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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

August 14, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art doesn’t transform. It just plain forms.” – Roy Lichtenstein

“Art is the one form of human energy in the whole world, which really works for union, and destroys the barriers between man and man. It is the continual, unconscious replacement, however fleeting, of oneself by another; the real cement of human life; the everlasting refreshment and renewal.” – John Galsworthy

“The seeing of things as they really are — the seeing of a proportion veiled from other eyes (together with the power of expression), is what makes a man an artist. What makes him a great artist is a high fervour of spirit, which produces a superlative, instead of a comparative, clarity of vision.” – John Galsworthy

“Of all kinds of human energy, Art is surely the most free, the least parochial; and demands of us an essential tolerance of all its forms. Shall we waste breath and ink in condemnation of artists, because their temperaments are not our own?” – John Galsworthy

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art...It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.” – C. S. Lewis

“I never met a man so stupid I could not learn something from him.” – Galileo Galilei

“There is a misleading, unwritten rule that states if a quote giving advice comes from someone famous, very old, or Greek, then it must be good advice.” – Bo Bennett

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Prairie Music and Arts program turns dementia patients' memories into art
NBC 15 | WMTV

The Bizarre Genius Behind Wisconsin's Forevertron Time Machine
Curious

Open storefronts transform into a walking art gallery in downtown Janesville
NBC 15 | WMTV
August 15

Performing Arts Lovers, Step Up for Appreciation! | United Performing Arts Fund
What's Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee
Through August 29 | In the Deep Tracks, Black Arts Milwaukee Theatre Festival
August 22 | A Journey Through Dance, TBEY Arts Center
August 28 - 29 | Graceful Warrior, Skylight Music Theatre

Fly over and go inside the Milwaukee Art Museum
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Youth Arts Program Helps Students March to the Beat of Their Own Drum
mmsdtv

National Endowment for the Arts to Honor 2026 Jazz Masters in Tribute Concert on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in Los Angeles, California
National Endowment for the Arts
September 15

Teacher empowers her students to see themselves as art
PBS News Hour

Chan Chan | Buena Vista All Stars | Live at Jazz à Vienne 2026
Buena Vista All Stars

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 Community Choirs | Creative Copy #36
Wisconsin Arts Board

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

NEW [Careers in NeuroArts](#)
Society for Neuroscience's Neuronline
August 26 | Webinar

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 [Gov. Evers: Gov. Evers, Travel Wisconsin announce Wisconsin State Capitol and Square as newest "Wonder of Wisconsin"](#)
WisPolitics

NEW [Arts Education Data and Reporting Initiatives 2026: A Report from the Data Working Group of the Arts Education Partnership](#)
Arts Education Partnership

[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 14, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[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

[NEW Arts and Culture Multimedia Producer](#)

WUWM

Deadline: September 4

[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

2026 LEAD Conference
Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability
Through August 14 | Conference

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

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

NEW Emerging Program Institute (EPI)

Artist Communities Alliance

August 24 | Registration Opens

October 22, 23, 29, 30 | EPI | 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

Arts and crafts too expensive? Try one of Wisconsin's art supply thrift stores

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Handled with Care: Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass shines for generations

Insight Magazine

The Four Illusions of AI: Implications for Museum Practice

Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Emerging Program Institute (EPI)

Artist Communities Alliance

August 24 | Registration Opens

October 22, 23, 29, 30 | EPI | Virtual

Arts and Creativity in Education

How Wisconsin high schools are navigating NIL for student-athletes

The Capital Times

Executive Function in Early Childhood Music Education

ArtsEd Amplified | Arts Education Partnership

[UWO math academy helps middle schoolers tackle advanced concepts](#)
Oshkosh Northwestern

Arts and Healthcare

[Careers in NeuroArts](#)
Society for Neuroscience's Neuronline
August 26 | Webinar

Community Arts

[Prairie Music and Arts program turns dementia patients' memories into art](#)
NBC 15 | WMTV

[Recognize the Connections - Thriving communities depend on understanding and supporting people's connections to one another](#)
Issues in Science and Technology

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Wiigiwaaman and memories: Ojibwe village helps keep tribal history and culture alive](#)
St. Croix 360

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Stories that matter - An essay](#)
Isthmus

[Ada Limón | Dusk After Your Passing](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Dance

[Double Take: What It Takes to Work as a Dance Double](#)
Dance Magazine

Music

[Community Choirs | Creative Copy #36](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

Presenting

[\[PHOTOS\] Hadean & Friends Meet Soul Circuits At The Venue](#)
Volume One Magazine

[#45 - Live Nation Monopoly Case Update and the StubHub Scandal](#)
The Live Music Industry Podcast

[Kennedy Center Board Decides to Inscribe Trump's Name on Building](#)
The New York Times

Also
[Kennedy Center Board votes again to shut main building down — and add Trump's name back](#)
All Things Considered | NPR

Theater/Opera

[Broadway Stages A Musical Comeback](#)
Broadway Journal

Other

[How Donor Age Data Can Sharpen Fundraising Outreach](#)
NonProfit Pro

[How to plan your own succession](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[2026 Agora Art Fair](#)
Fitchburg Agora
August 15

[Teejop Community Art Project reception](#)
Isthmus
November 6

Arts and Creativity in Education

[In a State of IF](#)
MIAD Galleries | Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
August 17 – November 21

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. 13-16, 2026

Isthmus

Through August 16

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Aug. 13-16

Milwaukee Magazine

Through August 16

Western Wisconsin Weekend: Spice it up with North Hudson's Pepper Fest

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx: Wisconsin State Fair, Irish Fest, Bryan Adams and More

620WTMJ

This Weekend

Irish Fest and more things to do in Milwaukee this weekend

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

This Weekend

Music, Forest Therapy, Prairie Schooners and Goats highlight a busy week

Sheboygan Sun

This Weekend and Next Week

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Historic Milwaukee Announces 16th Annual Doors Open Milwaukee, Presented by UW-Milwaukee

Urban Milwaukee

September 26 – 27

Folk Arts/Folklife

Check Out These 7 Things to Do at Mexican Fiesta

Milwaukee Magazine

August 21 – 23

Literary Arts/Libraries

What's happening at the Waunakee Public Library

Waunakee Tribune

Various | August + September

Wisconsin Whoppers: Sensationalistic Storytelling, Tall Tale Tourism, and Cryptid Currency in the Badger State

Isthmus

November 10

Performing Arts

Dance

Kanopy Dance Company

Isthmus

March 11 – 14

Music

Fall Concert Series

Birch Creek Music Performance Center

Series

Presenting

Vintage Rock In The Park

Door County Pulse

August 18

Wood Brothers to make first central Wisconsin appearance at The Grand

Wausau Pilot & Review

November 18

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

NEW RFP - Community Artwork at The Beacon

Advocate Health

Deadline: August 30

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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