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Some time-honored traditions are happening in Cedar Falls this weekend, bringing in new, as well as returning visitors to our area.

Already underway, Singin' in the Cedar Valley is filling Cedar Falls with melodious sounds as top quality gospel music groups perform at the Riverview Conference Center. Wednesday night enjoy Shiloh and on Thursday Higher Power, both at 7 pm. Tickets to these two groups are \$10 and \$12. Also on Thursday is the Women's Seminar at 10 am featuring Michelle Allen, with a free will offering.

On Friday and Saturday enjoy two full days of singing with various groups performing from 10 am until 10 pm. The Collingsworth Family will wrap up Friday, performing at 7:30 pm and The Collingsworth Family will close out The Sing on Saturday night at 7:30 pm. Tickets to these two performances are \$20 and \$22.

This rich tradition of gospel music dates back to 1968, growing and evolving into Singin' in the Cedar Valley, drawing people from around the country to enjoy and be enriched by these renowned gospel singing entertainers.

The College Hill Arts Festival marks its 32nd anniversary July 16th and 17th. Located on the shady corner of College and 23rd Streets on the University of Northern Iowa campus in Cedar Falls, 75 artists hand picked from around the country will exhibit their original works for you to enjoy and purchase. These works include photography, ceramics, glass, painting, baskets, jewelry, wood, fiber, graphics, and sculpture. As you pass through their trademark balloon arches you will walk into an outdoor gallery of artwork honored by Sunshine Artist magazine as one of the '100 Best Fine Art & Design Shows' in the United States.

Under the leadership of Hugh Pettersen, the College Hill Arts Festival originated in 1979. Artists set up their wares along the sidewalks of the College Hill business district. The quality of the craftsman led to a huge popularity among the attendees and the Festival has now grown into a signature event renowned in the state of Iowa and throughout the entire Midwest. Volunteers run the event entirely, with a shared goal of making fine art readily available to the public.

Live entertainment is provided to attendees. Musical groups perform on stage as festivalgoers wander through the artist's exhibits. A hands-on creative activity for children is sponsored by the Hearst Center for the Arts. Children will also find a Young Art Collectors Gallery featuring original artwork created by exhibiting artists with prices of \$10 or less, encouraging children to make their own independent art choices. A variety of

food vendors will be at the Festival with picnic tables located nearby. Simply enter through their trademark balloon arches, and then enjoy the art and festivities.