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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

August 3 - 4, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination." – Albert Einstein

"Art is the desire of a man to express himself, to record the reactions of his personality to the world he lives in." – Amy Lowell

"One writes out of one thing only — one's own experience. Everything depends on how relentlessly one forces from this experience the last drop, sweet or bitter, it can possibly give. This is the only real concern of the artist, to recreate out of the disorder of life that order which is art." – James Baldwin

"The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks." – Tennessee Williams

"In this world of lies, Truth is forced to fly like a sacred white doe in the woodlands; and only by cunning glimpses will she reveal herself, as in Shakespeare and other masters of the great Art of Telling the Truth, — even though it be covertly, and by snatches." – Herman Melville

"The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie." – Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

"If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner." – Tallulah Bankhead

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Mile of Music 2026 sights from above, within, in one minute](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Miss Wisconsin 2025 - Willow Newell](#)
Racine Video Production Workshop

[Mold, Paint & Create!](#)
What's Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee

[Inside Milwaukee Makers Market: 10 Years of Supporting Local Artists](#)
What's On Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620 WTMJ
August 9

[Your guide to The Odyssey: Watch, learn and explore with PBS Wisconsin](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Charlie Puth: 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 [Visit 3, Get a T!](#)
Wisconsin Art Destinations
August 15 – November 15

LINK CORRECTED [DANCE, ART & DESIGN, and MUSIC Standards Public Comment Survey Now Open](#)
Arts & Creativity | WI Department of Public Instruction
Through September 1

NEW [Join the Accessibility Committee](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Creative Forces Expands Arts Engagement Opportunities for Military Nationwide](#)
National Endowment for the Arts + Mid-America Arts Alliance

[Understanding Your Form 990 and the Story It Tells About Your Arts Organization](#)
Eide Bailly | Arts Midwest

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

Also

Gov. Evers Declares State of Emergency in Response to Severe Storms throughout Eastern Wisconsin

Office of Governor Tony Evers

Governor Evers Appoints Kristin Tjornehoj to Wisconsin Arts Board, Reappoints Four Others

Wisconsin Arts Board

An Important Update from the Craft Emergency Relief Fund
CERF+

Spotlighting Wisconsin - Developing Artists, Murals, and Alliances (DAMA)
Wisconsin Arts Board

Generative AI in the Performing Arts Survey
Annie Dorsen and SMU DataArts
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.

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

Local Arts Agencies | Creative Copy #34
Wisconsin Arts Board

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 31, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[NEW Associate Director of Animation, Interactive, and Environmental Design](#)

PBS Wisconsin

Deadline: August 13

Administrative Director

Salon Piano Series

Deadline: August 15

Booking Agent

Cadenza Artists

Deadline: August 21

Development Director (Shared Services – MYArts/MYC/CTM)

MYArts

Deadline: August 31

Partnerships Manager

Arts @ Large

Deadline: September 1

Chief Philanthropy Officer

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Deadline: Until Filled

Associate Director of Communications

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Deadline: Until Filled

Payroll and HR Generalist

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Deadline: Until Filled

Human Resources Manager

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

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

2026 LEAD Conference

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

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative
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

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

Mission Possible: Strengthening our role as agents of change through innovation and collaboration.

2026 Wisconsin Aging, Disability and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference
September 21 – 23 | Wisconsin Dells

Midwest Arts Expo

Heartland Performing Arts
September 22 – 25

AI's Impact on the Creative World

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
September 29

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

Artist Michelle Grabner Makes Big Gift to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Milwaukee Magazine

Also

Wisconsin artist making enormous gift to Sheboygan arts center

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Inside 414 Art Revival, Milwaukee's First Art Supply Thrift Store

Milwaukee Magazine

Arts and Creativity in Education

Miss Wisconsin 2025 speaks at Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club event

Oshkosh Northwestern

LINK CORRECTED DANCE, ART & DESIGN, and MUSIC Standards Public Comment Survey Now Open

Arts & Creativity | WI Department of Public Instruction

Through September 1

Trump Administration Plans to Upend Head Start by Deregulating It

The New York Times

[PHOTOS] CHALKFEST 2026: This Year's Winners & Event Photos!

