



July 16, 2026

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

Hazardous Air Quality Impacts Outdoor Events

We have noted several cancellations due to hazardous air conditions, which the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has reported across the region.

Verify an outdoor activity's status before leaving for that activity.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” – Dalai Lama

“Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold.” – Zelda Fitzgerald

“You'll find that you're not the first person who was ever confused and frightened and even sickened by human behavior. You're by no means alone on that score, you'll be excited and stimulated to know. Many, many men have been just as troubled morally and spiritually as you are right now. Happily, some of them kept records of their troubles. You'll learn from them — if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement. And it isn't education. It's history. It's poetry.” – J. D. Salinger

“What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it. That doesn't happen much, though.” – J. D. Salinger

“Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.” – David Lloyd George

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Pulaski Polka Days kicks off Thursday with music, food and fireworks

WBAY

July 16 – 19

National Youth Poet Laureate Daniel Umemezie on using his words to bridge worlds

Canvas | PBS NewsHour

Creative Aging: Ted Danson Embraces Aging

E.A. Michelson Philanthropy

Carl Orff - O Fortuna - CARMINA BURANA

Francisco Navarro Lara

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 - Developing Artists, Murals, and Alliances (DAMA)

Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Generative AI in the Performing Arts Survey

Annie Dorsen and SMU DataArts

July through September

Annie Dorsen is partnering with SMU DataArts to conduct a study of the material impacts of generative AI on artists working in theater, dance, and live music. The survey explores how AI is affecting artists' income, employment opportunities, creative processes, administrative work, and future planning. Findings will help inform policy, advocacy, funding, and support efforts across the field.

This work is part of Artists Make Technology, a collaborative initiative anchored by Mozilla Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation, in partnership with the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, with additional support from Ford Foundation.

NEW JEM Applications Due August 1

Travel Wisconsin

Deadline: August 1

NEW [Now Accepting Applications: 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Award](#)
Arts Midwest
Deadline: August 18

Twenty Years of Showing Up: AFTA, NCAPER and the Work of Building a Resilient Arts Ecosystem
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

NEW [July Newsletter](#)
Americans for the Arts

NEW [Alyssa Fisher Joins Americans for the Arts As Chief Government Affairs Officer](#)
Americans for the Arts

Local Arts Agencies | Creative Copy #34
Wisconsin Arts Board

WAB Virtual Office Hours
Wisconsin Arts Board
July 21 @ 11 am – 12:30 pm | For Artists
July 21 @ 1 pm – 2:30 pm | For Organizations

Wisconsin State Fair Earns Nomination for Best State Fair
Urban Milwaukee
Vote through July 27

Secretary Lonnie Bunch Says the Smithsonian Keeps ‘The Nation’s Memory’ in an Exclusive Essay for America’s 250th Birthday
Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

U.S. Conference of Mayors and National Endowment for the Arts to Showcase Freedom 250 City Art Posters
National Endowment for the Arts
Submit through November 6

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

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

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

[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)
Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

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

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

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

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | July 10, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

[Capacity Building Manager](#)
Lifetime Arts
Deadline: July 24

NEW [Communications Coordinator](#)
LunART
Deadline: July 31

NEW [Digital Marketing & Social Media Coordinator](#)
LunART
Deadline: July 31

NEW [Chief Philanthropy Officer](#)
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra
Deadline: Until Filled

NEW [Associate Director of Communications](#)
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Payroll and HR Generalist
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
Deadline: Until Filled

Human Resources Manager
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Deadline: Until Filled

Gallery Associate, part-time
Abel Contemporary Gallery
Deadline: Until Filled

Development & Special Events Manager
Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts
Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Performing Arts Center
Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director of Performing Arts Center
Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids
Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

General Manager

Barrymore Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Development Coordinator

Opera for the Young

Deadline: Until Filled

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

Deadlines | Resources | Events

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

Military Families Receive Free Admission This Summer at Participating Blue Star Museums 2026

National Endowment for the Arts

Through September 7

We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series

Creative West

Through September 8

Creative Labor, Creative Conditions - A National Campaign to Shift the Valuation of the Arts

Doris Duke Foundation

Through September

Also

Creative Labor, Creative Conditions: Why Centering Artists as Thought Leaders and Changemakers Matters

Doris Duke Foundation

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!

World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

Workforce Policy Briefing
Arts Education Partnership
July 16 | Virtual

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

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
July 29 | Paid Internships and First-Jobs as Creative Youth Development
August 19 | Creative Youth Development Building Backstage, Media, and Production Pathways
September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work
October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists
November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

2026 LEAD Conference
Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability
August 11 | Capacity Building Workshops
August 12 - 14 | Conference

Tradition Bearers, Live!
Wisconsin Humanities
August 20

2026 Annual Conference
Chamber Music America
August 20 – 23

Annual Convening
Arts Education Partnership
September 1 - 4 | Jacksonville, FL

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

NOAHCON
National Organization for Arts in Health
October 11 - 13 | Rochester, NY
October 28 | Virtual Day

2026 Wisconsin Science Festival
Wisconsin Science Festival
October 15 – 25

Rooted in Community | 2026 Annual Conference
Wisconsin Library Association
October 20 - 23 | Middleton

Women Trailblazers Conference
UW-Stevens Point School of Business and Economics
October 28 | Stevens Point

Creative Communities, Collective Futures
2026 Chicago Regional | National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures
November 12 – 14 | Chicago, IL

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

[Midwest Tintamarresque](#)

