

# WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

**May 19, 2026**

[In The News](#) | [When You Go](#) | [Opportunities](#) | [Subscribe/Unsubscribe](#)

Please “like” the Arts Board on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art does not reproduce what we see; rather, it makes us see." – Paul Klee

"I wish to live because life has within it that which is good, that which is beautiful and that which is love. Therefore, since I have known all of these things, I have found them to be reason enough and — I wish to live. Moreover, because this is so, I wish others to live for generations and generations and generations." – Lorraine Hansberry

"For me the important distinction is between a stylistic approach to the design; and an analytical approach giving the process of due consideration to time, place, and purpose ... My analytical approach requires a full understanding of the three essential elements ... to arrive at an ideal balance among them." – I. M. Pei

"Design is really a special case of problem solving. One wants to bring about a desired state of affairs. Occasionally one wants to remedy some fault but more usually one wants to bring about something new. For that reason design is more open ended than problem solving. It requires more creativity. It is not so much a matter of linking up a clearly defined objective with a clearly defined starting position (as in problem solving) but more a matter of starting out from a general position in the direction of a general objective." – Edward de Bono

"If you never change your mind, why have one?" – Edward de Bono

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

['Four Nights and a Fire' | Alex Nystrom](#)  
*First People, First Stories* | PBS

Also

[Ojibwe filmmaker explores grief and death in short film](#)

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Stories in the stitches: Quilt museum in Cedarburg in process of computerizing collection](#)

*CBS 58 | WDJT*

[PBS Wisconsin Youth Media & La Crosse Polytechnic Present | Full Playlist](#)

*School District of La Crosse*

[Viva Le Reina \(LIVE\) | Copper Box](#)

*Copper Box*

[Vince Gill: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

*NPR Music and Vince Gill*

[I Wish - Stevie Wonder \(A cappella Cover\)](#)

*Kings Return*

*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** [Wisconsin Historical Society: Engage with history during America's 250th Anniversary year at the Wisconsin Historical Society's History Maker Space this summer](#)

*WisPolitics*

**This Summer**

**NEW** [In it to win it: Register to bid in PBS Wisconsin's 2026 online Auction](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

**June 1 – 10**

**NEW** [Major Gift Fundraising: What You Need to Know Now](#)

*COP Connect | The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

**June 2 | Virtual**

**NEW** [National Guild for Community Arts Education - Essentials Series: Navigating the Tension Between Money and Mission](#)

*National Guild for Community Arts Education*

**June 10 | Virtual**

**NEW Safeguarding Your Artistic Practice Webinar**  
*CERF+*  
**June 10 | Virtual**

**NEW Military Families Receive Free Admission This Summer at Participating Blue Star Museums 2026**  
*National Endowment for the Arts*  
**Through September 7**

**NEW Gov. Evers Announces State Building Commission Approves Approximately \$248 Million for Local Infrastructure Improvement and Community Development Projects Across Wisconsin**  
*Officer of Governor Tony Evers*

**NEW Guild Essentials Series.- The State of Teaching Artistry: Realities and Possibilities**  
*National Guild for Community Arts Education*  
**May 26 | Virtual**

**NEW Spotighting Wisconsin | Oshkosh Chamber Singers**  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW Creative Copy | Art Fairs & Festivals**  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW Work, Sleep, Create, Repeat: The Midwest's Commitment to Creativity**  
*Arts Midwest*

**NEW Wisconsin Humanities, Arts Board launch program to help folk artists share traditions statewide**  
*Racine County Eye*

**Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry**  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**Creative Copy | Poet Laureate Programs in Wisconsin**  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**Wisconsin's Portrait of a Graduate**  
*WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction*  
**Various | May**

Also  
**Portrait of a Graduate**  
*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*  
**Various | May**

*"Members of DPI's project team are hosting in-person listening sessions across Wisconsin in Spring 2026. These sessions will provide opportunities to*

