

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations
for Our Wisconsin Communities



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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness.” – Charlie Chaplin

“Let the world know you as you are, not as you think you should be, because sooner or later, if you are posing, you will forget the pose, and then where are you?” – Fanny Brice

“Ethics and Aesthetics are one.” – Ludwig Wittgenstein

“Education is the vaccine for violence.” – Edward James Olmos

“A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.” – George A. Moore

“Is a hippopotamus a hippopotamus, or just a really cool Opotamus?” – Mitch Hedberg

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[How a Sewing Machine Builds Hope & Community | The Sewing Machine Project](#)
All Comfort Services Podcast

[The Arts Page | This artist's canvas' serve as an extension of his artistic expression.](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Wynton Marsalis on What Jazz Can Teach Us About Democracy](#)
Amanpour and Company

[Immanuel Wilkins: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and Immanuel Wilkins

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!

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

Social Prescription is Coming to Wisconsin

For the past two years, the Wisconsin Arts Board has been working with partners across our state, and our nation, to bring social prescribing to Wisconsin.

Social Prescription (Social Rx) is an innovative and evidence-based practice in both the United States and across the globe. Health providers prescribe arts, cultural, and nature activities free-of-cost for patients in community settings to holistically address an individual's specific health issues and unmet needs such as poor mental health, substance misuse, chronic disease, and social isolation.

On behalf of the Wisconsin Arts Board, the [WI Social Rx](#) Steering Committee and [SocialRx](#), we are happy to announce that social prescribing is officially coming to Wisconsin!

Join one of the upcoming webinars exploring how we can support whole-person health through community connection.

- Learn what social prescribing is (and isn't)
- See how cross-sector partnerships are making it real
- Find out how to get involved in 2026

Choose the session that fits your role and let's build a healthier, more connected Wisconsin – together.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM CST | For Higher Education Leaders

- [Event Flyer](#)
- Link to register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uP8W3mZ1TGGeM7PUpmkyXA#/registration

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM CST | For Healthcare & Clinical Partners

- [Event Flyer](#)
- Link to register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/U1_ZC8jqSPuOx0PXR_hlQ#/registration

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 12:00–1:00 PM CST | For Creative & Community-Based Organizations

- [Event Flyer](#)
 - Link to register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KG71QNKZTMaCXOFXb34x-g#/registration
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NEW [Culture & Arts](#)
Travel Wisconsin

[Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Bookmark Design Challenge to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: March 31

[Spotlighting Wisconsin - The Playhouse Theatre Group of Central Wisconsin](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[Celebrating 50 Years of Black History Month in Wisconsin](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[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

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[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 <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>
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[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | February 20, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Executive and Artistic Director

Green Lake Festival of Music

Deadline: Now until February 28

Director of Communications

Children's Theatre of Madison

Deadline: March 1

Executive Director (Exempt)

Washington State Arts Commission

Application Deadline: March 1

NEW Patron Services & Ticket Coordinator

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: March 31

Production Positions Available

Peninsula Players

Deadline: Until Filled

Carpenter

Lighting & Sound Supervisor

Costume Shop Supervisor

Costume Technician

Scenic Charge Artist

NEW Write On, Door County Searches for Next Executive Director

Spano | Pratt Executive Search

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Marcus Performing Arts Center

Deadline: Until Filled

Interior Architecture & Design Faculty (Full-Time)

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design

Deadline: Until Filled

Current Opportunities

First Stage

Deadline: Until Filled

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Playmakers, Grades 1-2)

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Speech, Grades 3-4)

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Scene Study, Grades 3-4)

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Design, Grades 5-12)

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Acting Theory, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Musical Theater, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Movement, Grades 5-12)

Fundraising Director
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: Until Filled

General Manager
Barrymore Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Development Coordinator
Opera for the Young
Deadline: Until Filled

Communications and Operations Manager
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project
Deadline: Until Filled

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

NEW 2026 Congressional Art Competition Deadlines

Office of Congressman Bryan Steil
1st Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: April 8

Office of Congressman Mark Pocan
2nd Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: TBD

Office of Congressman Derrick Van Orden
3rd Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: March 23 at 4:00 PM

Office of Congressperson Gwen Moore
4th Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: March 27

Office of Congressman Scott Fitzgerald
5th Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM

Office of Congressman Glenn Grothman
6th Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: TBD

[Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany](#)
7th Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM

[Office of Congressman Tony Wied](#)
8th Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: April 7 at 5:00 PM

Deadlines | Resources | Events

[World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!](#)
World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

