



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The principles of true art is not to portray, but to evoke." – Jerzy Kosinski

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." – Langston Hughes

"In my writing, as much as I could, I tried to find the good, and praise it." – Alex Haley

"There are few efforts more conducive to humility than that of the translator trying to communicate an incommunicable beauty. Yet, unless we do try, something unique and never surpassed will cease to exist except in the libraries of a few inquisitive book lovers." – Edith Hamilton

"Great literature, past or present, is the expression of great knowledge of the human heart; great art is the expression of a solution of the conflict between the demands of the world without and that within." – Edith Hamilton

"No self is of itself alone. It has a long chain of intellectual ancestors. The "I" is chained to ancestry by many factors ... This is not mere allegory, but an eternal memory." – Erwin Schrödinger

"In nature there are neither rewards nor punishments — there are consequences." – Robert G. Ingersoll

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Former Wisconsinite Travis Knight to make Broadway debut in 'Paranormal Activity'
NBC 15 | WMTV

Ep. 23: Dennis Buehler - Philanthropy and the Power of Community
Dr. Ryan Martin – the Anger Professor

Pat McCurdy on Wisconsin State Fair Memories, New Music & His Milwaukee Music Legacy
What's On Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

Jacob Collier for 7 Trumpets | UT Austin Trumpet Studio
Caleb Hudson

"Cold as Ice" (Foreigner) Swing Jazz Cover by Robyn Adele Anderson
Robyn Adele Anderson

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 Wisconsin Arts Board Accessibility Committee Meeting
Wisconsin Arts Board
August 13

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

NEW Arts Education Data and Reporting Initiatives 2026: A Report from the Data Working Group of the Arts Education Partnership
Arts Education Partnership

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

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 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

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

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

[Fans contribute to the Packers community fence on Lombardi Avenue](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Discover Millions of Artworks from Thousands of Museums with This Huge Art Search Engine](#)

Colossal

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Laird Fine Arts Center to undergo major overhaul](#)

Marshfield Hub Times

Also

[UWSP at Marshfield receives \\$2M grant to renovate Fine Arts Building](#)

Marshfield News-Herald

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts Health Research Intensive 2026: read our event recap](#)

The Social Behavioural Research Group

Community Arts

[City Financing Will Help Complete Bronzeville Arts and Tech Hub](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Oshkosh riverfront adds new mural at college campus](#)

Oshkosh Northwestern

[What if Artists Designed the Economy? Beyond GDP: The Economy Needs an Imagination Practice](#)

Cross-Sector Clairvoyance | Mallory Rukhsana Nezam

Folk Arts/Folklife

[These Midwesterners Are Carrying Culture Forward](#)

Arts Midwest

Literary Arts/Libraries

[BOOK BLURBS: Two Recent Releases With Local, Family Connections](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Diannely Antigua | Training](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[The Original 'Backrooms' Location \(John's Hobbies\)](#)
Atlas Obscura

Performing Arts

Dance

[At Juilliard, 75 Years of Building the Complete Dancer](#)
The New York Times

Presenting

[Beloved east-side Barrymore Theatre gets new leader](#)
Isthmus

[\[PHOTOS\] FEELIN' BLUE\(S\): 19th Annual Blues on the Chippewa](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Kennedy Center must pay \\$250,000 in legal fees to musician who canceled in protest](#)
Culture | NPR

Also
[Judge Awards \\$250,000 to Musician Who Fled Trump-Led Kennedy Center Gig](#)
The New York Times

Theater/Opera

[Waunakee theater company attains nonprofit status](#)
Tribune Enterprise

Other

[Nonprofit Leaders Answer: How is Your Nonprofit Preparing for Potential Changes in Government Funding or Tax Laws?](#)
Blue Avocado

[Who Will Raise the Money When the Money Raisers Are Gone?](#)
Stanford Social Innovation Review

How Corporate Talent Becomes Strategic Governance for Nonprofits
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

Annual Plein Air Day and Robert Nilsson Trunk Show
Plum Bottom Gallery on Facebook
August 22

Milwaukee Artist and Educator Opens Creative Reuse Shop on the East Side
Urban Milwaukee
Opens August 25

Also

Milwaukee artist and educator opens creative reuse shop on the East Side
Milwaukee Record
Opens August 25

Arts and Creativity in Education

Evergreen Theater's Young Performers roar into The Lion King Jr.
WeAreGreenBay.com
August 13 – 15

Community Arts

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Aug. 13-16 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
August 13 – 16

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Aug. 13-16 in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
August 13 – 16

3 Door County events feature farm equipment, heritage, Belgian culture
Green Bay Press-Gazette
August 14 – 16

Folk Arts/Folklife

Milwaukee Irish Fest to exhibit thousands of letters from Irish emigrants
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 13 – 16

Literary Arts/Libraries

UntitledTown returns to Green Bay after six year hiatus
Green Bay Press-Gazette
September 25 – 27

Performing Arts

Presenting

Sugarland to perform at La Crosse Center on Oct. 10
Wisconsin State Journal
October 10

Dave Matthews Band kicking off fall tour in Madison
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
November 4

HCPA announces 44th season of performances
Vilas County News-Review
Season

Theater/Opera

Evergreen Theater's Young Performers roar into The Lion King Jr.
WeAreGreenBay.com
August 13 – 15

Theater troupe to host Shakespeare in the Park
Wausau Pilot & Review
August 13 – 15

Trevor: The Musical | Music Theatre of Madison
Overture Center for the Arts
August 14 – 22

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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