

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 2, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“He who knows naught of dreaming can, likewise, never attain the heights of power and possibility in persuading the mind to act. He who dreams not creates not.” – Louis Sullivan

“What are books but folly, and what is an education but an arrant hypocrisy, and what is art but a curse when they touch not the heart and impel it not to action?” – Louis Sullivan

“I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence.” – Frederick Douglass

“A harbor, even if it is a little harbor, is a good thing, since adventurers come into it as well as go out, and the life in it grows strong, because it takes something from the world, and has something to give in return.” – Sarah Orne Jewett

“There’s nothing in the middle of the road but a yellow stripe and dead armadillos.” – Jim Hightower

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Belgian Heritage Center celebrates generations through history and tradition](#)

[WeAreGreenBay.com](#)

September 12

[Video shows Picasso print missing since 2018 returned to Milwaukee police](#)

[WISN](#)

Also

[A Landlord Found a Peculiar Print Hanging in a Vacant Apartment. It Turned Out to Be an Original Picasso That Had Been Missing for Eight Years](#)

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

[Door County Art In The Door - Fred "Doc" Heide](#)

Destination Door County

[Milwaukee Icon: Annie Werner, Host of Creative Mornings MKE](#)

Light the Hoan

[the most INSANE bass drops you've ever heard!!](#)

Emmet Cohen

[If I Ain't Got You \(Alicia Keys\) - Academy Choir](#)

Acapella Academy

[Readings from the 2026 Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellows](#)

Library of Congress

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 [Travel Wisconsin's 2027 Co-op Program](#)

Travel Wisconsin

September 10

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

Annual Convening

Arts Education Partnership

Through September 4 | Jacksonville, FL

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

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

[Madison museum plans AI-generated sculpture, to artists' dismay](#)

The Capital Times

[DNR Announces 2027 Wild Turkey, Pheasant And Waterfowl Stamp Design Contest Winners](#)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

[The Genius of Yayoi Kusama in Three Works](#)

The New York Times

[Smithsonian changes course, will put Latino museum in existing building](#)

The Washington Post

[Was John Galliano Ever Really Canceled? Not by the Fashion Crowd.](#)

Analysis | The New York Times

[Opinion | Did the Met Just Cancel the Wrong Fashionista?](#)

Guest Essay | The New York Times

[Opinion | Cancel the Met Gala Instead](#)

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[MPS Invests \\$18 Million to Upgrade 6 Schools](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Some Wisconsin Technical College Programs Have 2-3 Year Waiting Lists](#)

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Community Arts

[Know a Latino leader making an impact on the south side? We want to hear from you](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Making Waves Award](#)

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

[Bridge Builder Award Nomination](#)
Boreal Waters Community Foundation
Deadline: September 30

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Are you a bonsai beginner? Here's how to get started](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

Literary Arts/Libraries

[A New Witch in the Northwoods](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Wisconsin Book of the Month remembers daring aviation pioneer](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[An Opportunity To Listen & Cherish 'The Good Word'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Rita Dove | Dawn Revisited](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[WPR names new hosts for WPR Music's morning, midday programs](#)
Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

[Chippewa Valley Feature Films Are In Motion, 'RAO' To Accept New Film Tax Incentives](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Trump calls for federal tax incentives to revive US film industry](#)
MSN, Los Angeles Times

Performing Arts

Presenting

[A child's love for performance art blossomed into a career](#)
Wisconsin Rapids City Times

[Kennedy Center Begins Removing Outdoor 'Blue' Sculpture](#)
The New York Times

Theater/Opera

[Who gets to be Mary Todd Lincoln next? There's a list](#)
All Things Considered | NPR

[A job that changed me: Being a theatre usher cracked open my heart to beauty](#)
The Guardian

Other

[Are Cultural Institutions Coddling Us?](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[Compared to What? On Risk, Fear, and the Decisions We Call Prudence](#)
Unscripted Candor | Ana de Archuleta

[Grant Writing: Getting the Most Out of Volunteers, While Giving the Most to Them](#)
Blue Avocado

[How to create donor events that inspire giving](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[Wisconsin Art Destinations: Visit 3, Get a T](#)
Wisconsin Art Destinations, Paine Art Center and Gardens
Through November 15

[September Events at the Lynden Sculpture Garden](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Various | September

Community Arts

[Dig Deep caps the Concerts on the Square series | Your Wausome Weekend Guide](#)
The Wausonian
September 2 – 8

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Sept. 3-6 in Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
September 3 – 6

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Sept. 3-6 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
September 3 – 6

[Jane Alexander on the arts, the environment and hope for Gen Z](#)
The Capital Times
September 22

[3 New Things Coming to Milwaukee This September](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Various | September

[Here Are The Best Things to Do This September](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Various | September

[Here are 2026 fall festivals and activities in the Milwaukee area](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | Fall

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Memory Collectors Storytelling Project reception](#)
Isthmus
September 3 | Opening Reception
September 3 – January 31 | Exhibition

Performing Arts

Dance

[Beaver Dam square dance club welcomes new members | Bob Sweeney](#)
Letters to the Editor | Wisconsin State Journal
September 3

Presenting

[Ripon Summer Concert Series features Ask Your Mother Friday](#)
Ripon Commonwealth Press
September 4

Theater/Opera

[A new season of firsts...](#)
World Premiere Wisconsin
Various

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Residency Opportunities | September + October

Artist Communities Alliance

Various | September + October

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

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

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

NEW Making Waves Award

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

NEW Bridge Builder Award Nomination

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

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

NEW 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

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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