

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Imagination and fiction make up more than three-quarters of our real life.” – Simone Weil

“One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“My career has evolved at its own peculiar pace, American careers are supposed to have a much more singular direction than I’ve been able to... stomach. Really. In most careers you find something you do well and you tie an increasingly larger bow on the package. My interests and obsessions have always been so wide-ranging that I keep popping my head out of different boxes as much as possible. That’s far more interesting for me.” – Tim Curry

“Everyone thinks they can write a play; you just write down what happened to you. But the art of it is drawing from all the moments of your life.” – Neil Simon

“It is foolish to tear one’s hair in grief, as though sorrow would be made less by baldness.” – Cicero

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Waukesha Civic Theatre kicks off 70th season with diverse lineup](#)
Fox 6 Milwaukee
Season

[Inflatable art installation by Australian artist on display at the Weidner Center](#)
WBAY
Through September 13

[The Two "Gentlemen" of Verona in 60 Seconds](#)
American Players Theatre
Through October 3

[Museum on the move: An in-depth look at the Milwaukee Public Museum's transition to a new home](#)
CBS 58 | WDJT

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library benefits Wisconsin children](#)
Fox 6 Milwaukee

[Interview: The Hidden Math Behind Everything with Jordan Ellenberg | Particles of Thought](#)
NOVA PBS Official

[Be 'cringe' with me in reverence for Mary Oliver](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Our 10 Favorite Dolly Parton Songs](#)
Music | NPR

[E.U.: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music

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 [Artists Make the Best Citizens. Don't Believe It? Check the Data.](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW Building Stronger Arts Organizations, Together: What We're Learning from Engage US

Mid-America Arts Alliance

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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | August 28, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

[Development Director \(Shared Services – MYArts/MYC/CTM\)](#)
MYArts
Deadline: August 31

[Arts and Culture Multimedia Producer](#)
WUWM
Deadline: September 4

NEW [Development & Major Gifts Director](#)
Milwaukee Film
Deadline: September 18

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 Assistant House Manager

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Studio Supervisor

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

[Meet the MIAD Graduates Behind a New Art Collective](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Milwaukee Rep, Bronzeville project among Wisconsin design honorees](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[Check out the Wisconsin design award winners](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[What's In A Vase? | Woodson Wanderings](#)

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

[Yayoi Kusama, high priestess of polka dots, has died](#)

Culture | NPR

Also

[Yayoi Kusama, Pop Artist Who Expanded and Endured, Dies at 97](#)

The New York Times

[Yayoi Kusama, whose art evoked hallucinatory wonder, dies at 97](#)

MSN, The Washington Post

[Yayoi Kusama, artist of renowned polka dot paintings and installations, dies at 97](#)

Design | Fast Company

[Trump Administration Weighs Sale of Kehinde Wiley Painting in Larger Shift Away from 'Globalist and Woke Ideologies'](#)

ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Meet the MIAD Graduates Behind a New Art Collective](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[UW-Eau Claire: Senior music major hits right notes performing and composing at UW-Eau Claire](#)

WisPolitics

[Alverno College is 'transforming' after years of enrollment and financial losses](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

[Small Colleges Face a Big Reckoning](#)
The EDU Ledger

Literary Arts/Libraries

[BOOK BLURB: 'Ghouls Rule, A Celebration of Female Movie Monsters'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Madison Public Library offers yard signs ahead of Imagination Center opening](#)
Channel3000.com

[Wisconsin literacy groups mourn Dolly Parton as Imagination Library grows](#)
Appleton Post-Crescent

Also

[Eau Claire nonprofit speaks on local impact of late Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)
WEAU

[X J Kennedy | Old Men Pitching Horseshoes](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Tim Curry: A Life in Pictures](#)
The New York Times

Also

[Tim Curry, Star of 'Rocky Horror' and Much More, Dies at 80](#)
The New York Times

[Celebrating Tim Curry's Career in Camp: From 'Rocky Horror' to 'Clue' to 'It,' He Proved You Could Be Serious About Unserious Acting](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Dance

[2026 - 27 Emerging Artist Application](#)
Wisconsin Dance Council
Deadline: September 15

Music

[Janie Bradford, Co-Writer of Motown's First Hit, Dies at 87](#)
The New York Times

Presenting

Nearly 50 years ago, Dolly Parton played a sold-out concert in La Crosse
WXOW

Before an emergency hearing, the Kennedy Center's board threatens to demolish it
Performing Arts | NPR

Other

Fertilizing the weeds
Seth's Blog

Why Every Nonprofit Story Needs a Revelation
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

Waunakee Artisan Market (WAM)
Create Waunakee
October 3

Arts and Creativity in Education

Inflatable art installation by Australian artist on display at the Weidner Center
WBAY
Through September 13

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. 27-30, 2026](#)

Isthmus

August 27 – 30

[16 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Aug. 27-30](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

August 27 – 30

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Fun in the park, barn or farm](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

[The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx: West Bend Germanfest, Wildflowers on the Water, INDYCAR and More](#)

620WTMJ

This Weekend

[Manitowoc County updates include maritime talk, barn dance, more](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Various

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Chloe Benjamin's latest novel explores a mirror universe and mushrooms](#)

The Capital Times

September 9

Performing Arts

Music

[Milwaukee Chamber Music Festival Is Unique Event](#)

Urban Milwaukee

August 27, 28, 30

[13 music, theater performances to see in Milwaukee in September 2026](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | September

Presenting

[Phoenix // The Remainders | Moon Tunes](#)
La Crosse Local
August 27

[Olin Park's Friends revives free concerts at the pavilion in September](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
September 17, 24

Theater/Opera

[13 music, theater performances to see in Milwaukee in September 2026](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | September

[Waukesha Civic Theatre kicks off 70th season with diverse lineup](#)
Fox 6 Milwaukee
Season

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

NEW 2026 - 27 Emerging Artist Application
Wisconsin Dance Council
Deadline: September 15

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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