

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The role of art is to make a world which can be inhabited.” – William Saroyan

“Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society.” – Maria Montessori

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales. If you want them to be very intelligent, read them more fairytales.” – Albert Einstein

“At his best, things do not happen to the artist; he happens to them.” – William Saroyan

“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” – Lewis B. Smedes

“The price of hating other human beings is loving oneself less.” – Eldridge Cleaver

“Try to learn to breathe deeply, really to taste food when you eat, and when you sleep really to sleep. Try as much as possible to be wholly alive with all your might, and when you laugh, laugh like hell. And when you get angry, get good and angry. Try to be alive. You will be dead soon enough.” – William Saroyan

“Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?” – Phyllis Diller

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Making “Wisconsin Life” with video editor Josh Kappler](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Wisconsin pushes tax credits to become filmmaking hub](#)
WBAY

[Ryan Laessig pushes the art scene forward in Milwaukee | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[On Imagination by Undine Smith Moore presented by the Wisconsin Chamber Choir](#)
Wisconsin Chamber Choir

[House Of The Rising Sun - The Animals \('60s / '70s Soul Version\) ft. LaVance Colley](#)
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

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW [Creative Copy ##37 | National Arts in Education Week](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board
September 13 – 19

NEW [Wisconsin Originals: Meet the performers, painters and writers the nation claimed](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

NEW [Understanding Your Federal Award Requirements](#)
Arts Midwest

Also
NEW [How to Build Your Federal Award Budget](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW [Reporting on Your Federal Award](#)
Arts Midwest

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

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

[Executive Director](#)
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
Deadline: September 30

[Assistant Professor \(Tenure Track\) - The Art School \(27-28\)](#)
DePaul University-The Art School
Deadline: October 1

Assistant House Manager

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Studio Supervisor

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Executive Director

Capitol Civic Centre

Deadline: Until Filled

Chief Philanthropy Officer

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Deadline: Until Filled

Facilities Coordinator

ArtStart Rhinelander

Deadline: Until Filled

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

Craft Emergency Relief Fund: Grants 101
CERF+
September 2 | Webinar

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

NEW Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 - 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

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

[Make Your Own Renaissance Faire Gear at This Workshop](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[September 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

[Museums and AI: Critical Decisions](#)
Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

[Melissa Chiu, new director of the Guggenheim Museum, talks about the role of culture in a time of turmoil](#)
Fast Company

[National Museum Survey](#)
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wisconsin Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 5, Issue 1 | Sept 2026](#)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Arts and Healthcare

[8 surprising habits that are adding years to your biological age](#)
BBC Focus

Community Arts

[Protesters disrupt Orton Park Festival, given mic before Cycropia performance](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Milwaukee park monument to get its stolen sword back](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Greater Milwaukee Committee Names Garcia-Thomas Permanent CEO](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Summer in Milwaukee brings uptick in tourism](#)
Spectrum News 1

[Wisconsin's brain drain shows how a rural state can produce talent yet struggle to keep it](#)
Milwaukee Independent

Folk Arts/Folklife

[How a foam wedge born from rivalry turned a cheesehead hat into an expression of Wisconsin pride](#)

Milwaukee Independent

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Libraries bring Dolly Parton's free book program to western Wisconsin](#)

Early Childhood Education News | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Morgan Parker | First Light](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Dance

[New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, Kevin Bacon tout administration getting rid of law requiring license to dance](#)

Yahoo! News, Daily News

Presenting

[Kennedy Center Board Says It Will Delay Adding Trump's Name to the Center by One Month](#)

ARTnews

Also

[The Kennedy Center Has a Problem That Courts Can't Fix](#)

The Atlantic

Theater/Opera

[Our Stage, Our Stories: Act I, Black Theater](#)

Ebony

Also

[Our Stage, Our Stories: Act III, African American Musicals](#)

Ebony

[Our Stage, Our Stories: Act IV, Beyond Broadway Stages](#)

Ebony

[17 Black Theater Companies to Support Right Now](#)

Ebony

[Why Has Theatre Become a Thirst Trap?](#)

Queen

Other

[Listen and learn as Gen Z rewrites the event rules](#)

Fast Company Executive Board

[The Buck Has to Stop Somewhere](#)

Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[The Hidden Burnout Crisis Facing Nonprofit Leaders](#)

NonProfit Pro

[How Board Members Fulfill Their Financial Oversight Duties](#)

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

[Celebrating Wisconsin culture through art](#)

Royal Purple

Through September 11

[Milwaukee Art Escape Invites Visitors to Discover the City's Vibrant Arts & Culture Scene](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Through October 6

[Artspire Pop-up Market: September 2026](#)

Pump House Regional Arts Center

September 4

[Wisconsin Museum to Host Jewelry Exhibition](#)

National Jeweler

September 19 – March 20

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Celebrating Wisconsin culture through art](#)

Royal Purple

Through September 11

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2026

Isthmus

August 31 – September 3

Annual LNRP Barn Dance to Support Local Conservation Efforts

Seehafernews.com

September 26

La Crosse Guide to September Events

La Crosse Local

Various | September

Burial Mounds and Effigy Earthworks of Devil's Lake State Park

WI Department of Natural Resources

October 8

Media Arts

A New Series Is Bringing Classic Films in 70mm to Milwaukee

Milwaukee Magazine

Through September 4

Indie comedy “Canoe Dig It?” coming to Eau Claire and La Crosse in September

WEAU

September 13 | La Crosse

September 14 | Eau Claire

Performing Arts

Dance

Sarah Gordon Butler’s “Hay Rake Ballet” Premieres in Rural Wisconsin

LA Dance Chronicle

September 12

Presenting

Vanessa Collier to Perform at Thrasher

Civic Media

October 10

Theater/Opera

Soultrè Presents: The Gathering Table

Eventbrite | Ashley S. Jordan

September 17 | National Black Theatre Day

Wisconsin Playwright Marie Kohler Announces World Premiere of her Play MAYBE WE'LL FLY at Milwaukee Chamber Theatre this September

Urban Milwaukee

September 18 – October 11

Ferdinand

Beatrix Productions

September 26

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW September 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

Introducing the Arts Funding Finder

Arts Midwest

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

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

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

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

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

In The Moment: An Exhibition by PhotoMidwest Members
Isthmus
Entry Deadline: September 25

Mural Friendly Cities
National Mural Awards
Deadline: October 1

Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026
Artist Communities Alliance
October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

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

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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