*share perspectives, ask questions, and help shape the statewide Portrait of a Graduate. Find more full listening session dates and more information in this flyer.”*

[https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/families-students/WI Portrait of a Graduate Listening Sessions.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/families-students/WI_Portrait_of_a_Graduate_Listening_Sessions.pdf)

[Join the Wisconsin Social Rx Ecosystem](#)

*Wisconsin Social Rx*

Also

[Social Prescribing in Wisconsin- Shared screen with speaker view](#)

*Wisconsin Social Rx + Social Rx, Zoom*

[The Great Connector: How Arts Participation Renews Civic and Community Engagement](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

[Statement on Proposed Elimination of the NEA, April 2026](#)

*National Assembly of State Arts Agencies*

[WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 8 - April 2026](#)

*WI Department of Public Instruction*

[Free resources available to Wisconsin residents to host America@250 Community Conversations](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

[Museum Registration for 2026 Blue Star Museums Program](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

[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 | May 8, 2026](#)

*National Creativity Network*

**Job Opportunities**

Controller

*Arts Midwest*

**Deadline: May 19**

Associate Technical Director

*Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center*

**Deadline: May 26**

President & CEO

*Madison Community Foundation*

**Deadline: May 29**

Executive Assistant

*Arts Midwest*

**Deadline: May 31**

Part-Time Faculty

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: May 31**

Executive Director

*Springboard for the Arts | St. Paul, MN*

**Deadline: June 2**

**NEW** Community and Patron Engagement Specialist

*The Young Performing Arts Center | UW-Whitewater*

**Deadline: June 9**

Part-Time Accompanist

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: June 30**

Director of Donor Engagement and Development

*Miller Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Curatorial Internship

*Miller Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

School Programs Coordinator

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Deputy Director of Finance, Administration and Retail Enterprise

*Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Director of Development and Communications

*Jewish Family Services, Inc.*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Arts Administrative Director

*Suzuki Strings of Madison*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Director of Institutional Advancement

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Patron Services Manager

*Next Act Theatre*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Write On, Door County Searches for Next Executive Director

*Spano | Pratt Executive Search*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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](#).

**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**

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

*World Premiere Wisconsin*

**Through December 31**

[Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!](#)

*American Alliance of Museums*

**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**

[Don't Miss the Pre-Conference at Play Make Learn 2026!](#)

*Professional Learning and Community Education | School of Education | UW-Madison*

**July 8**

[2026 National Forum on Education Policy](#)  
*Education Commission of the States*  
**July 8 – 10**

[2026 Play Make Learn Conference](#)  
*Professional Learning and Community Education | School of Education | UW-Madison*  
**July 9-10**

[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**

[AATE 2026 National Conference](#)  
*American Alliance for Theatre & Education*  
**July 29 – August 1 | Greenville, SC**

[2026 LEAD Conference](#)  
*Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability*  
**August 11 – 14 | Philadelphia, PA**

[2026 Annual Conference](#)  
*Chamber Music America*  
**August 20 – 23**

[Midwest Arts Expo](#)  
*Heartland Performing Arts*  
**September 22 – 25**

[2026 Biennial NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference](#)  
*National Association for Music Education*  
**September 30 – October 3 | Long Beach, CA**

[2026 Wisconsin Science Festival](#)  
*Wisconsin Science Festival*  
**October 15 – 25**

[Rooted in Community | 2026 Annual Conference](#)  
*Wisconsin Library Association*  
**October 20 - 23 | Middleton**

[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**

COLUMN: Regional 'Makers Together' Collective Caters To Every Kind Of Artist

*Volume One Magazine*

6 Artist-Built Environments to Visit in Wisconsin

*Milwaukee Magazine*

Domes Alliance gets state grant for Mitchell Park Domes future

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Also

Mitchell Park Domes in Milwaukee to get \$2M state restoration grant

*WISN*

ANNOUNCING: New Commission Opportunity Worth up to \$100,000 in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin

