



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

January 6, 2026

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Click <https://wab50.com> to learn more about the Arts Board’s 50th Anniversary!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be.” – Khalil Gibran

“To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but what he aspires to.” – Khalil Gibran

“Each time someone stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forward a ripple of hope.” – Robert F. Kennedy

“Optimism with some experience behind it is much more energizing than plain old experience with a certain degree of cynicism.” – Twyla Tharp

“Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.” – Dalai Lama

“An artist cannot speak about his art any more than a plant can discuss horticulture.” – Jean Cocteau

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Like the wind - Erika SVANOE / Choeur MIANGALY / Conducted by Antsanirina](#)

[RAKOTOARIMINO](#)

[Choeur MIANGALY](#)

Like the Wind was created by composer Erika Svano and poet Dasha Kelly Hamilton to mark the Wisconsin Arts Board's 50th Anniversary. We are thrilled it has made its way to Madagascar and this beautiful performance. What a wonderful way to begin 2026!

INTERVIEW: Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild presents "The 39 Steps"
WEAU
January 8 – 18

Dance Moves From the Street, City Edition
The New York Times

New York Vocal Collective - When I Fall In Love
NYVC (New York Vocal Collective)

Wisconsin artists and arts organizations, do you have video that you'd like us to consider sharing as the Wisconsin Arts News Video of the Day? Send the link to [artsboard@wisconsin.gov!](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW 2025 Senate Bill 580
Wisconsin State Senate

“An Act to create 100.172 of the statutes; relating to: selling and reselling entertainment tickets and providing a penalty.” The Senate Committee on Committee on Utilities, Technology and Tourism has scheduled a hearing on this bill. Learn more [here](#).

Circulating bill would make changes to WEDC grant program
WisBusiness

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadlines: February 12, July 9

2026 Co-op
Travel Wisconsin
Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

Also
2026 Co-op Sell Sheets
Travel Wisconsin
Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project
Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

Arts Board Panelist Open Call
Wisconsin Arts Board

Opportunity Attraction Fund
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment
Open Door Arts

NEW NCN Articles of Interest | December 17, 2025
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Artistic Director
Renaissance Theaterworks, Avra Search Partners
Deadline: January 9

Art & Design History Faculty (Full-Time)
MIAD
Application Review Begins January 12; Until Filled

NEW Kids Is Hiring | Executive Director
Kids from Wisconsin
Deadline: January 20

Director of Marketing
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: January 31

NEW Assistant Box Office Manager
Peninsula Players
Deadline: February 23

Also

NEW Production Positions Available
Peninsula Players
Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director
Carpenter
Lighting & Sound Supervisor
Costume Shop Supervisor

Costume Technician
Prop Shop Supervisor
Props Artisan

Internship Opportunities

Peninsula Players

Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23

NEW Communications and Operations Manager

Strategic National Arts Alumni Project

Deadline: Until Filled

Development Director

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Development - Peninsula School of Art

Spano | Pratt

Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director - Performing Arts & Education Center (PAEC)

Oak Creek Performing Arts & Education Center | WI Education Career Access Network

Deadline: Until Filled

Education Program Facilitator

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

Registrar Assistant (Temporary 8 - 12 Months)

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

Arts and Culture Reporter | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Dayforce Jobs

Deadline: Until Filled

President | Goodman Community Center

Spano | Pratt

Deadline: Until Filled

Chief Curator

Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University

Deadline: Until Filled

Media Relations and Marketing Manager

UCC/Latino Arts

Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

[America's Invitation | Share Your Story](#)

America 250

Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

[We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series](#)

Creative West

Through September 8, 2026

[APAP Conference](#)

Association of Performing Arts Professionals

January 9 – 13 | New York City

[Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals](#)

Mid-America Arts Alliance

Deadline: January 15

[National Endowment for the Arts Big Read](#)

Arts Midwest

January 15 | Intent to Apply

January 29 | Application Deadline

[Gov. Evers, PSC Announce Applications Open for Nonprofit Access Grant Program](#)

