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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.” – Sophia Loren

“The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages is preserved into perpetuity by a nation’s proverbs, fables, folk sayings and quotations.” – William Feather

“My ultimate vocation in life is to be an irritant, someone who disrupts the daily drag of life just enough to leave the victim thinking there’s maybe more to it all than the mere hum-drum quality of existence.” – Elvis Costello

“Being inoffensive, and being offended, are now the twin addictions of the culture.” – Martin Amis

“I think that when you get dressed in the morning, sometimes you’re really making a decision about your behavior for the day. Like if you put on flipflops, you’re saying: ‘Hope I don’t get chased today.’ ‘Be nice to people in sneakers.’” – Demetri Martin

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit Video](#)

WI Department of Public Instruction – Resources for the Field

[Forty books later, Wisconsin illustrator looks at artistic journey | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Sculpture collective builds giant origami crane for Burning Man in Wisconsin](#)
Channel3000.com

[Your fall 2026 streaming guide to PBS Passport](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Mr. Blue Sky \(Electric Light Orchestra\) - Postmodern Jukebox ft. Allison Young](#)
Postmodern Jukebox

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

FOR THE BOARD

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

Wisconsin 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

NEW Facilities Coordinator

ArtStart Rhinelander

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Program & Administrative Assistant

ArtStart Rhinelander

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

NEW Craft Emergency Relief Fund: Grants 101

CERF+
September 2 | Webinar

NEW Safety is an Art Form with Artists at Risk Connection

CERF+
September 16 | Webinar

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

[Milwaukee Unveils a New Sculpture Commemorating Vel R. Phillips](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Veteran Memorial Mural Brings Community Together to Honor Vets](#)

BottleCap Mosaics

[Grow your photography skills with tips from a Garden & Green Living Expo judge](#)

PBS Wisconsin

Deadline: December 15

[Racine Art Museum to offer extended hours, free admission, new brand](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[State does not have right to buy Veterans Museum building, judge rules](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Wisconsin cheese sculptor takes on the Tennessee story in 500 pounds of cheddar](#)

Channel3000.com

[Mission Does Not Mean Free: Creative Revenue Strategies for Museums](#)

LinkedIn | Katrina Pescador

[Craft Emergency Relief Fund: Grants 101](#)

CERF+

September 2 | Webinar

[Safety is an Art Form with Artists at Risk Connection](#)

CERF+

September 16 | Webinar

[Emerging Program Institute \(EPI\) 2026](#)

Artist Communities Alliance

October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

Arts and Creativity in Education

[School is starting soon. For some kids, that won't mean a traditional classroom.](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Access/VSA Emerging Young Artists Program](#)

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

[Access/VSA International Young Musicians Program](#)

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

[Access/VSA Playwright Discovery Program](#)

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

[Photos: Wisconsin marching band steps into new season](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Healthcare

[How Art Can Help Rewrite the Plot](#)

Do You See What I See? | Psychology Today

[Arts in Health is Making a Splash this Summer: Check Out 90 News Headlines Here](#)

Aly Maier & Arts in Health, Inc.

[Including family and friend care partners in the arts in long-term care](#)

Innovation in Aging | Oxford Academic

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Matthew Sweeney | Pommes Sautées](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[Two Milwaukee rappers killed at studio after gun dispute, charges say](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

[Kennedy Center finances deteriorated sharply after Trump name change](#)

The Washington Post

[The Trump Intervention That Got the DOJ Off Live Nation's Back](#)

The Wall Street Journal

Other

Gifts and grants are different things
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

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

A New Art Reuse Store Is Coming to the East Side
Milwaukee Magazine
Opens Today

Preserving memories in thread with The Creator's Cottage
PBS Wisconsin
September 10 – 12

In/Between Festival
Racine Art Museum
September 18 – 27

What to know about Oshkosh Public Museum's new jewelry exhibit opening Sept. 19
Oshkosh Northwestern
September 19 – March 20

Fall Artisan, Craft Shows and Maker Markets in La Crosse
La Crosse Local
Various | Fall

In The Moment: An Exhibition by PhotoMidwest Members
Isthmus
September 25 | Entry Deadline
November 2 – January 29 | Exhibition

Arts and Creativity in Education

Fall series of Thursdays at the U begins with 'UWEC-BC Celebrates 60 Years!'
Rice Lake Chronotype
September 3

Kane Brown to perform livestreamed student-only concert at UW-Madison
Wisconsin State Journal
September 5

[UW-Stevens Point announces 2026-27 Theatre and Dance Season](#)

UW-Stevens Point

Season

Community Arts

['Music at Twilight' Aug. 25 concert expanded, fireworks planned in Kenosha](#)

Kenosha News

August 25

[re:Craft and Relic Hosts its Second Fall at the Fairgrounds Market in 2026 in a New Location – October 4th, 2026](#)

Urban Milwaukee

October 4

[La Crosse Area Guide to Fall Festivals & Events](#)

La Crosse Local

Various | Fall

Media Arts

[Sips and Cinema returns to Sheboygan Film Festival](#)

Sheboygan Press

October 1 – 4 | Festival

October 2 | Sips and Cinema

Performing Arts

Music

[DID YOU HEAR THAT? Clearwater Jazz & Art Returns To Downtown E.C.](#)

Volume One Magazine

August 28 – 29

Presenting

[Ripon Summer Concert Series brings The 308s downtown Aug. 28](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

August 28

[Jonas Brothers to Kacey Musgraves, 20 top fall 2026 Milwaukee concerts](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | Fall

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

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

NEW In The Moment: An Exhibition by PhotoMidwest Members

Isthmus

Entry Deadline: September 25

Mural Friendly Cities

National Mural Awards

Deadline: October 1

NEW Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026

Artist Communities Alliance

October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call

Carnelian Art Gallery

Deadline: November 2026

NEW Access/VSA Emerging Young Artists Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

NEW Access/VSA International Young Musicians Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

NEW Access/VSA Playwright Discovery Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

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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