[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

[Webinar Series: Building Your Creative Career](#)
Arts Midwest
February 25

[USArtists International](#)
Mid Atlantic Arts
Deadline: February 25

[2026 National Conference](#)
American String Teachers Association
February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA

[Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)
UW-Madison
February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)
April 10 – 12 | Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium

Also
[WSOC 2026 Quarter Finalists](#)
Wisconsin Screenwriters Own Contest

[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

[SXSW EDU 2026](#)
SXSW EDU
March 9 - 12

[Fearless Science Forum: The Art of Seeing More](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research
March 10 | Virtual and In Person

[Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026](#)
Travel Wisconsin
March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

[Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round](#)
Wisconsin Humanities
Deadline: March 16

[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

[The Art of Prescribing: Advancing Arts-Based Pathways to Health](#)
Social Prescribing USA
March 26 | Free Webinar

In recognition of Social Prescribing Day 2026, which is March 26, 2026.

[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

2026 WVCA Conference

Wisconsin Volunteers Coordinators Association

May 6 - 8

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

Shape the future. Organize for Impact

AFTACON 2026, Americans for the Arts

June 2 – 5 | Albuquerque, NM

2026 National PTA Convention

National PTA

June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

International Thespian Festival

Educational Theatre Association

June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: July 9

Theatre Education Conference

Educational Theatre Association

July 22 – 24 | New York City, NY

2026 Biennial NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference

National Association for Music Education

September 30 – October 3 | Long Beach, CA

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

[DNR Now Accepting Artwork For The 2027 Turkey, Pheasant And Waterfowl Stamp Contests](#)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Deadline: August 1

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Kenosha Unified Choral Festival features big crowds, more than 900 students](#)

Kenosha News

[Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha announces Arts Foundation Member of the Year](#)

Kenosha News

[UW-Madison Public Affairs School Gets \\$30 Million Honoring Herb Kohl](#)

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[What's next for Baraboo campus?](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Healthcare

Community Arts

[Suspect turns himself in after Avenue of Ice vandalism; heart sculpture will be repaired](#)

Fox 11 News

Also

[Suspect turns himself in after Avenue of Ice sculpture vandalism](#)

WTAQ

Literary Arts/Libraries

[LOCAL LIT: 'Winter Solitude' | Connie Russell](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Haki R. Madhubuti | ART IV: Remembering Gwendolyn Brooks](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[FCC chair calls for 'patriotic, pro-America' broadcaster programs for 250th](#)
The Hill

[The very first YouTube video is officially a work of art](#)
Creative Bloq

Performing Arts

Music

[St. Croix Sounds launches fundraising campaign](#)
Hudson Star-Observer

[Peter Mahler Leaves MSO Board](#)
Plenty of Horne | Urban Milwaukee

[Bon Iver Debuts First Non-Studio Album, New Archival Series](#)
Volume One Magazine

Presenting

[Billboard Names Milwaukee's Pabst Theater a Top Music Venue of 2026](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Only 1 in 4 of Chicago's indie music venues is profitable. Owners say that data spells potential trouble](#)
Chicago Sun-Times

Theater/Opera

[Pink Umbrella Theater buys new home on Historic Mitchell Street](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Other

[Nonprofit arts adaptation - The modern arts nonprofit evolved in an ecology of growth. It's time to evolve again.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

5 Fraud Red Flags Nonprofits Can't Ignore
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

Artist Talk: Willie Cole
Milwaukee Art Museum
February 26

Glenda L. Hodge
Isthmus
May 23 – 31

2026 Art Fair on the Square
Travel Wisconsin
July 11 – 12

Arts and Creativity in Education

INTERVIEW: UW-Eau Claire Theatre presents “Eurydice”
WEAU
February 27 – March 1, 4 – 8

Meet the 2026 Final Forte contestants
PBS Wisconsin
March 4 | Live Finals
March 17 | Broadcast Premiere

Hundreds Of Kids Can Get In On The Pablo Center's Summer Programming
Volume One Magazine
Registration opens March 7

Community Arts

COLUMN: Turning Art into Hope With The Dunn County Humane Society
Volume One Magazine
March 6

A bigger, buggier Balloon Adventure returns to Lake Geneva March 19-29
Daily Herald
March 19 – 29

Media Arts

[March streaming picks on PBS Passport](#)

PBS Wisconsin

Various | March

Performing Arts

Dance

[ChoreographHER](#)