Office of Governor Evers

Deadline: February 2

[FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

February 11 | Intent to Apply Deadline

February 18 | Application Deadline

[Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open](#)

Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

Also

[Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts](#)

Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

[USAartists International](#)

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

2026 National Conference
American String Teachers Association
February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA

2026 Legislative Conference
National PTA
March 2 - 4 | Alexandria, VA

Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists
Deadline: March 2

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026
Travel Wisconsin
March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program Now Open
Wisconsin Arts Board
Deadline: March 19

Telling Our Story: 2026 National Arts in Education Conference
Young Audiences Arts for Learning
March 25 – 27 | Washington DC

Advocacy Summit
Educational Theatre Association
March 26 – 27 | Washington, D.C.

2026 ABLE Assembly
Berklee Institute for Accessible Arts Education
April 10 – 12 | Boston, MA

Business of Art Conference V
Dane Arts
April 23 – 24 | Madison

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!
American Alliance of Museums
Through January 16 | Super Early Bird Registration
May 20 - 23 | Philadelphia

2026 AAAE Conference
Association of Arts Administration Educators
May 28 – 31 | 2026, Boston, MA

2026 National PTA Convention

National PTA

June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

International Thespian Festival

Educational Theatre Association

June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN

Theatre Education Conference

Educational Theatre Association

July 22 – 24 | New York City, NY

Capacity Building Webinar Series

Creative West

Various

Online Workshops and Conversations

Creative Capital

Various

Webinars

Performing Arts Readiness

Various

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

Springboard for the Arts

Various

Upcoming Events

Access/VSA International Network

Various

IN THE NEWS

Visual Arts/Museums

Apply for the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's 2027 Arts/Industry Residency

Colossal

Deadline: February 28

Arts and Creativity in Education

WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 5 | Jan 2026

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

UW-Platteville alumna and Art program get the "W" at Lambeau Field

All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

[Cautionary Tales - Six life lessons distilled from the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen.](#)
[Letters & Science Magazine | UW-Madison](#)

[UW-Madison weighs cuts to offset Trump's new \\$100,000 fee for specialist visas](#)
[Wisconsin State Journal](#)

Arts and Healthcare

[The Healing Power of Art](#)
[The Asylum | Psychology Today](#)

Community Arts

[Milwaukee named among top 5 best US cities for young adults in 2026, new report says](#)
[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Boulder Junction Public Library hosts beginner-friendly events like mahjong](#)
[WJFW](#)

[Michael Schumacher, author of Alan Ginsberg and Eric Clapton biographies, dies at 75](#)
[ABC News](#)

[Wisconsin Book Festival 2025 recapped: Authorship, camaraderie](#)
[The Badger Herald](#)

[Art Under Threat? The Impact of AI on Creative Writing](#)
[PEN America](#)

[Sara Nicholson | What Ails Me](#)
[Poem-a-Day, Poets.org](#)

Media Arts

[Wisconsin lawmakers working on bill to create penalties for AI deepfake scams](#)
[WSAW](#)

[Corporation for Public Broadcasting to Shut Down After 58 Years Due to Trump Eliminating Funding](#)
[Variety](#)

Also
[Corporation for Public Broadcasting Votes to Shut Down](#)
[The New York Times](#)

Performing Arts

Theater/Opera

Wisconsin Dells' Biggest Entertainment Rebrand Dells Dinner Adventures was Legacy Dinner Theater
JessicaLynnOriginal Studios

Other

Invitation to recalibration
ArtManaged Field Notes

6 Resolutions to Help Your Nonprofit Thrive in 2026
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

The Cost of Ignoring Mid-Level Donors
NonProfit Pro

WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

Visual Arts/Museums

FOX6 Future Forecaster audition event set for Monday, Jan. 19
Fox 6 Now
January 19