*CODAworx*

**Deadline: June 15**

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

Wausau East High School student wins 7th Congressional Art Competition

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

Composer to lead performance of banned musical piece at Watertown church

*Wisconsin State Journal*

Also

[Watertown School Board defends decision to pull song tied to LGBTQ+ history from spring concert](#)

*KFIZ*

[High school students rediscover, rededicate Black hero from Wisconsin's history](#)

*Civic Media*

[Ashwaubenon Students Hope to Bridge the Gap with Global Outreach Project](#)

*DPI ConnectED*

[Kettle Moraine High School's mascot will change from superhero to saber-tooth tiger](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley name new CEO and COO](#)

*WEAU*

[Boosting kindness and mindfulness in early learning spaces with support from PBS](#)

[Wisconsin Education](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

[UW-Madison budget cuts accelerate closure of 2 libraries](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

[UW-Eau Claire: True Blu: Proksch takes his energy to Hollywood, 'The Office' and beyond](#)

*WisPolitics*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

## **Community Arts**

[\[PHOTOS\] River Prairie Festival: A Celebration Of Art & Community](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

[I Live in the Midwest and This Is the Small City Everyone Should Visit Once—and It Has 35 Miles of Stunning Shoreline](#)

*Travel and Leisure*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Stoughton celebrates Norwegian heritage at annual Syttende Mai Parade](#)

*NBC 15 | WMTV*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Fall Creek Public Library, Village Center Project awarded \\$30K from the Pablo Foundation](#)  
*WEAU*

[Maha Hashwi | Not Brave](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Luke Combs' bandmates host clinic for aspiring Northeast Wisconsin musicians](#)  
*MSN, WLUK*

[Music From Beyoncé and Taylor Swift, Plus Dozens of Other 'Audio Treasures,' Added to National Recording Registry](#)  
*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

### Presenting

[The Grand awarded \\$1.1 million grant](#)  
*Wausau Pilot & Review*

[New concert venue to undergo fire inspection after fire alarm scare](#)  
*WISN*

### Theater/Opera

[Eau Claire Children's Theatre director banned from Pablo Center ahead of show](#)  
*WEAU*

[The Country's Best Classical Theater Is Hiding In Wisconsin—Finding It Is Half the Fun](#)  
*Midwest Living*

[John Lithgow Play 'Giant' Recoups \\$5.6 Million Broadway Investment](#)  
*Variety*

[Getting Jeff Bezos to the Opera](#)  
*The New York Times*

## Other

[The ecology of creative action: Your environment shapes how you invest in what you make.](#)  
[| E. Andrew Taylor](#)  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes*

[Strategy is the Act of Choosing | Chad Bauman](#)  
*Leading Creatively*

Counting Bequests in a Capital Campaign: Where Many Nonprofits Get the Math Wrong  
*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

CWCM to celebrate World Turtle Day with 'Squirt,' the painted turtle  
*Point/Plover Metro Wire*  
**May 23**

### Community Arts

Madison Public Market finally sets date for grand opening  
*Wisconsin State Journal*  
**July 23**

### Literary Arts/Libraries

MKE Books & Beers, Presented by Deer District BID 53, to Host Two Free Summer Book Fairs at the Deer Garden Presented by Michelob Ultra  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**June 30, August 25**

### Media Arts

"Kings of Kubb" documentary to make La Crosse premiere  
*WXOW*  
**May 22**

### Performing Arts

#### Presenting

Tosa Tonight releases schedule of summer 2026 concerts, returning to Hart Park stage  
*Tosa Forward News*  
**June 17 – August 12**

Luma Knotty Duo | Downtown De Pere Farmers Market  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*  
**June 25**

The Smashing Pumpkins coming to Kohl Center  
*Wisconsin State Journal*  
**October 11**

## **Theater/Opera**

Summer Theater Classics Feature Comedy, Myth, History  
*PRLog | Madison Shakespeare Company*  
**Summer Season**

