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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 1, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope.” – Wendell Berry

“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will.” – George Bernard Shaw

“To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater.” – Bono

“Every dog has its day, but it's not every dog that knows when he's having it.” – Winifred Gordon

“Never mistake motion for action.” – Ernest Hemingway

“I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.” – Lily Tomlin

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Gov. Evers' Back-to-School Message for the 2026-27 School Year](#)
Governor Tony Evers

[Harry Whitehorse Sculpture Festival 2026](#)
Angel Whitehorse

Mon Rovia: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music and Mon Rovia

Itzhak Perlman - Summertime (Official Lyric Video) ft. Jon Batiste
Itzhak Perlman

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 National Preparedness Month: 20 Years of Partnership and Preparedness
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)
September

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

Building Stronger Arts Organizations, Together: What We're Learning from Engage US
Mid-America Arts Alliance

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 28, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[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

Annual Call to Artists Now Open!

Pump House Regional Arts Center

Deadline: January 31 | 2027 - 2028 Gallery Exhibition Season

Deadline: January 31 | [2026 - 2027 Driftless Ceramics Biennial Group Exhibition](#)
Deadline: January 31 | [2027 Artspire Fine Art Fair Vendor](#)

[Amid backlash, museum cancels planned Met Gala exhibit on fashion designer John Galliano](#)
AP News

Also
[John Galliano Withdraws From Met Museum Show After Backlash](#)
The New York Times

[Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III Looks Back at the Opening of the African American History Museum on Its Tenth Anniversary](#)
Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

[IMLS Publishes Results of Groundbreaking National Museum Survey](#)
Office of Research and Evaluation | Institute of Museum and Library Services

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Love Dane pairs churches and schools to pitch in for the new year](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[How Wisconsin's partnership with the German state of Hessen benefits academics, culture](#)
River Falls Journal

[Eric Perreault named new CEO of Morgridge Institute for Research](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research

[Ripon College Will Match U. Of Wisconsin-Madison's Tuition For All New Students](#)
Forbes

Community Arts

[Wendell Berry, Writer Who Extolled America's Agrarian Past, Dies at 92](#)
The New York Times

[Women Entrepreneurs Can Apply For Red Letter Grant Fall Cycle](#)
Volume One Magazine
Deadline: October 12

Folk Arts/Folklife

[ICYMI: Gov. Evers Joins Wild Rice Stewardship Council to Celebrate First-Ever "Wild Rice Week" in Wisconsin](#)
Office of Governor Tony Evers

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Anneliese Finke - Sheboygan Poet Laureate September 2026 "Poets Have Something To Say"](#)

The Poet Laureate Channel

[Meet the Wisconsin historian helping travelers understand Lake Superior on a deeper level](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Kenosha Public Library celebrates reading program participants with end-of-summer party at Library Park](#)

Kenosha News

[Lyudmyla Khersonska | When Crimea was still a place of light](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[This New Workshop Series Offers Free Critiques to Local Creatives - Voices Off Paper gives artists a place to test out their newest piece and receive feedback](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Hollywood Cliffhanger: Can U.S. Summer Box Office Ring Up All-Time Record \\$4.8 Billion?](#)

Deadline

[Trump Endorses U.S. Tax Incentive to Keep Hollywood Production: 'Let's Get This Done!'](#)

Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[Remembering Dan Petry](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[The Driftless Gazette - Songs, Stories & Culture from Wisconsin's Unglaciaded Heartland | September 2026](#)

Driftless Roots Group

Presenting

[AT THE HELM: Step Into Menomonie's Up-And-Coming House Venue](#)

Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[See photos: Gary Sinise holds benefit concert for Skylight Music Theatre](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

'Six' Will End Five-Year Broadway Run in January
The Hollywood Reporter

Other

The contracts you make, the covenants you keep
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

Why Donors Drop Off Before — and After — the First Gift
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

Poetry & Photography Walk part of Mountain-Bay State Trail 30th anniversary celebration
WLUK
Through September 26

Cedarburg Artists Guild Membership Exhibition
Door County Daily News
Through October 2

Inaugural Wisconsin Quilt Shop Hop Comes To Chippewa Valley
Volume One Magazine
September 1 – October 31

Inner Realms: An Arts for All Benefit Exhibition
Arts for All Wisconsin
September 4

Fiber Faire
Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts
September 26

Arts and Healthcare

SPARK! Creative Engagement Conference 2026
Arts for All Wisconsin
November 9 – 10

Community Arts

Events Calendar

Vilas County News-Review

Through September 14

These are all the new buildings available for 2026 Doors Open Milwaukee

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

September 26 – 27

Literary Arts/Libraries

McIntosh Memorial Library offers an introduction to the library app Libby

Vernon Reporter

September 2

Media Arts

Working in concert to produce “Madison Symphony at 100”

PBS Wisconsin

September 10, 12

Performing Arts

Presenting

Colin Blunstone of The Zombies comes to the Barrymore

Isthmus

September 19

Theater/Opera

Door's Open

SummerStage of Delafield

September 10 - 20

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

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

NEW Women Entrepreneurs Can Apply For Red Letter Grant Fall Cycle
Volume One Magazine
Deadline: October 12

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

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Deadline: January 31 | 2027 Artspire Fine Art Fair Vendor

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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