Community Arts

Manitowoc events this week bring Barry Manilow tribute & lobster truck
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
This Week

Wallandall, Boran-Ragotzy to be inducted into UAA Rock County Arts Hall of Fame
Janesville News Report
January 13

Performing Arts

Music

Jane Wiedlin of the Go-Go's, a former Madison resident, returns for Joey's Song
Wisconsin State Journal
January 9 – 10

Milwaukee Musaik Performs 20th Century Classic
Urban Milwaukee
January 11

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW January 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

Residency Opportunities
Artist Communities Alliance
Various

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant
St. Croix Valley Foundation
Deadline: Rolling

Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies
Colossal
Various

Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund
The Lynden Sculpture Garden and Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Deadline: Until Funds Are Exhausted for This Cycle

The Creative Collab | Bronzeville Artist-In-Residency Mentor Program
Copywrite Magazine
Deadline: Rolling

Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines
City of Milwaukee Arts Board
Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.

America's Invitation | Share Your Story
America 250
Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events
Springboard for the Arts
Various

Are you raising impact capital for the creative economy?
UpStart Co-Lab
Deadline: Open

RJE Sprout Fund Invites Proposals From Artists Working With Underserved Communities
PND by Candid
Deadline: Rolling

Call for Artwork
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Monthly Review

NEW Milwaukee County Historical Society Announces Call for Nominations for the 2026 Public Art Award Presented by Janice and Stephen Marcus
Urban Milwaukee
Nominations open from January 2 – 31

NEW Artists invited to submit work to Madison College's 5th Annual Dzigbodi Akyea Art Show
Madison365
Deadline: January 9

Golden Haiku Poetry Competition
Golden Triangle
Deadline: January 11

Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

Wisconsin public school districts encouraged to apply for Fab Labs Grants
WEDC
Deadline: January 15

Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals
Mid-America Arts Alliance
Deadline: January 15

Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

Gottlieb Foundation invites applications from mature artists
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

Les Paul Foundation invites applications for music programs
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read
Arts Midwest
January 15 | Intent to Apply
January 29 | Application Deadline

2026 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly to Save Lives"
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Deadline: January 16, 2026

RAM Artist Fellowships and Emerging Artist Award
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: January 23

Flynn Breakthrough - Open call for performances for public spaces
The Flynn
Deadline: January 23

2026 North American Competition & Festival
PianoArts
Deadline: January 26

Applying for Shakespeare in American Communities: Schools
Arts Midwest
January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)
February 12 | Application Deadline

Applying For Shakespeare In American Communities: Juvenile Justice
Arts Midwest
January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)
February 12 | Application Deadline

Best Communities for Music Education Award
NAMM Foundation
Deadline: January 31

Artist Applications Open For 52nd Annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts
Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts, ZAPP
Deadline: January 31

Also
Applications open for 52nd annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts
Point/Plover Metro Wire
Deadline: January 31

Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students

National Alliance for Musical Theater | National Endowment for the Arts

February 2 | Draft 1 Submission Deadline

NEW NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: February 12, July 9

NEW Mandel Cultural Leadership Program

Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership

Deadline: February 13

NEW Call for Art | Creative Power

Arts for All Wisconsin

Deadline: February 14

NEW Terra Foundation for American Art invites LOIs for Convening Grants program

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: February 16 (Letters of Inquiry)

NEW Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open

Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

NEW TV Writers' Room Workshop Application

Wisconsin Screenwriter's Symposium

Deadline: February 20

USArtists International

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

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NEW Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists

Philanthropy News Digest

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NEW Call for Proposals

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

Get ready for a re-imagined fan-favorite exhibition

Racine Art Museum

March 13, 14 | Drop-Off Submissions

No earlier than March 9 and no later than March 13 | Shipped Submissions

Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

Beyond Words: the Dollar General School Library Relief Fund

Awards & Grants | American Library Association

Deadline: None. Monthly Review

Open Grant Solicitations

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs | US Department of State

Various

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