

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

“Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn.” – Charlie Parker

“It's better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.” – Jackie Joyner Kersee

“To live anywhere in the world today and be against equality because of race or color is like living in Alaska and being against snow.” – William Faulkner,

“Prejudice is the child of ignorance.” – William Hazlitt

“Give me love, give me peace on earth,
Give me light, give me life, keep me free from birth,
Give me hope, help me cope, with this heavy load,
“Trying to, touch and reach you with, heart and soul.” – George Harrison

"In memory, everything seems to happen to music." - Tennessee Williams

“Every intelligent child is an amateur anthropologist. The first thing such a child notices is that adults don't make sense.” – John Leonard

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Blue Sky Science: How does science protect great works of art?](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research

[Milwaukee's Miller High Life Theatre faces demolition debate](#)
WISN

[A Tapestry of Moments- Interview with Poet Jeffrey McAndrew](#)
Author Showcase of Oshkosh Wisconsin

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Mark Richard | VOL68 – Someday](#)
Milwaukee PBS

Also

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Mark Richard | Meet The Artist](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Laufey - Both Sides Now \(Joni Mitchell cover\) ft. BBC Concert Orchestra | Radio 2 Piano Room](#)
BBC Music

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

[NEW Arts & Culture Events in Wisconsin](#)

What's On | Travel Wisconsin

Various

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_hilQ#/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

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](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[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 AAEE 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

[68th Annual Art Fair on the Square - Madison, WI](#)

Zapp, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

February 28 | Early Bird Application Deadline

March 3 | Late Application Deadline

[CALL FOR ARTISTS | Makers' Gallery](#)

Wisconsin Main Street

Submission Deadline: March 20

[Moon Tunes returns for 15th year with summer lineup, design contest](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Submission Deadline: March 31

[Moon Tunes returns for 15th year with summer lineup, design contest](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

June 4 - August 27 | La Crosse

[What Will Censorship Look Like in the Age of AI? | Ai Weiwei](#)
Art in America

[Byte-Sized Culture: Black American Artists Making Waves in Technology](#)
Arts Management & Technology Laboratory

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Eau Claire's Power of Perception Is Expanding To Local Elementary Schools](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Parents, Educators Sue Wisconsin Lawmakers Over School Funding](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[Morgridge Institute CEO Brad Schwartz announces retirement](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research

Community Arts

[Remembering Jerry Frautschi](#)
Madison Magazine

[Harley-Davidson reverts to milestone year celebrations for Homecoming festival, returns as Summerfest sponsor](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Jingle dress dancer goes digital to carry on family legacy of Ojibwe activism](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Nordic Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest](#)
American-Scandinavian Foundation

Deadline: September 15

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Photo of the day: Creating collaboratively](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Nikki Giovanni | The Laws of Motion](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Robert Carradine Dies: 'Long Riders', 'Revenge Of The Nerds' & 'Lizzie McGuire' Actor Was 71](#)
Deadline

Performing Arts

Dance

[Yes, Even You Can Dance](#)
The New York Times

Music

[Here are this week's Top 10 classical albums](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear

Other

[How AI-Powered Impact Reporting Helps Nonprofits Meet Modern Donor Expectations](#)
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

[Lamp making basics at the Museum of Wisconsin Art on February 28, 2026](#)
Washington County Insider
February 28

[Rural Artists in Conversation with Wormfarm Institute](#)
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
March 14

Arts and Creativity in Education

[WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival brings music to Manitowoc](#)
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
March 7

Community Arts

[6 fun events happening in Madison this week, Feb. 25-March 4](#)

The Capital Times

February 25 – March 4

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Feb. 26-28 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

February 26 – 28

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Feb. 26-28 in Stevens Point](#)

Stevens Point Journal

February 26 – 28

[Manitowoc weekend guide — Irish music, The Highwaymen and more fun](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

This Weekend

[Oregon Community Calendar: Feb 26 - March 8](#)

The Oregon Observer

February 26 – March 8

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Get to know Fond du Lac Public Library's new director March 5](#)

AOL.com, Fond du Lac Reporter

March 5

[Mary Bergin shares small-town Wisconsin stories at Wade House March 14](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

March 14

[March story time dates set at Marathon County Public Library](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various | March

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Moon Tunes returns for 15th year with summer lineup, design contest](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

June 4 - August 27 | La Crosse

Theater/Opera

Skylight's 'The Spitfire Grill' Serves Up a Hopeful, Homemade Recipe
Milwaukee Magazine
February 27 – March 15

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

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Enter to Compete in Get the Gig
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Deadline: March 27

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Wisconsin State Journal
Submission 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

NEW Nordic Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest

American-Scandinavian Foundation

Deadline: September 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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