Re:Shape | Madison Ballet

April 3 – 5

Music

[APERI ANIMAM presents SAL TERRAE](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

April 18

Presenting

[Weidner announces its next show with Pay What You May ticket pricing](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

April 11

Theater/Opera

[After the War: 1919](#)

Mobilize the Poets in Partnership with Four Seasons Theatre

February 27

[INTERVIEW: UW-Eau Claire Theatre presents “Eurydice”](#)

WEAU

February 27 – March 1, 4 – 8

OPPORTUNITIES

[CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications](#)

Volume One Magazine

Now Open

[February 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)

Colossal

Deadline: Various

The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Winter Cycle
Lynden Sculpture Garden and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Deadline: Until the funds for the cycle are exhausted

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

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

USArtists International
Mid Atlantic Arts
Deadline: February 25

[Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)

UW-Madison

February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)

[Apply for the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's 2027 Arts/Industry Residency](#)

Colossal

Deadline: February 28

[Hardy Calls For Artists](#)

Door County Pulse

Submissions Open February 28 – April 12

[Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: March 1

[Application period opens for 2026 Arts Grants](#)

Madison Arts Commission

Deadline: March 1

[Apply to Compete | Art 64](#)

Discover Wauwatosa

Deadline: March 1

[La Crosse County hosting art competition to celebrate La Crosse turning 175](#)

WI Proud

Deadline: April 30

[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

[Artists invited to apply for 2026 Midsummer Festival of the Arts](#)

MSN, The Sheboygan Press

Registration Deadline: March 2

NEW [Art in Harmony: Application](#)

Harmonic Harvest

Submission Deadline: March 5

NEW [A Call for Submissions to the Madison Journal of Literary Criticism for the Spring 2026](#)

Autonomy Edition

Madison Journal of Literary Criticism

March 8 | [Written work submission deadline](#)

March 15 | [Artwork submission deadline](#)

Call for Proposals

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

Madison looking for feedback on proposed public art for State Street garage

Wisconsin State Journal

Response Deadline: March 9

Wisconsin Historical Society accepting nominations for 2026 Board of Curators Awards

Tomahawk Leader

Deadline: March 10

2026 Spring Gallery Exhibition Call for Art

Impressions Fine Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 13

Driftless Area art festival announces call for artists for 2026 event

Vernon Reporter

Submission Deadline: March 13

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

NEW In a State of IF | Open Call for Artists

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

Wisconsin People & Ideas Fiction and Poetry Contests

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Deadline: March 15

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Issues Call for Artists for Gateway Mural Project

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Deadline: March 15

Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

Mayor's Year of Housing: City of Milwaukee Launches Next Phase of Public Artist in Residence Program With Milwaukee Fire Department to Address Safe Housing

Urban Milwaukee, City of Milwaukee

RFP and RFQ deadline: March 16

[Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round](#)

Wisconsin Humanities

Deadline: March 16

[Enter to Compete in Get the Gig](#)

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: March 27

[Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Bookmark Design Challenge to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: March 31

[DNR Accepting Entries For Great Waters Photo Contest & Writing Project](#)

Morning AgClips

Submission Deadline: April 1

[Register Now For The Bob-Ross Inspired 'Happy Little 5K' In Wisconsin](#)

B105 Country

Registration Deadline: April 1

[Green Lake Plein Air Festival](#)

Art MidWisconsin, Community Economic Development Associates, and Town Square Community Center

Registration Deadline: April 1

[Teens invited to enter Fond du Lac photo contest by April 10](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

Deadline: April 10

[Miller Art Opens Applications for its 2026 Residency Program, Celebrates Program's Continued Growth](#)

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: April 17

[Kenosha Sculpture Walk Seeks Artists and Sponsors for 2026–2028 Exhibit](#)

The City of Kenosha

Deadline: April 30

Also

[2026-2028 Sculpture Walk – HarborPark](#)

Art Call

Deadline: April 30

[Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: April 30

Call For Artists In Sister Bay
Door County Pulse
Deadline: May 1

Applications For 2027 Residencies Now Open
Write On, Door County
Deadline: May 1

Information sessions will be held March 25 and April 4.

Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Heyde Center for the Arts
Entry Deadline: May 31

NEW Volunteer at Artspire 2026
Pump House Regional Arts Center
June 12, 13

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The Community Mosaic Project
The Hardy Gallery
Deadline: June 21

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

NEW DNR Now Accepting Artwork For The 2027 Turkey, Pheasant And Waterfowl Stamp Contests
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Deadline: August 1

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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