Chippewa Valley Museum + UW-Eau Claire

Extended Deadline: August 1

Also

[For The Playful Artist: 'Midwest Tintamarresque' Calls For Submissions](#)

Volume One Magazine

Extended Deadline: August 1

Arts and Creativity in Education

[John Sorensen Gift of Music carries on a music legacy in Kenosha](#)

Wisconsin State Journal, Kenosha News

[Mount Mary University president to step down next year](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[A northern Wisconsin college spent down its endowment before it closed. Some donors think it broke the law.](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

Community Arts

[Bronzeville development to get city financing help for creative hub](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[How a tiny Wisconsin village went viral nearly 60 years ago](#)

Wisconsin Life

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Tarik Dobbs | In Minneapolis](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[UW-Stout Polytechnic video production program work highlights viability of Wisconsin as film hub](#)

The Baldwin Bulletin

Performing Arts

Music

PRESS RELEASE: Madison Symphony Orchestra Names Laura Jackson as Next Music Director
Madison Symphony Orchestra

Presenting

[PHOTOS] Sizzling Heat & Eats At 2026 Northern Wisconsin State Fair
Volume One Magazine

DC Passes Bill to Ban Surveillance Pricing for Concert Tickets, Cap Resale Prices
Privacy & Security | Gizmodo

Other

Make the Quiet Season Count With a Summer Major-Gifts Strategy
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

A Retrospective of the Art of Truman Lowe Celebrates One of the Most Acclaimed Native American Sculptors of the 20th Century
Smithsonian Voices | National Museum of the American Indian
Through January 2027

Midsummer Festival of the Arts
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
July 18 – 19

Art at the Park returns to the City Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and July 26!
Trout Museum of Art
July 25 – 26

Art & Chalk Fest 2026 is August 1 & 2 at Museum of Wisconsin Art – FREE ADMISSION
Washington County Insider
August 1 – 2

Milwaukee Mandalas pushes the boundary of paper layering to create art
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Ongoing

Also

Milwaukee Mandalas offers workshops to create your own paper mandala

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Ongoing

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: July 16-19, 2026

Isthmus

July 16 – 19

14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: July 16-19

Milwaukee Magazine

July 16 – 19

17 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

Western Wisconsin Weekend: In the summertime, when the weather is high

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

Oregon Community Calendar: July 16-26

The Oregon Observer

July 16 - 26

Community Events Calendar: July 16-26

The Verona Press

July 16 - 26

Burial Mounds and Effigy Earthworks of Devil's Lake State Park

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

August 5

Gallery Night MKE Goes Beyond the Canvas, Shakespeare in the Park, and a Story of Freedom

What's On Tap With Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

Various

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

'Timeless Teachings' to fill Woodland Bowl with stories

New Media Inc.

July 29

Burial Mounds and Effigy Earthworks of Devil's Lake State Park

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

August 5

Puerto Rican Festival of Wisconsin 2026 Returns to Henry Maier Festival Park to Kick Off Hispanic Heritage Month

Urban Milwaukee

September 12

Literary Arts/Libraries

Life-size inflatable whale, dinosaur fossils coming to Amery Library's summer reading program

Amery Free Press

July 16

Stevens Point bookstore to celebrate 5th anniversary with block party

Stevens Point Journal

August 1

Media Arts

Rare 70mm screenings of "The Odyssey" coming to several Wisconsin theaters

WeAreGreenBay.com

Opens July 17

New Documentary Highlights Milwaukee Chef

Urban Milwaukee

Available July 23

Performing Arts

Presenting

July 16th Show has been cancelled!

Moon Tunes

July 16 | CANCELLED

Green Bay Fringe performing arts festival embraces the weird and wonderful

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

July 16 – 19

Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

July 18 | Frogwater & Lil' Rev; Larry & Joe
July 19 | The Cactus Blossoms; Copper Box

Latino Arts, Inc. celebrates 40 years of cultura y corazón announcing 2026 fall lineup and Day Of The Dead celebrations!

Milwaukee Record

Season

Idina Menzel, Dance Theatre of Harlem, War and Treaty coming to Kohler

Sheboygan Press

Season

Theater/Opera

Evil Dead: The Musical Breaks Records at Mikadow Theater

Seehafernews.com

July 17 – 19

Other

Farm Wisconsin Celebrates Eight Years with Three-Day Event

WHBL

July 23 – 25

OPPORTUNITIES

Residency Opportunities | July + August

Artist Communities Alliance

Various | July + August

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

Colossal

Deadlines: 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.

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

WinterWorks New Play Festival Announcement

Third Avenue PlayWorks

Submissions Accepted July 6 – August 2

Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival

Seehafernews.com

July 17 | Late Deadline

The 7th VH Award Open Call Expands Support for Media Artists

Colossal

Deadline: July 21

Local Artists Encouraged to Submit Pieces for 2026 Bronzeville Artwalk

Urban Milwaukee

Submission Deadline: July 26

NEW America@250: Colors of Freedom

Junior Artists

Submission Deadline: July 31

EXTENDED Midwest Tintamarresque
Chippewa Valley Museum + UW-Eau Claire
Extended Deadline: August 1

Also

EXTENDED For The Playful Artist: 'Midwest Tintamarresque' Calls For Submissions
Volume One Magazine
Extended Deadline: August 1

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

2026 Call for Art: Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD)
Deadline: August 1

NEW Now Accepting Applications: 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Award
Arts Midwest
Deadline: August 18

Wisconsin Photography 2026
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: August 24

NEW Auditions
Master Singers of Milwaukee
September 1

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

Independence 250 Call for Creativity
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: September 17

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

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