

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life is a lot like jazz... it's best when you improvise.” – George Gershwin

“Painting is the representation of visible forms. The essence of realism is its negation of the ideal.” – Gustave Courbet

“A writer — and, I believe, generally all persons — must think that whatever happens to him or her is a resource. All things have been given to us for a purpose, and an artist must feel this more intensely. All that happens to us, including our humiliations, our misfortunes, our embarrassments, all is given to us as raw material, as clay, so that we may shape our art.”
– Jorge Luis Borges

“I know I'm an acquired taste - I'm anchovies. And not everybody wants those hairy little things.” – Tori Amos

“Promises and pie-crust are made to be broken.” – Jonathan Swift

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Memorial for John Kishline](#)

Next Act Theatre

Tonight at 7 pm

[Uniquely Wisconsin: Impact & Innovation](#)

Discover Wisconsin

"The World Goes Round" | A Conversation With Joe Kinosian
Milwaukee Rep
September 11 – November 1

'Weird Al' Yankovic: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR and alyankovic

Evergreen | The Harvard Opportunes (YEBBA Cover)
The Harvard Opportunes

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

Film Wisconsin Office Awarded \$1 Million in Tax Credits to 6 Productions
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Community Choirs | Creative Copy #36
Wisconsin Arts Board

Visit 3, Get a T!
Wisconsin Art Destinations
Through November 15

Join the Accessibility Committee
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.

[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

[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

[Development Director \(Shared Services – MYArts/MYC/CTM\)](#)

MYArts

Deadline: August 31

Partnerships Manager

Arts @ Large

Deadline: September 1

Arts and Culture Multimedia Producer

WUWM

Deadline: September 4

NEW Executive Director

Wausau Conservatory of Music

Deadline: September 30

NEW Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) - The Art School (27-28)

DePaul University-The Art School

Deadline: October 1

NEW 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

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

Emerging Program Institute (EPI)
Artist Communities Alliance
August 24 | Registration Opens
October 22, 23, 29, 30 | EPI | Virtual

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

Annual Convening
Arts Education Partnership
September 1 - 4 | Jacksonville, FL

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

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
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

AI's Impact on the Creative World
Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
September 29

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

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

2026 Wisconsin State Music Conference
Wisconsin Music Educators Association
October 28 – 31 | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

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

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival

Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

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

New public art installation honoring Vel R. Phillips unveiled in downtown Milwaukee
620WTMJ

Everyone Can Be An Artist At The Paint Shack

Volume One Magazine

[Artists Lead Local Cultural Exchange at Wisconsin Children's Museum](#)
Arts Midwest

[Increasing the Surface Area for Serendipity](#)
The Art of Being Human | Dr. Jane R. Shore

[Smithsonian Plan for Latino Museum Would Avoid Vote in Congress](#)
The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Meet Kaylee Jackson, Director of the Office of Literacy](#)
DPI ConnectED | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

['Next huge obstacle in education' is AI. How are teachers approaching it?](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Educating for Workers, Not Thinkers.](#)
Bob Morrison

Arts and Healthcare

[Effects of choral singing on depression and anxiety in older adults: A randomized controlled trial](#)
Journal of Psychiatric Research | Science Direct

Community Arts

[Inside Blue Hour Coffee: A New Home for Milwaukee Artists](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Rock the Pride is an event where everyone belongs](#)
Beloit Daily News

Literary Arts/Libraries

[BETWEEN THE WATERS: A New Memoir & Love Letter To Eau Claire](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Governor Tony Evers honors Viroqua Library Director Trina Erickson as exemplary neighbor](#)
Vernon Reporter

[Racine Public Library seeks presenters for first Community Science Fair on Oct. 24](#)
Racine County Eye
Deadline: September 15

[Jorge Luis Borges | To the One Who is Reading Me](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Film Wisconsin Office Awarded \\$1 Million in Tax Credits to 6 Productions](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[Bite-sized shows are taking over the internet](#)
It's Been A Minute | NPR

Performing Arts

Music

[QUICK HITS: Three New Singles With Themes Of Love, Loss & Legacy](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Graham Hunt – “Guardian Angel’s Arms”](#)
Stereogum

Presenting

[JPAC director Burkart to depart in September](#)
NewsBreak, GazetteXtra

[Beatty files emergency request to stop Trump’s name from returning to Kennedy Center](#)
Culture | NPR

Theater/Opera

[A play about a ‘Lonely Marsh’](#)
Wisconsin Weekend | WPR

Other

[Sorting patrons with purpose](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[We Love Solutions. That's the Problem.](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[How to Persuade a New Generation to Join Your Nonprofit’s Board](#)
Blue Avocado

[How Nonprofit Leaders Can Embrace Tech Without Losing Their Minds](#)
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 brings the Ethereal Constructed Environments of Lauren Semivan to Door County

Miller Art Museum

September 1 – 30

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Aug. 24-27, 2026

Isthmus

August 24 – 27

Literary Arts/Libraries

Menomonie Public Library Celebrates 40th Year At Current Facility This Fall

Volume One Magazine

September 12

Fall Creek Public Library Announces Soft Opening Date

Volume One Magazine

September 14

Ex Fabula Announces 18th Season of Public Storytelling Programming

Urban Milwaukee

September 17; Season

Media Arts

The Hole | UW Cinematheque

Isthmus

October 30

Performing Arts

Presenting

2026 Great River Road Folk Festival

Great River Road Folk Festival

August 28 – 30

Also
Great River Folk Festival 50th!
Simply Folk with Sile Shigley
August 28 – 30

Q&A: Composer Lia Kohl Talks the Importance of Free Art
Milwaukee Magazine
August 30

Thiensville Blues Fest Brings a Full Day of Family Fun, Craft Beer and Live Blues Music to Village Park
Urban Milwaukee
September 19

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

Wisconsin Photography 2026

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: August 24

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

Our 2026 grant portal is open

Kohler Foundation

Deadline: September 15

NEW Racine Public Library seeks presenters for first Community Science Fair on Oct. 24

Racine County Eye

Deadline: September 15

Independence 250 Call for Creativity

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

Deadline: September 17

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

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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