

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

August 7, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It’s an artist’s duty to reflect the times in which we live.” – Nina Simone

“The principal goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive and discoverers, who can be critical and verify, and not accept, everything they are offered.” – Jean Piaget

“In science one tries to tell people, in such a way as to be understood by everyone, something that no one ever knew before. But in the case of poetry, it’s the exact opposite!” – Paul Dirac

“It isn’t the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it’s the pebble in your shoe.” – Muhammad Ali

“A man said to the Universe: “Sir, I exist!” “However,” replied the Universe, “the fact has not created in me a sense of obligation.”” – Stephen Crane

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Ashley for the Arts back for their 17th year](#)
WEAU

Through August 8

[5 artists reimagining family history through their creative work](#)
American Masters | PBS

Action Wisconsin: "Masterpiece"
Ski Team Video Agency

The Heavyweights: Christian McBride, Sheléa & Warren Wolf
Emmet Cohen

Glen Hansard funeral concludes with a rousing rendition of Bob Dylan's 'Forever Young' |
RTÉ News

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 Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar
Americans for the Arts
August 13 | Webinar

NEW Visit 3, Get a T!
Wisconsin Art Destinations
August 15 – November 15

NEW 2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit
WI Department of Public Instruction
August 21 | Virtual

NEW Wisconsin's Early Learning and Development Guidelines Revision Project
WI Department of Children & Families + WI Department of Public Instruction
Deadline for Comments: August 21

LINK CORRECTED DANCE, ART & DESIGN, and MUSIC Standards Public Comment Survey Now Open
Arts & Creativity | WI Department of Public Instruction
Deadline for Comments: 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

[Emergency/Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry](#)
Creative Copy | 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 Tjernehoj 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

[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

[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 | August 7, 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

Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar
Americans for the Arts
August 13 | Webinar

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

NEW 2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit
WI Department of Public Instruction
August 21 | Virtual

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

NEW Wisconsin Economic Summit to highlight opportunities for shared economic growth and strategic investments for the future
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
September 30 – October 1

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 Spotlight | Sara Prentice](#)

Fox Cities Magazine

[People, Places & Things | Our 20th Annual Photo Contest](#)

Fox Cities Magazine

[Angel-inspired monument dedicated to our nation's troops](#)

WEAU

[Milwaukee seeks developers for old museum site](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[August 2026: Serendipity](#)

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore

[The Audience Engagement Tool Hiding in Plain Sight](#)

Alliance Blog | American Alliance of Museums

[Why Museums Are Teaming Up to Buy Art](#)
Artnet News

[Can a knowledge graph crack the art world's forgery problem? QuantumSpace says Caravaggio agrees](#)
Diginomica

[The Great Estate Rush That Is Reshaping the Art Market](#)
ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Creativity Summit Aug 21, Standards Feedback, A Triumphant Return](#)
Wisconsin Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction

[Wisconsin Head Start Association voices concerns after HHS proposes changes](#)
WSAW

[Building Bridges: Partnerships, Parents, and Pathways in Youth Arts](#)
Research for Action

[CVTC welcomes metal otter to campus as part of the Eau Claire Sculpture Tour](#)
Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

Community Arts

[City of Eau Claire's New Comprehensive Plan Project, 'Legacy EC,' Underway](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Someone Is Mysteriously Snapping Up Used Books Around the World](#)
The Atlantic

[Rabindranath Tagore | On the Seashore](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Why are deaf audiences still treated as an afterthought in theatre and cinema?](#)
The Conversation

Performing Arts

Dance

[Dane Dances cancels Friday's opener of 27th season](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Theater/Opera

London's West End is booming, and upstaging Broadway
MSN, The Wall Street Journal

Why are deaf audiences still treated as an afterthought in theatre and cinema?
The Conversation

Other

6 Communications Mistakes That Keep Nonprofits From Being Heard
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

August at Lynden
Lynden Sculpture Garden
Various | August

Chinese Brush Paintings At Ladybug Studio
Door County Pulse
Opens August 7

Beachy Art Exhibit In Algoma
Door County Pulse
Opens August 7 – 30

Fine Line Opens Final Show Of The Season
Door County Pulse
August 13 – 14

Milwaukee Art Museum Launches Yearlong Celebration of the Santiago Calatrava-Designed Quadracci Pavilion's 25th Anniversary
Urban Milwaukee
Begins August 27

Arts and Creativity in Education

Young actors bring the fight of the 'Newsies' to Portage stage
Wisconsin State Journal
August 14 – 16

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: Aug. 6-9, 2026

Isthmus

Through August 9

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Aug. 6-9

Milwaukee Magazine

Through August 9

Third Ward Moon Festival

Milwaukee Magazine

August 7 – 9

20 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

Western Wisconsin Weekend: Hammond Heartland Days, Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day and more

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx: Wisconsin State Fair, Moon Festival, Shakespeare in the Park and More

620WTMJ

This Weekend

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Wisconsin Economic Summit to highlight opportunities for shared economic growth and strategic investments for the future

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

September 30 – October 1

Folk Arts/Folklife

Irishfest La Crosse | Southside Oktoberfest Grounds

La Crosse Local

August 7 – 9

Literary Arts/Libraries

After Hours Poetry At Tambourine Lounge

Door County Pulse

August 19

2026 UntitledTown Book and Author Festival

UntitledTown Book and Author Festival

September 25 – 27

Performing Arts

Presenting

Keefe Jackson-Jakob Heinemann Quartet

Charles Allis Art Museum

August 22

Pentatonix to Bring Massive 2026 Christmas in the City Tour to Fiserv Forum on Nov. 14

Urban Milwaukee

November 14

Theater/Opera

Wisconsin's first full production of 'Dear Evan Hansen' comes to McFarland

WKOW

August 7 – 9

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

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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