

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

August 26, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I hope life treats you kind
And I hope that you have all
That you ever dreamed of
And I wish you joy and happiness
But above all of this, I wish you love.
And I will always love you,
I will always love you.” – Dolly Parton

“Find out who you are. And do it on purpose.” – Dolly Parton

“Do not confuse dreams with wishes. There is a difference. Dreams are where you visualize yourself being successful at what's important to you to accomplish. Now, dreams build convictions because you work hard to pay the price to make sure that they come true. Wishes are hoping good things will happen to you, but there's no fire in your gut that causes you to put everything forth to overcome all the obstacles. So you have to dream more and never, ever, ever blame somebody else if it doesn't happen. That is in your department.” – Dolly Parton

“My guitar and my songwriting: That’s my therapy; that’s my doctors, my nurses, my medicine. I really think my music has saved me — and saved a lot of other people because I’m able to write the feelings of people who are broken and don’t know how to express it. I can do it for them, and it really seems to help. It is wonderful when you’re going through hurt to be able to write about it.” – Dolly Parton

“I’ve always been true to myself. That was what my mama always used to say: to thine own self be true. I put a lot of stock in that. Everything I do, whether it’s my personality, how I

conduct myself and business, or whatever, if I do it my way, according to what I understand and believe, there's a strength in that. You can think, 'I can stand by this, I can live by this.'
– Dolly Parton

“When I wake up, I expect things to be good. If they're not, then I try to set about trying to make them as good as I can 'cause I know I'm gonna have to live that day anyway. So why not try to make the most of it if you can? Some days, they pan out a little better than others, but you still gotta always just try.” – Dolly Parton

“I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb... and I also know that I'm not blonde.” – Dolly Parton

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Dolly Parton - I Will Always Love You \(Live\)](#)
ShoutFactory VEVO

[Dolly Parton - Coat of Many Colors First Performance](#)
Dolly Parton HD

[Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris - After the Gold Rush \(Official Music Video\) | TRIO](#)
Linda Ronstadt

[Dolly Parton & Kermit The Frog – “Everyday People” Extended/Remixed | 'Dolly' Episode 5 \(1987\)](#)
DDolly

[Dolly Parton & Zac Brown Band - "Rockin'" | 2022 Induction Ceremony](#)
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

[Dolly Parton & Friends - "Jolene" | 2022 Induction](#)
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

[Tim Curry, ‘The Rocky Horror Picture Show’ Icon, Dead at 80](#)
Entertainment Tonight

[Annie \(1982\) | Easy Street | Carol Burnett, Tim Curry, Bernadette Peters](#)
The Film Scene

[How Can Arts Programs Help Young People Thrive?](#)
The Wallace Foundation

Also
[Find Your Roadmap for Arts Education](#)
The Wallace Foundation

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 [A Statement on Dolly Parton from National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Mary Anne Carter](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

NEW [Dolly Parton: Life of Many Colors](#)

Joe Heller

NEW [Introducing the Arts Funding Finder](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

[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 Executive Director

Capitol Civic Centre

Deadline: Until Filled

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
Registration is Open
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

[New 8-story mural taking shape in Milwaukee's Third Ward](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

["Portal to the Past" Historic Mural Goes Live in Milwaukee's Third Ward](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Potential Developers Tour Milwaukee Public Museum](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[The Call for Proposals Is Now Open | 2027 AAM Annual Meeting & Museum Expo](#)

American Alliance of Museums

Deadline: September 21

[Stories of Serendipity - What have YOU found that you weren't necessarily looking for?](#)

The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain

Arts and Creativity in Education

[SUCCESS STORY: Revising Programs to Support Educator Growth](#)

Arts Education Partnership

[Artful UW Newsletter](#)

UW-Madison Division of the Arts

[UWM ranked as a top 30 film school](#)

UWM Report

Arts and Healthcare

[Jazz on the Plaza Brings Live Music to Children's Wisconsin](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has given nearly 700,000 books to children in Dane and Sauk counties

Wisconsin State Journal

Also

Music legend Dolly Parton's impact on north central Wisconsin

WSAW

Dolly Parton's legacy lives on in Northeast Wisconsin through Imagination Library program

WTAQ

Away To Me Web Extra – Interview With Patricia McConnell

Chapter a Day | Wisconsin Public Radio

Why poetry is a powerful form of climate communication

The Conversation

Jenny Browne | The Specific Ocean

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

UWM ranked as a top 30 film school

UWM Report

Performing Arts

Music

Dolly Parton, Superstar Whose Songs Spoke to Millions, Dies at 80

The New York Times

Also

Dolly Parton, one of country music's most singular performers, has died at age 80

All Things Considered | NPR

Dolly Parton Died After a 'Brief Battle' With Cancer, According to Her Reps

Variety

Dolly Parton Had the Voice, and Concerns, of an Earth Angel

An Appraisal | The New York Times

Tim Curry, Star of 'Rocky Horror' and Much More, Dies at 80

The New York Times

Also

[Tim Curry, 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' Star, Dies at 80](#)
Variety

[Milwaukee bar responds after 'No Milwaukee Rap' list goes viral](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

[Thank You for Celebrating 175 Years of Wisconsin State Fair Together](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Trump administration threatens to demolish Kennedy Center if \\$250m renovation not done](#)
The Guardian

Theater/Opera

[Theater Community Celebrates Life of John Kishline](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Eau Claire Playwright Sees National Success, Storytelling On The Stage](#)
Volume One Magazine

[After destructive flooding, Milwaukee Rep's workshop bounces back](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Other

[Use Existing Resources to Build Fundraising Capacity](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Fundraising Alone Won't Make a Nonprofit Sustainable](#)
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

[Street Art Exhibition & Fundraiser](#)
Trout Museum of Art

Through August 27 | Street Art Exhibition
August 29 | Street Art Bash

MOWA's Conversations in Color
Shepherd Express
Through October 11

Prolific Wisconsin author picks up drawing later in life, lands solo exhibition
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio
Through October 2

The Grand gets covered at next History Speaks program
Wausau Pilot & Review
August 29

LIT 6
Stevens Point Sculpture Park
September 19

Arts and Creativity in Education

Continuum
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
September 4 - 26

Includes:
Touching the Earth: Kevin Giese and Friends

Mentorship & Memory: The Haitian Exchange with John Colt

Visiting Artist Colloquium
Isthmus
September 23

Visiting Artist Colloquium
Isthmus
October 7

Unreeling fall pleasures at UW Cinematheque
Isthmus
Various | Fall

Media Arts

Unreeling fall pleasures at UW Cinematheque
Isthmus
Various | Fall

Performing Arts

Dance

North Star Dance Theatre

Isthmus

August 28 – 29

Music

Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra: Music from Prague

Volume One Magazine

September 20

Festival City Symphony Opens Ticket Reservations for 2026-27 Season

Urban Milwaukee

Season

Presenting

Central Wisconsin State Fair Starts Today and Runs Through August 30th

WAOW

Through August 30

The Grand gets covered at next History Speaks program

Wausau Pilot & Review

August 29

Dirty, Flirty, Thirty, and Out of Work

Al Ringling Theatre

October 17

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Introducing the Arts Funding Finder

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

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

NEW The Call for Proposals Is Now Open | 2027 AAM Annual Meeting & Museum Expo
American Alliance of Museums
Deadline: September 21

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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