands from across the country. The rules are simple: unknown, unsigned bands and musicians ages 18 and older are invited to film themselves performing one song at a desk of their choice. The winner will play NPR's famous Tiny Desk in Washington, D.C. before embarking on a U.S. tour of concerts hosted by NPR Music in partnership with Member stations throughout the country. Since the Contest's inception, NPR has received nearly 30,000 entries from so many talented and creative musicians. The Contest winners have gone on to tour the world, sign with major labels, open for legendary performers, and even receive Grammy awards.

About Iowa Public Radio

Iowa Public Radio (IPR) was formed by the Iowa Board of Regents in 2004 to manage the day to day operations of the 26 public stations licensed to Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa. IPR, a member of National Public Radio (NPR), provides news, talk and music programming via 26 radio stations and through digital streaming and on-demand audio downloads. IPR currently serves a weekly audience of 220,000 listeners across three programming streams: News, Studio One and Classical.

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