



Wisconsin Arts Board

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The Wisconsin Arts Board is the state agency which nurtures creativity, cultivates expression, promotes the arts, supports the arts in education, stimulates community and economic development and serves as a resource for people of every culture and heritage.

Vision: The Wisconsin Arts Board vision is inspired by a quote from the late Robert E. Gard, Professor Emeritus of Community Theatre, University of Wisconsin:

"If we are seeking in America, let it be for the reality of democracy in the arts. Let art begin at home and let it spread through the children and the parents, and through the schools and the institutions, and through government. And let us start by acceptance, not negation-acceptance that the arts are important everywhere, and that they can exist and flourish in small places as well as large, with money or without it, according to the will of the people. Let us put firmly and permanently aside the cliché that the arts are a frill. Let us accept the goodness of art where we are now, and expand its worth in the places where people live."

The Wisconsin Arts Board embraces this vision: it guides our belief that the arts are basic to human life and essential to the human spirit.



The Wisconsin Arts Board, through its grant programs helps to ensure that cultural resources like the Peninsula Players Theatre will continue to be integral to the quality of life in Wisconsin.

"I am thrilled that this grant will assist Peninsula Players to continue to create high-caliber theater for the people of Door County and its visitors," said Brian Kelsey, the Peninsula Players managing director. "It is particularly rewarding to see panel members from across the state acknowledge the significance of this Door County theatrical gem."

Peninsula Players again ranked high among applicants for these state grants, which are awarded on a competitive basis through a rigorous evaluation process. Panelists cited the 83-year old theater's long-term financial health, increasing attendance, range of programming and creative efforts to stimulate community interest. The awarding of this grant indicates the Players programming and community engagement provides the highest level of excellence.