

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 4, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Life without industry is guilt, and industry without art is brutality.” – John Ruskin

“An original writer is not one who imitates nobody, but one whom nobody can imitate.” – François-René de Chateaubriand

“If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow.” – Beyoncé

“The truth is that there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self.” – Whitney Young

“Be silent as to services you have rendered, but speak of favours you have received.” – Seneca the Younger

“The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.” – Alfred Hitchcock

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Nearing the final act of work at The Grand](#)
WSAW

Colette Ody Smith, a world-renowned artist right in our backyard | The Arts Page
Milwaukee PBS

The Hayrake Ballet (2024)
Sarah Butler

Hay Rake Ballet with Wormfarm Institute
Reedsburg Chamber of Commerce
September 12

Chris Stapleton & Justin Timberlake - "Tennessee Whiskey" / "Drink You Away" | CMA Awards 2015
CMA

Tom Jones Has the Coaches in TEARS with a Leonard Cohen Cover | The Voice UK 2026
The Voice Global

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 Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition Launches for 2026-2027 School Year
National Endowment for the Arts

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 | September 4, 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

Antigo Visual Arts Celebrates Success of 2nd Annual Downtown Scavenger Hunt

Antigo Visual Arts

24th Cycle of Fellowship Program for Visual Artists Opens September 8

Urban Milwaukee

Application Opens: September 8; Deadline: October 8

The Three Laws of AI Governance

Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Trump administration threatens to cut off agencies' ties to Smithsonian

Yahoo! Entertainment, The Washington Post

Arts and Creativity in Education

Opinion | What Wisconsin students need today to thrive tomorrow

The Capital Times

2026/27 Madison Opera High School Apprentice Application

Madison Opera

Deadline: September 21

Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition Launches for 2026-2027 School Year

National Endowment for the Arts

Wisconsin's Own Student

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31

UW-Eau Claire — Barron County celebrates its 60th year

Rice Lake Chronotype

Community Arts

[UPAF Seeks Nominations for “60 for 60” Performing Arts Champions](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: September 30

[Dept. of Natural Resources: Celebrates 75 years of State Natural Areas](#)

WisPolitics

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Here Are 6 New Books by Wisconsin Authors Releasing This Fall](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[The Library Show trumpets the strength of Milwaukee's local music scene](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Breaking Down Triple 3 Magazine: Milwaukee's Premier DIY Art Magazine](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Nicolet & Outagamie Waupaca library systems exploring merger, would serve ten counties](#)

Fox 11 News

[Esther Belin | When Roots Are Exposed](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Wisconsin's Own](#)

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31; An early-bird discount on entry fees for non-students is available for films submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

[Wisconsin's Own Student](#)

Wisconsin Film Festival

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Performing Arts

Dance

[September 2026 Issue](#)

Nō Studios Dance Magazine

Music

[What if We Were All a Little More Like Yo-Yo Ma?](#)

The New York Times

Other

[How Nonprofits Can Invest Funds Beyond Operating Reserves](#)
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

[Artspire Pop-Up Market | Pump House Regional Arts Center](#)
La Crosse Local
September 4

[Ladybug Features Nature Photography](#)
Door County Pulse
Opens September 4

[A Creative Rebirth for Pam Berns](#)
Door County Pulse
Now Open

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Children's Museum hosts Mini Suzuki Early Childhood class Sept. 10](#)
Stevens Point Journal
September 10

[WPR at Nature Cat: Backyard and Beyond](#)
PBS Wisconsin
September 26

[Student Matinee | George Bizet's Carmen](#)
Madison Opera
April 21

[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: Sept. 3-6, 2026](#)

Isthmus

Through September 6

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Sept. 3-6](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Through September 6

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

Stevens Point Journal

Through September 6

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

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

Through September 6

[Third Ward Art Festival, more things to do in Milwaukee over Labor Day](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

This Weekend

[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

[Labor Day Fun](#)

Weekend Preview | Urban Milwaukee

This Weekend

[Do you have ideas for the future of King Drive? City officials are looking for your input](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

September 15

[UPAF Presents: Your Fall 2026 Performing Arts Guide](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Various | Fall

[Fall Arts Guide](#)
Fox Cities Magazine
Various | Fall

[Arts](#)
Madison Magazine
Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Rhythms of the World Brings Vibrant Song and Dance](#)
Fox Cities Magazine
September 12

Literary Arts/Libraries

[PENINSULA POETRY: Chimes of Freedom](#)
Door County Pulse
Through November

[Washington Island Literary Festival 2026: BELONGING](#)
Write On, Door County
September 17 – 19

Performing Arts

Dance

[DanceFest 2026](#)
Nō Studios
October 3

[InSite: En Route](#)
Wild Space Dance Company, Eventbrite
October 9 - 10

[Madison dance organizations celebrate their pasts — and look to the future](#)
Isthmus
Various

Presenting

Cameron Bluegrass Festival to mark its 20th year
Rice Lake Chronotype
September 11 – 13

Theater/Opera

Wisconsin Classic Stage Electrifies Halloween with the Milwaukee Premiere of Gertrude Stein's Doctor Faustus Lights The Lights
BroadwayWorld.com
October 30 – November 8

'Twas the Month Before Christmas
Waukesha, WI Patch
December 3 - 20

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

NEW 24th Cycle of Fellowship Program for Visual Artists Opens September 8

Urban Milwaukee

Application Opens: September 8; Deadline: October 8

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

NEW 2026/27 Madison Opera High School Apprentice Application

Madison Opera

Deadline: September 21

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 UPAF Seeks Nominations for “60 for 60” Performing Arts Champions

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: September 30

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

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NEW [Wisconsin's Own Student](#)

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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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