

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 3, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Creativity is a drug I cannot live without.” – Cecil B. DeMille

“That which is static and repetitive is boring. That which is dynamic and random is confusing. In between lies art.” – John A. Locke

“What art offers is space - a certain breathing room for the spirit.” – John Updike

“I wanted to have a voice, and it was okay if I wasn't going to be so famous or so rich. And this the one thing I learned: How do you recognize what's your true dream and what is the dream that you are dreaming for other people to love you? ... The difference is very easy to understand. If you enjoy the process, it's your dream. ... If you are enduring the process, just desperate for the result, it's somebody else's dream.” – Salma Hayek

“Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors.” – Rudyard Kipling

“A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.” – Miguel de Cervantes

“A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.” – Gloria Steinem

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Antigo artist creating American flag replica honoring Wisconsin veterans at local funeral home](#)
WJFW

Mental Health Warrior Film Festival to take place on Sept. 12.
NBC 15 | WMTV
September 12

What is Creative Aging? | Lifetime Arts
Lifetime Arts

'Think Little' by Wendell Berry, read by Nick Offerman
Fork In The Road Documentary

NEA Jazz Masters: Tribute to Cassandra Wilson
National Endowment for the Arts

Also
Remembering Cassandra Wilson | David Letterman
Letterman

Mac Ayres: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music & Mac Ayres

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 Webinar Series: Small Orgs, Big Ideas
Arts Midwest
September 16 | Beyond Programming: Building Community Through Indigenous Arts, Culture, and Relationships
September 23 | Love Is Power: Trusting Young People to Lead
September 30 | What Art School Doesn't Teach: The Missing Curriculum Every Artist Deserves
October 8 | Power Building, Inside and Out

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

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

Taking Shape | Woodson Wanderings

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

A new museum and virtual tour gives visitors a new way to experience the Northwoods

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

IMLS Begins Announcing 2026 Museum Investments

Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Mysterious and Lonely Final Decade of Yayoi Kusama's Life

The New York Times

How the Met's Galliano Show Fell Apart

The New York Times

Why We Can't Get Enough Juicy Art Heist Stories

Art in America

Arts and Creativity in Education

St. Francis seniors claim school parking spots with vibrant designs

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

How K–8 Libraries Can Be Hubs of Student Well-Being

School Libraries | Edutopia

Setting Students Up to Grapple With Ideas to Promote Curiosity

Inquiry-Based Learning | Edutopia

Raynor Library receives Wisconsin Historical Society Governor's Award

Marquette Today | Marquette University

Arts and Healthcare

[Danceworks gets \\$200,000 grant to support people with MS](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[SocialRx - Bringing community into care](#)
Fierce 50 of 2026 / Social Impact Honorees

[How do the arts improve health?](#)
Dr. Tasha Golden

Community Arts

[Travel Wisconsin, Destination Door County put on nice list for Christmas movie](#)
Door County Daily News

Literary Arts/Libraries

[How Green Bay Avoided Losing the Packers to Milwaukee](#)
Book Excerpt | Urban Milwaukee

[César Vallejo | \[The rage that shatters a man into children,\]](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Wisconsin Native Ryann Liebl Returns Home to Film Powerful New Feature 'Remember Me'](#)
EIN Presswire

Performing Arts

Dance

[Danceworks gets \\$200,000 grant to support people with MS](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Music

[CDs make a comeback, boosting US recorded music revenue](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Theater/Opera

[Can More Pro-Shots Help Broadway's Money Issues? Maybe, Says the Hadestown Film Team](#)
Playbill

Other

Donor Retention Requires Transformation

Stanford Social Innovation Review

How Community-Defined Evaluation Can Improve Nonprofit Impact Measurement

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

Marshall Building Art Crawl

Urban Milwaukee

September 5 – 6

The Chazen's 'Pressing Issues' showcases prints on social justice

Isthmus

September 8 – December 13

In Between Festival

Racine Art Museum

September 18 – 27

As it Seems | Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Isthmus

October 3 – March 3

Arts and Creativity in Education

STAFF NOTE: Stop By For The Cotton Candy, Stay For The Free Mag?

Volume One Magazine

September 4

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: Sept. 3-6, 2026

Isthmus

September 3 – 6

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Sept. 3-6

Milwaukee Magazine

September 3 – 6

[11 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Turning the page toward fall](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

[Fall Festival Returns With 100+ Vendors, Live Entertainment, Dunk Tank & More](#)

Volume One Magazine

September 12

[Madison Public Market sets official grand opening date](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

November 19

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Chloe Benjamin's 'Under Story' is speculative, urgent](#)

Isthmus

September 9

Performing Arts

Dance

[This one-of-a-kind ballet features tractors and farmers in suits in Sauk County](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

September 12

Music

[Milwaukee Polka Riot Returns to Riverwest With Anti-Fascist Polka Hip-Hop](#)

Hoodline | Milwaukee

September 5

Presenting

The Madhatters A Cappella

River Arts Inc.

October 4

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis Announces Intimate Performances at Marcus Performing Arts Center!

Urban Milwaukee

October 14 – 15

Shauncey Ali Quartet

River Arts Inc.

October 17

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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