Volume One Magazine

Preserving Milwaukee History One Laser Scan at a Time

Milwaukee Magazine

Arts and Healthcare

[Creative Care - From the cutting room floor](#)
Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

[The performing arts can help solve America's empathy crisis](#)
Salon

[Dancing to Stave Off Dementia - The connections between a regular dance practice and cognitive health are just now being understood](#)
Harper's Bazaar

Community Arts

[Art and It's Role in This Moment For Our Community | Nicholas Pjevach](#)
Facebook

[Council picks Innovative Public Advisors to lead search for new administrator](#)
Northwoods Star Journal

[Bars, bowling alleys, and movie theaters cost too much to run and visit. Americans have run out of places to hang out and we're paying with our health](#)
Fortune

Literary Arts/Libraries

[RETURN TO UM: Erik Meyer Finds Himself Right At Home In Science Fiction, Fantasy](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Mildred Pitts Walter, Author of Books for Black Children, Dies at 103](#)
The New York Times

[Toi Derricotte | Black Boys Play the Classics](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Bill McGlaughlin — radio host and music educator – dies at 82](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear

Performing Arts

Dance

[Dancing to Stave Off Dementia - The connections between a regular dance practice and cognitive health are just now being understood](#)
Harper's Bazaar

[The Mantra of Misty Copeland? Ballet Is for Everyone.](#)
The New York Times

Music

[From teens to retirees, Verona's community band plays as one](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Presenting

[NIVA Venues In Focus: Q&A With Pabst Theater Group's Gary Witt](#)
JamBase

Theater/Opera

[Dominique Paul Noth Gets Theatrical Sendoff](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Texas transplant Cara Johnston brings fresh vision to Milwaukee stages](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Sheila Robertson wants 'more cheddar' for Monkey Business Institute](#)
Isthmus

[Theatre: when Selling Out Is No Longer a Business Model](#)
LinkedIn | Doug McLennan

[This Week in Literary History: William Shakespeare's Macbeth is Performed for the First Time \(Probably\)](#)
Literary Hub

Other

[The only male joining Team USA at world baton twirling championships is from Superior](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

[Time and tides in arts organizations](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[Small events that win big gifts, no gala required](#)
The Chronicle of Higher Education

[How Nonprofit Leaders Can Cut the Distractions and Focus on What Actually Matters](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Answer Three Questions to Make Your Program Impact Board-Ready](#)
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

[Jan Serr | Summer Paintings](#)

Villa Terrace Museum and Gardens

Through November 30

Community Arts

[Bronzeville Week Continues with Events Highlighting Fashion, Wellness, and More](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Through August 8

[What to do in Madison this week: Aug. 3-6, 2026](#)

Isthmus

August 3 – 6

[That's Entertainment: Week of 08/03/26](#)

Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

This Week

[Paddle for the Arts](#)

Schmidty's Bar & Restaurant and Pump House Regional Arts Center

August 11

[YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW with Brad Anthony Bernard aka B. Wyzdom](#)

HYFIN

August 16

[Kemper Center to Celebrate 50 Years With Full Day of Cars, Music, History, Market and Fireworks](#)

Kenosha County Eye

[Hop Summer Nights Returns to the Streetcar This August](#)

Urban Milwaukee

August 30

[Experience the Creative Energy of Art Infusion in Downtown Janesville Sept 4-6](#)

Fox 47 | WMSN

September 4 – 6

[One of the Milwaukee Area's Longest Running and Most Beloved Street Fests to Celebrate 50th Anniversary](#)

Urban Milwaukee

September 11 – 12

Media Arts

[Mission 1 Billion Speaker Meeting | Ramon Sloan](#)

LinkedIn | Rex Sikes

August 19

Performing Arts

Music

[Jazz quartet blends originals, standards at Bayfield concert Aug. 5](#)

Ashland Daily Press

August 5

Presenting

[White Oak Folk Festival in Dodgeville August 7 – 9](#)

Patch

August 7 – 9

[The Gentlemen Grifters: Bluegrass at Artfest Green Bay](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

August 22

Theater/Opera

[Evergreen Theater brings the roaring twenties to life with Charleston!](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

August 6 – 8

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW [August 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

[The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Summer Cycle](#)

Lynden Sculpture Garden

Deadline: Until funds for this cycle are expended

[Residency Opportunities | August](#)

Artist Communities Alliance

Various | August

[CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications](#)

Volume One Magazine

Now Open

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

City Of E.C. Seeks Applications For Transit Center Mural

Volume One Magazine

Deadline: August 6

Now Accepting Applications: 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Award

Arts Midwest

Deadline: August 18

Miller Museum Calls For Artists

Door County Pulse

Submission Deadline: August 21

Apply For the ILI Year 8 Fellowship

Intercultural Leadership Institute

Deadline: August 21

Wisconsin Photography 2026
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: August 24

Are you ready to pack a massive punch into a tiny dramatic space? Mini Plays Review is officially open for submissions for our upcoming issue!
Playwrights Ink
Deadline: August 31

Calling all artists and makers! | Art Market
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
Deadline: August 31

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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