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Primary Election Day in Wisconsin

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Voting is a civic sacrament." – Theodore Hesburgh

"To vote is like the payment of a debt, a duty never to be neglected, if its performance is possible." – Rutherford B. Hayes

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world." – Sharon Salzberg

"Bad officials are the ones elected by good citizens who do not vote." – George Jean Nathan

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." – Franklin D. Roosevelt

"If you're listening to a rock star in order to get your information on who to vote for, you're a bigger moron than they are." – Alice Cooper

"Of course voting is useful. But then again, I don't put a big glow to it. Voting is about as essential as washing yourself. It's something you're supposed to do. Now, you can't go around bragging, expecting to get props because you voted. That's stupid." – Chuck D

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Peaceable Kingdom | Spring 2026](#)
Chant Claire

[Visit Wausau: Wisconsin's Base Camp for Outdoor Adventure, Vibrant Culture, and Unique Events](#)
Outdoor Adventure Series

[The bold French dance collective rewriting the rules of ballet | Arts in Motion](#)
BBC Global

[Rhiannon Giddens - Freight Train \(Official Video\)](#)
Rhiannon Giddens and Nonesuch Records

[Death Cab for Cutie: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR and Death Cab for Cuties

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

[Remembering Rina Kundu Little](#)

Lynden Sculpture Garden

[New Recycled-Art Butterfly Sign Unveiled Along Springbrook Trail in Antigo](#)

Antigo Visual Arts

[KNITTING THE CLASSICS: Local Creator Finds Inspiration From Literature](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Spark Inspiration and Creativity with a Milwaukee Art Escape](#)

Colossal

[Celebrating the 90th birthday of the Wienermobile, the original marketing stunt](#)

Design | Fast Company

[National Gallery Accused of 'Soft Censorship' to Avoid Provoking Trump](#)

The New York Times

[Boomers Are Leaving Behind More Art Than Anyone Wants](#)

Bloomberg

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Simple ways to tackle back-to-school anxiety with help from PBS](#)

PBS Wisconsin

[UWM camps show high school girls how to use their creativity in STEM](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[The Apprenticeship Revival](#)

Volume One Magazine

Arts and Healthcare

[Why Art Moves Us: Body and Brain](#)

The Mind of a Collector | Psychology Today

Community Arts

[South side neighbor's front-yard art stand showcases abstract paintings](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[See abstract art by a painter based in Milwaukee's south side](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[It was once a cheesehead factory. New plan calls for arts-related uses](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Mama Rosa is Getting Some New Friends in Firefly Grove Park this Month](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Regional Outdoors Initiative's Urban Plan Names Chippewa Valley A 'Central Hub'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Mural Friendly Cities](#)
National Mural Awards
Deadline: October 1

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Marcus Wicker | How to Continue Loving the World Despite Years of Impediment](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

["This is where life is exciting for me": Documentary filmmaker who biked across America returns to Green Bay](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com

[Summer Box Office Hits \\$4 Billion for Second Time Since COVID, Thanks to 'Odyssey,' 'Spider-Man' and More Blockbusters](#)
Variety

Also

[The Blockbuster Mentality Is Back, Baby! But chasing the next high won't save movies as a popular art form.](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Theater/Opera

[Andrew Lloyd Webber Is 'Gutted' on 'Cats: The Jellicle Ball' Closing Night: Producing on Broadway Is 'Unsustainable'](#)
Variety

Other

Debt, the handy but perilous resource - Borrowing can solve many problems for an arts organization, but create some too.

ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

How to turn board members into confident fundraisers

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Stop Asking for Gifts — Start Building People Who Want to Give

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

Antigo Visual Arts Celebrates Joanne March with Record-Setting Exhibition Reception

Antigo Visual Arts

Through September 17 | Exhibition

August 27 | Final reception and farewell

Arts and Creativity in Education

Angélique Kidjo's 'Hope!!': An Exploration of Global Sound and Cultural Expression

Wisconsin Union Theater

September 17

Community Arts

Zoo aviary, Romy Gosz concert among Manitowoc things to know this week

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

This Week

City of Milwaukee: City of Milwaukee to unveil internationally recognized artist's memorial honoring civil rights leader Vel R. Phillips

WisPolitics

August 21

The River Run

Jensen Community Center

October 10

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Heritage Day brings historic trades and traditions to life at Heritage Village](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com
August 15

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Catherine Jagoe writes her way to belonging](#)
Isthmus
September 30

Performing Arts

Music

[Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra announces 78th season](#)
Point/Plover Metro Wire
Season

Presenting

[LB & The Hi-Volts | Fayme Rochelle & The Waxwings](#)
Moon Tunes Summer Concert Series
August 13

[Apollo Music Festival brings free concerts to MN and WI](#)
KIMT
August 15 – 29

[How the zoo quietly made A La Carte a top event for local music](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 20 – 23

[Angélique Kidjo's 'Hope!!': An Exploration of Global Sound and Cultural Expression](#)
Wisconsin Union Theater
September 17

Theater/Opera

[Gary Sinise plans 2 benefit shows for a Milwaukee theater](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 28 – 29

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

NEW Our 2026 grant portal is open
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

NEW Mural Friendly Cities
National Mural Awards
Deadline: October 1

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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