

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

August 10, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life is like music; it must be composed by ear, feeling, and instinct, not by rule.” – Samuel Butler

“There is no prejudice that the work of art does not finally overcome.” – Andre Gide

“Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.” – George Washington

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

“It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.” – Oscar Wilde

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Milwaukee artist behind a viral ceramics brand | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

Incredible Eclectic Bookstore in a 1906 Tobacco Warehouse (Viroqua, Wisconsin) Vintage Books and Art
Vintage SF

Community impact takes center stage at Ashley for the Arts!
Ashley Furniture Industries, LLC

Meet the Filmmakers: Caroline Ferrero of The Path
MKE Short Film Fest

2026 AIA Wisconsin Design Awards Entries
AIA Wisconsin

Global Impact Musician x UW-Madison Final Showcase 2026
Global Impact Musician

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 Award-Winning Actress Phylicia Rashad to Headline the 36th Nancy Hanks Lecture
Americans for the Arts
September 30

NEW The Senate of the United States Confirms Michael McDonald as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities
National Endowment for the Humanities

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 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

[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 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

[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

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

2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit

WI Department of Public Instruction

August 21 | Virtual

Annual Convening

Arts Education Partnership

September 1 - 4 | Jacksonville, FL

NEW Conference

Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education

September 18 | UW-Parkside

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

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

NEW Annual State Conference

Wisconsin Dance Council

October 9 | Diamond Jubilee Dinner

October 10 | Professional Development Conference | MYArts

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

NEW 2026 Wisconsin State Music Conference

Wisconsin Music Educators Association

October 28 – 31 | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

NEW WAEA Fall Conference

Wisconsin Art Education Association

October 30 - 31 | Waunakee

Creative Communities, Collective Futures

2026 Chicago Regional | National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

November 12 – 14 | Chicago, IL

NEW Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival

Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

NEW Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism 2027

Travel Wisconsin

March 14 – 16, 2027 | Appleton

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

[The Field Museum in Chicago is connecting Pokémon to fossils. It's a hit](#)
Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

Arts and Creativity in Education

[See colors during the Fifth Annual Paint the City Mural Project](#)
Appleton Post-Crescent

[Wausau school class sizes hit six-year high as district weighs another referendum](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review

Community Arts

[The Highground 'Honors, Educates and Heals'](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

[August 2026](#)
Imagine MKE

[Wisconsin's 'brain drain' is 2nd worst in nation, hampering growth](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Our 2026 grant portal is open](#)
Kohler Foundation
Deadline: September 15

[Creative Placemaking for Rural & Outdoor Recreation Communities: Building Places People Love Through Arts, Culture & the Outdoors](#)
Harbinger Consultancy
September 24, October 1, 8 | Video Conference Sessions

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Luxembourgish roots celebrated at Luxembourg Fest in Wisconsin, USA](#)
RTL Today

[Kubb players play for cash, fun](#)
Beloit Daily News

Literary Arts/Libraries

[‘There is a rhythm, there is a flow’: Writer Kevin Henkes on what makes a good children’s book](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[How DNF Became A-OK](#)

The New York Times

[Mark Doty | Golden Retrievals](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Wisconsin Radio Group Magnum Media Expands With WCOW Acquisition as Founder Dave Magnum Marks Hall of Fame Career](#)

Kenosha County Eye

Performing Arts

Dance

[Shortage of Madison police officers reason for Dane Dances cancellation](#)

Isthmus

Theater/Opera

[Can Theater Help Us Learn to Live Together Again? or Finding the Magnets, Not the Wedges](#)

Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[The Final Collaborator: Why New Work Needs Audiences](#)

American Theatre

Other

[How to Encourage Planned Gift Disclosure From Reluctant 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

Miller Art Museum Marks 6 Years of the Dome House Residency with Opening Celebration for 2026 Artist Juan Carlos Rodríguez Rivera

Miller Art Museum

August 15

COLUMN: Drenched In Jazz & Art

Volume One Magazine

August 28 – 29

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Aug. 10-13, 2026

Isthmus

August 10 – 13

Color Vibe 5K Brings a Burst of Color, Music, and Fun to Milwaukee This Fall

Urban Milwaukee

September 5

Literary Arts/Libraries

A new bookstore is opening in downtown Cedarburg

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Opens August 13

From art to dragons, Rice Lake Public Library has programs for all

Rice Lake Chronotype

Various

Performing Arts

Presenting

Mississippi Melodies | Coulee Accordions of the Tri State Accordion Club

La Crosse Local

August 11

Ladies First: Tarriona 'Tank' Ball of Tank & The Bangas

HYFIN

August 22

COLUMN: Drenched In Jazz & Art

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August 28 – 29

Theater/Opera

Auditions
Racine Theatre Guild
Various

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Kohler Foundation
Deadline: September 15

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

NEW Creative Placemaking for Rural & Outdoor Recreation Communities: Building Places People Love Through Arts, Culture & the Outdoors

Harbinger Consultancy

September 24, October 1, 8 | Video Conference Sessions

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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