Interpretive Guided Tours
March - December,
Tuesday - Saturday,
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Tours on the hour

Brucemore Store & Visitor Center Exhibitions
Monday - Saturday,
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Cutting Gardens Flower Shop
(319) 362-1004
Monday - Friday,
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Brucemore's 26-acre, park-like estate invites exploration of its history, gardens, grounds, and 21-room Mansion. Each season, nature’s changing beauty entices visitors to the estate offering new experiences. Concerts, theater, festivals, garden walks, holiday celebrations, and tours enliven the site and celebrate the heritage of the community.

The families of Brucemore were business and community leaders in a century of evolution of the Midwest. The changes they made to their estate, the impact they had on their community, and the stories they left behind shape our understanding of modern Cedar Rapids, eastern Iowa, and the American Midwest.

Caroline Sinclair, widow of pioneer industrialist T.M. Sinclair and mother of six, hired architects Josselyn and Taylor to build Brucemore for $55,000 in 1884. In 1906, George Bruce Douglas, of the Quaker Oats and Douglas & Company fortunes, acquired Brucemore with his wife, Irene, and transformed the property into a country estate. In 1937, their daughter, Margaret, inherited Brucemore with her husband, business leader Howard Hall. They added flair to the estate with famous guests, including Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman and their exotic pet lion, Leo.

Brucemore is sustained by a large member organization whose annual contributions make possible the preservation of the historic property and the vibrant slate of programs.

For more than 30 years, Brucemore has fulfilled its mission as a historic site, community cultural center, and so much more.

Brucemore Weather Policy
Outdoor performances may be delayed to allow for the passing of a brief shower or may continue as scheduled during a light rain. Lighting and/or high winds will cause the termination of a performance. Every effort will be made to complete a performance in progress, but if a performance is cancelled before intermission, tickets may be exchanged for another performance of the same event. There are no ticket refunds or exchanges for shortened, interrupted, or delayed performances past intermission. Tickets for cancelled events may be exchanged for another performance of the same event (if available) or a request may be made to credit the value of the tickets as a contribution to Brucemore. If forecasts indicate the likelihood of severe weather prior to and during performances, signs will be posted at the gates, the website will be updated, and the local media will be notified to announce the cancellation of an event.
Festival Button ($3 at gate)

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Tahitian Star Title Sponsors: Kathleen and Tom Aller; Echo Baston and Mike Ahart; Bradley

Presenting Sponsor: The Anderson Group at Morgan Stanley

parking. Space is limited; order tickets by

music. All proceeds benefit the Grant

Polynesian drinks, and live steel drum

Party poolside with roast suckling pig,

Admission $60

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Nelson. On-site parking. Bring blankets and chairs; no picnics please. Gates open at 5:00

adventures of story time favorites,

brings well-known stories to life with his amazing machine. Participate in their

perform as part of a statewide series

celebrating Hancher’s 40th anniversary and recognizing five years since the 2008 flood. No on-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

Partners: University of Iowa’s Hancher, College of Engineering, College of Education, Interdisciplinary Flood Institute, Center for Global and Resilient Environmental Research, Iowa Flood Center, iExploreSTEM, and State Hygienic Laboratory

Supporters: Back to the River, Iowa Arts Council, and National Endowment for the Arts

Mission: To engage the public in the history, traditions, resources, and on-going preservation of Brucemore for the enrichment of the community.

No Fish in the House

Sunday, July 7

Performance begins at 5:00 p.m.

Admission Free

The University of Iowa’s professional theatre wing, Iowa Summer Rep, presents a mad-capped comedy in the Italian tradition of the commedia dell’arte. Originally written for a young audience, the play is an interactive adventure for the whole family. On-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

Supported by Better Futures for Iowans grant through the University of Iowa’s Office of the Provost

The Classics at Brucemore:

July 11 – 13 & 18 – 20

Performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

Admission $15 - $20

Jason Alberty stars in this comedic masterpiece of a genius hero with a ridiculously long nose and a passion for poetry and love. Directed by Richard Barker, the 18th annual production will be one of the largest in the history of the event. On-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. For pre-show social hour. Gates open at 7:00 p.m.

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The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will perform as part of a Kathleen Hancher’s 40th anniversary and recognizing five years since the 2008 flood. No on-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

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Presented by Wy-Fye

July 25

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Admission with Freedom

Festival Button ($3 at gate)

Experience a kaleidoscope of color as hot air balloons rest on Brucemore’s First Avenue lawn. No on-site parking. Shuttle service from Washington High School. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. On-site food and beverage vendors available. Gates open at 9:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Lisa Free

Tahitian Party

Friday, July 26

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Admission $50

Party available with round suculing pig, Polynesian shish, and kid-styled drum music. All proceeds benefit the Grant Wood-Porch Conservation Project. On-site parking. Space is limited; order tickets by Wednesday, June 19.

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The Brucemore Garden & Art Show

Saturday, August 24

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Admission $6

Children under 10 free with adult

Art enthusiasts and gardeners will enjoy a festival of products and information, including pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, glass, textiles, plants, garden art, outdoor furniture, and more. No on-site parking. Shuttle service from Washington High School. On-site food and beverage vendors available. No coolers, pets, or outside food.

Sponsors:

The Brucemore 2013 - 2014 Season Opening Concert

Sunday, September 8

Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

Brucemore’s spectacular 92nd season-opener features some of the most famous Russian music ever written by a magnificent trio of composers. Transcend the sweeping melodies of Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky. No on-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Gates open at 7:00 p.m.

August 8 – 10: Christopher Johnstone

Cedar Rapids native and current resident of New York City and Los Angeles, Christopher Johnstone, will entertain audience members with his wide vocal range and passion for Broadway tunes. Christopher’s career highlights include touring with South Pacific performing with the Boston Pops, and holding a recurring role in All My Children.

August 15 – 17: Chase Garrett

Iowa City native and current resident of New York City, Chase Garrett will perform his signature mix of Chicago blues, boogie woogie, Kansas Swing, and New York Jazz. Chase won Brucemore’s Stars of Tomorrow competition in 2009 and has traveled the world performing with some of today’s most influential musicians in his genre.

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Outdoor Children’s Theater:

The Amazing Snake Machine

July 24 – 27

Performances begin at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Admission $3 - $5

Audiences will be pulled out of their seats and into the action as Arthur the Inventor brings well-known stories to life with his amazing machine. Participate in their adventures of story time favorites.

Children under 10 allowed. No large coolers. Gates open at 7:00 p.m.

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Bluesmore

Sunday, August 17

4:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Admission $13 - $20

(Children under 10 free with adult)

Gather your friends for an incredible evening of national and local blues talent on the First Avenue lawn, including the LBSB All Star Band, The Scott Hold Band, and Lucky Peterson featuring Tamara Peterson. On-site parking. Bring blankets and chairs. On-site food and beverage vendors available. No coolers, pets, or outside food.

Gates open at 3:00 p.m.

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Orchestra Iowa’s 2013 - 2014 Season Opening Concert

Sunday, September 8

Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra Iowa’s spectacular 92nd season-opener features some of the most famous Russian music ever written by a magnificent trio of composers. Transcend the evening with the familiar, exotic dances from Borodin’s opera Prince Igor paired with the sweeping melodies of Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky. No on-site parking. Bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Call Orchestra Iowa at (319) 366-803 or visit www.orchestraiowa.org to order tickets. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.