

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations
for Our Wisconsin Communities



February 27, 2026

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” – Harriet Tubman

“Perhaps imagination is only intelligence having fun.” – George Scialabba

“There is nothing which can better deserve your patronage, than the promotion of science and literature. Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness.” – George Washington

“Every great poem is in itself limited by necessity, — but in its suggestions unlimited and infinite.” – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. It might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.” – John Steinbeck

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.” – Edmund Burke

“Never get a mime talking. He won't stop.” – Marcel Marceau

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Story of Our Heritage - 2026 NEA National Heritage Fellows](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[Buddy Guy: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR 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 [Spotlighting Wisconsin | Campanile Center for the Arts](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Official Obituary of Richard "Moose" Speros](#)
Bratley-Nelson Funeral Homes and Crematory

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
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[NEW Culture & Arts](#)

Travel Wisconsin

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

What's On | Travel Wisconsin

Various

[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 27, 2026

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Executive and Artistic Director](#)

Green Lake Festival of Music

Deadline: 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

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

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

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

Children's Museum Looks to Double Its Space

Urban Milwaukee

Also

Betty Brinn Children's Museum to find new, larger location in 2026

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

New gallery for Sheboygan Visual Artists to have grand opening

Sheboygan Press

Milwaukee woman turns living room into museum celebrating Black music and culture

WKOW

Hearthstone museum group calls for removal of entire board

WBAY

Travel Wisconsin: Hands-On Art

620WTMJ

March 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

Arts and Creativity in Education

Oshkosh teacher named Wisconsin's 2026 Outstanding Young Choral Director

WeAreGreenBay.com

Community Arts

[4 Ways To Enjoy Milwaukee's Art Scene on a Budget](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Give BIG Green Bay raises record-breaking \\$3.69 million](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

[Milwaukee's First Salon/Café Aims to Cultivate a Community](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Meet the Midwesterners Preserving Black History and Shaping Culture](#)

Arts Midwest

[Marcus Corp. returned to profitability in 2025](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

[Building Common Ground: Fieldwork](#)

Building Common Ground

Deadline: March 27

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Library Receives \\$10,000 Grant](#)

Door County Pulse

[Carnegie foundation gives Kaukauna library \\$10K to honor nation's 250th | Amazing America](#)

Fox 11 News

[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow | The Bridge](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[New State Film Office Launched](#)

Door County Pulse

[Local podcaster Dee Star makes history, literally](#)

Madison365

[Triple M radio's new home: Downsized, upgraded and with a spectacular view](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Also

[A look inside 'Live From Studio M' with Jonathan Suttin of Triple M radio](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Performing Arts

Dance

[Misty Copeland Is Recovering From Hip-Replacement Surgery](#)
The Cut | New York Magazine

Presenting

[Our First Thoughts on Landmark Credit Union Live](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[A Local Stand-Up Comedy Club Makes a Major Move](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Other

[How Nonprofit Board Evaluations Can Strengthen Accountability and Fundraising](#)
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

[‘Portraits of Service’ exhibit highlights Wisconsin veterans and their stories](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio
Through 2026

[Jewish Museum Milwaukee Presents 48 Jews: Layers of Identity](#)
Urban Milwaukee
March 5 | Artist Talk
March 6 – September 6 | Exhibition

[Mark your calendar for the April 12 Stevens Point Festival of the Arts](#)
Stevens Point Journal
April 12

Arts and Creativity in Education

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Isthmus
Through March 8

Destination Imagination Tournament In Algoma
Door County Pulse
February 28

Meet the Wisconsin pilot bringing climate solutions down to earth in new education series
PBS Wisconsin
April 13 | PBS Wisconsin
April 22 | pbswisconsineducation.org

Sturgeon Bay Students To Perform At UWGB
Door County Pulse
May 2

Events
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
Various

Events Calendar | Arts
UW-Madison
Various

Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events
UW-Superior
Various

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: Feb. 26-March 1, 2026
Isthmus
Through March 1

18 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Feb. 26-Mar. 1
Milwaukee Magazine
Through March 1

John Sieger Takes The Stage at Anodyne
Urban Milwaukee
Through March 2

Western Wisconsin Weekend: 'Coldest Night of the Year' is here on Saturday
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Performing Arts

Music

Chippewa Valley choir returns for 16th annual benefit concert this Sunday
WEAU
March 1

Presenting

Spyro Gyra Returns to Milwaukee for the Fresh Coat Jazz Festival
Urban Milwaukee
August 20 – 22

Theater/Opera

Milwaukee Rep Celebrates Agatha Christie with Citywide Festival Surrounding Two Major Productions – Mrs. Christie and And Then There Were None
Urban Milwaukee
April 14 – May 10 | Mrs. Christie
May 26 – June 28 | And Then There Were None

OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications
Volume One Magazine
Now Open

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

Also
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

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

NEW [Music Cities Awards 2026](#)

Music Cities Events + Sound Diplomacy

Deadline: March 1 (extended)

[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

NEW CALL FOR ARTISTS | Makers' Gallery

Wisconsin Main Street

Submission Deadline: March 20

NEW Pawditions: Open Dog Auditions

Skylight Music Theatre

March 21

NEW Building Common Ground: Fieldwork

Building Common Ground

Deadline: March 27

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

NEW Moon Tunes returns for 15th year with summer lineup, design contest

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

NEW The Chippewa Valley Blues Society Announces Local Musicians Compete for Chance to Represent Chippewa Valley in Memphis

Blues Festival Guide 2026

April 12

[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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