



July 17, 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

“Thought is the sculptor who can create the person you want to be.” – Henry David Thoreau

“I took a deep breath and listened to the old bray of my heart: I am, I am, I am.” – Sylvia Plath

“To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day, to the last syllable of recorded time; and all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more; it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.” – William Shakespeare

“The world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly kind companion; and so let all young persons take their choice.” – William Makepeace Thackeray

“They told us not to wish in the first place, not to aspire, not to try; to be quiet, to play nice, to shoot low and aspire not at all. They are always wrong. Follow your dreams. Make your wishes. Create the future. And above all, believe in yourself.” – J. Michael Straczynski

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

VIDEO OF THE DAY

New exhibit in Two Rivers highlights how print helped shape America
WeAreGreenBay.com
Through December

Reading: A Homecoming Farewell—A Weekend of Readings and Reunions in Riverwest |
May 23, 2026 @ 7 PM
Woodland Pattern

A conversation with dancer Tyler Schnese and writer/poet Jason Robert Weidemann
Everwood Farmstead Foundation

IOB@ blends neurodivergent creativity with iconic Milwaukee destinations
AOL.com, Fox 6 Digital News Team

"Give Up" ft. Lila Forde – Pockets
Scary Pockets

Red Right Hand (Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds Jazz Cover) feat. Katerina Lomis
PostmodernJukebox

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 How do arts graduates of color experience belonging? Join the conversation next Wednesday.
SNAAP Chats | Strategic National Arts Alumni Project
July 22

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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

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

Open Door Arts

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | July 17, 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

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

[Miller Museum Calls For Artists](#)

Door County Pulse

Submission Deadline: August 21

[Epic Systems' founder Judy Faulkner on why the company buys so much art](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Creating Arts Programming for Justice-Involved Youth](#)

Arts Midwest

[UW-Madison water main break fuels Regents' concerns over system's aging infrastructure](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[UW-Eau Claire: UW-Eau Claire's new building has a new name: Riverside Science Center](#)

WisPolitics

[Northland College's Post-Closure Court Petition Sparks Questions Over Restricted](#)

[Endowment Funds](#)

The EDU Ledger

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts in Health Today | July 2026](#)

Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida | College of the Arts

Community Arts

[Spreading Kindness in Door County Using Art and Heart](#)

Door County Pulse

[Mariah Goode and Design Wisconsin Team Win Prestigious Wisconsin Idea Award](#)

Door County Pulse

[Mobilizer, connector, spectator, or outsider? New Pew research categorizes how Americans do \(or don't\) engage civically](#)

Nieman Lab

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Placemaking through poetry - The Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood presents 'Knickerbocker Oak'](#)

Isthmus

[Publishing Has a Hologram Problem. And It's Growing. For Robert Moor, Readers Are Quickly Losing the Line Between the Idea of a Book and the Book Itself](#)

Literary Hub

[Wo Chan | Roller Coaster, Lightning Storm](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Music

[Madison Symphony names Laura Jackson as new director](#)

The Capital Times

[Vinyl in the Veins - Behind the nostalgia lies an uncomfortable truth: Every record is made of oil.](#)

Longreads

Theater/Opera

[\[PHOTOS\] 'AS YOU LIKE IT': Shakespeare In The Park - Menomonie Theater Guild brings Shakespearian comedy to Wilson Park](#)

Volume One Magazine

[CULTURE CLUB: New Plays Made Right Here](#)

Door County Pulse

['Tis the Season for Summer Stock Theatre](#)

Arts Midwest

Other

[Understanding the Psychology of Newly Wealthy Donors](#)

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

[Lyrics Of Bob Dylan Tapestry On View](#)

Door County Pulse

Through November

[Discover the Extraordinary Fiber Art of Ann T. Huhn Anderson at Plum Bottom Gallery](#)

Plum Bottom Gallery

On Exhibit

[Abstract Exhibit Opening](#)

Door County Pulse

July 18 | Opening Reception

[Free admission days at Milwaukee museums in August 2026](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | August

[Wisconsin Sailing and Maritime Hall of Fame to open in September](#)

Fox 11 News

September 19

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Youth Arts Festival](#)

Isthmus

July 18

[Miss Wisconsin 2025 to speak at Oshkosh tea event July 29](#)

Oshkosh Northwestern

July 29

[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: July 16-19, 2026](#)

Isthmus

Through July 19

[14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: July 16-19](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Through July 19

[Oregon Community Calendar: July 16-26](#)

The Oregon Observer

Through July 26

[Community Events Calendar: July 16-26](#)

The Verona Press

Through July 26

[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

[Summer Gallery Night and more things to do in Milwaukee this weekend](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

This Weekend

[Air Quality Dependent, A Weekend of Fun Awaits](#)

Urban Milwaukee

This Weekend

[Milwaukee Community Orchestra at American Family Field, Midwest Americana at the Pabst, & Wisconsin Summer Events](#)

What's On Tap With Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

This Weekend & Various

[Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival Continues Celebrating Art And Fun During Its 4th Year](#)

Seehafernews.com

July 18 – 19

[Oshkosh guide for AirVenture visitors looking beyond planes](#)

Oshkosh Northwestern

July 18 – 25

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)
[Wausau Pilot & Review](#)
Various

[Hometown Festival Week starts Friday](#)
[SWNews4U](#)
Various

[Rise Together marks 13 years with benefit concert in Appleton](#)
[WBAY](#)
September 12

Folk Arts/Folklife

[47th-annual Pulaski Polka Days runs until Sunday with live music, dancing, and Polish food](#)
[WBAY](#)
Through July 19

[Milwaukee Irish Fest returns to the lakefront with new headliners and hidden gems](#)
[IrishCentral.com](#)
August 13 – 16

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Bound to Happen Books to celebrate anniversary with downtown block party](#)
[Point/Plover Metro Wire](#)
August 1

Media Arts

[Kronenwetter postpones Movies Under the Stars because of air quality, storm threat](#)
[Wausau Pilot & Review](#)
Now July 24

Performing Arts

Music

[Auditions](#)
[Master Singers of Milwaukee](#)
September 1

Presenting

[What to know about Justin Vernon, the Eau Claire musician of Bon Iver](#)
[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)
July 24 – 25

Also

Heading to Eaux Claires music festival? Here are a few things to add to your itinerary

Chicago Sun-Times

23rd Annual Sugar Maple Music Festival

Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective

July 31 - August 1

Also

'Simply Folk' at the Sugar Maple Music Festival

PBS Wisconsin Events

July 31

Béla Fleck

Isthmus

November 3

Theater/Opera

Over Our Head Players to premiere new Racine play "The Good One" July 24–Aug.

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Racine County Eye

July 24 – August 2

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 Through 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

NEW Miller Museum Calls For Artists
Door County Pulse
Submission Deadline: August 21

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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