A Conversation with Phylicia Rashad July 17, 2026  
*Ten Chimneys Foundation*  
**July 17**

Also  
The Concluding Presentation-Saturday, July 18, 2026  
*Ten Chimneys Foundation*  
**July 18**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Residency Opportunities | May + June  
*Artist Communities Alliance*  
**Various | May + June**

May 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists  
*Colossal*  
**Various**

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

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**

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**

[2026 Stevens Point Sculpture Park Juried Call](#)

*Stevens Point Sculpture Park*

**Deadline: May 23**

[RISCA Call for Artists: URI Ocean Robotics Laboratory](#)

*Rhode Island State Council on the Arts | Café*

**Deadline: May 26**

[Call for Instructors - Management Training Series for the Museum Learning Hub](#)

*Association of Midwest Museums*

**Deadline: May 29**

[Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS](#)

*Heyde Center for the Arts*

**Entry Deadline: May 31**

[E.C. County Offering Roughly \\$250K In Nonprofit Support Grants](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: June 1**

Artists & artisans wanted for 9th annual Art & Chalk Fest at Museum of Wisconsin Art  
*Washington County Insider*

**Deadline: June 1**

Call for performers: Make Music Madison opens registration for 14th annual event  
*NBC 15 | WMTV*

**Registration Deadline: June 1**

NEH Partners with Freedom 250 to Sponsor a National Student Art Competition on American Heroes

*National Endowment for the Humanities*

**Deadline: June 1**

2027 Dane Arts Calendar & Poster Call for Art: The Treasures of Dane County  
*Dane Arts*

**Deadline: June 8**

Museums and Medical Education: A Convening at the Intersection of Art and Care K  
*Art Bridges*

**Application Deadline : June 10**

**Partner Profile Deadline: June 22**

Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival  
*Seehafernews.com*

**June 12 | Regular Deadline**

**July 17 | Late Deadline**

Volunteer at Artspire 2026

*Pump House Regional Arts Center*

**June 12, 13**

The Beyond & Black Kettle Tea Shoppe Call For Short Film Entries  
*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: June 13**

**NEW ANNOUNCING:** New Commission Opportunity Worth up to \$100,000 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*CODAworx*

**Deadline: June 15**

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The Community Mosaic Project  
*The Hardy Gallery*

**Deadline: June 21**

City-Wide WE READ Youth Voices Writing Contest Returns May 1  
*City of Madison*

**Deadline: June 30**

Great Wisconsin Quilt Show accepting entries  
*Price County Review*  
**Deadline: June 30**

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

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

Also  
DNR accepting artwork for 2027 turkey, pheasant, waterfowl stamp contests  
*Wausau Pilot & Review*  
**Submission Deadline: August 1**

Stamp Artwork Can Still Be Submitted For DNR Waterfowl Design Contest  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**Deadline: August 1**

Nordic Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest  
*American-Scandinavian Foundation*  
**Deadline: September 15**

Small Works Open Call  
*Carnelian Art Gallery*  
**Deadline: November 2026**

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**

\*\*\*\*\*

The Wisconsin Arts News is a free service of the Wisconsin Arts Board, the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts in Wisconsin, on the web at [www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov](http://www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov). These articles are from a variety of sources and, therefore, do not necessarily reflect the views of the Arts Board.

Despite our best efforts, links may fail without warning since each news source posts and archives its articles differently. We apologize for any inconvenience.

To subscribe to Wisconsin Arts News:

\* Send an e-mail with no message to: [subscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov](mailto:subscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov)

Anything in the subject field will be ignored, so you can leave it blank.

To unsubscribe to Wisconsin Arts News:

\* Send an e-mail with no message to: [unsubscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov](mailto:unsubscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov)



P.O. Box 8690  
Madison, WI 53708-8690

T. 608-266-0190  
F. 608-267-0380

[www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov](http://www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov)