

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 8, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art is not living. It is the use of living.” – Audre Lorde

“It is a part of the poet’s work to show each man what he sees but does not know he sees.”
– Edith Sitwell

“Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see.” – Arthur Schopenhauer

“I’m not a politician, I’m a musician. I care about giving people a place where they can go to enjoy themselves and to begin to live again. To the man you have to give the spirit, and when you give him the spirit, you have done everything.” – Luciano Pavarotti

“You have to believe in yourself. You need to have the audacity to be great.” – Rosie Perez

“Some forms of reality are so horrible we refuse to face them, unless we are trapped into it by comedy. To label any subject unsuitable for comedy is to admit defeat.” – Peter Sellers

“I recorded a song called, I Fall to Pieces, and I was in a car wreck. Now I’m worried because I have a brand-new record, and it’s called Crazy!” – Patsy Cline

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Wisconsin violinist Julian Rhee returns | Madison Symphony at 100](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[How to meaningfully reconnect with those who have dementia](#)
TEDMED

[From the archives: Jazz artist Cassandra Wilson](#)
CBS Sunday Morning

[Purlie Victorious — Starring Leslie Odom, Jr. & Kara Young | FULL EPISODE](#)
Great Performances | PBS

[Ratboys: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music + Ratboys

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 [Why Kris Tjornehoj of St. Croix Sounds joined the Wisconsin Arts Board](#)
Hudson-Star Observer

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

Development & Major Gifts Director

Milwaukee Film

Deadline: September 18

NEW Executive Director

Art Works for Milwaukee, Inc. | LinkedIn

Deadline: September 21

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

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

[Colorful fabric installation transforms Racine Art Museum](#)
Racine County Eye

[Open Call for Queer Artists](#)
OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center
Deadline: Rolling

[Wildlife Art Gallery Submissions Open](#)
Friends of the Mead/McMillan Wildlife Areas
Deadline: October 1

[Opinion | What We Misunderstand About Kusama](#)
Guest Essay | The New York Times

[Ambassador Who Removed Kehinde Wiley Work Described It as a Lesbian Picnic](#)
The New York Times

[Ousted Kennedy Center Chairman Buys Dismantled 'Blue' Sculpture](#)
The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[How AI and Art Hold Each Other Accountable](#)
Stanford University Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts and Health Journal](#)
Volume 18, Issue 2 | LinkedIn

[Humanizing Healthcare Through the Arts: Sarah Wilbur Leads a Conversation on Creative Care](#)
Trinity College of Arts and Sciences | Duke University

Community Arts

[Milwaukee's largest performing arts groups command \\$112M in combined operating budgets](#)
Milwaukee Business Journal

[The Queer Collaborative Cultivates New Social Hubs for Adults](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Wendell Berry's Message to Readers: All We Need Is Here](#)
An Appraisal | The New York Times

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Luis Muñoz | Folded](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[New documentary explores how one Wisconsin Northwoods town was built to last](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Meet the Filmmakers: Paulina Lule Bugembe-Kuwahara & Naomi-Re'a Jordan of Sherman Park](#)
MKE Short Film Festival

[Summer Box Office Breaks All-Time Record With \\$4.67 Billion](#)
Variety

Also
[Hollywood's Box Office Boom Comes With 248 Million Missing Tickets](#)
The New York Times

Performing Arts

Music

[Bon Iver - Justin Vernon](#)
LSQ Podcast | Jenny Eliscu

Presenting

[Kennedy Center renews call for Trump-backed shutdown after part of a ceiling collapses](#)
AP News

Other

[Local action over global abstraction - Wendell Berry challenged us to save the world by serving the people and places around us.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

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

COLUMN: Emulsion Side Up At The Goat Coffee House
Volume One Magazine
Through September 30

Door County Historical Society accepts local history awards Wednesday
Door County Daily News
September 9

Some journeys take billions of years and others unfold over a few miles
Sheboygan Sun
September 18 – 19

Public Invited to "From Bloom to Ash: Fire as Material Process" with Artist Juan Carlos Rodríguez Rivera
Miller Art Museum
September 19

Nicolet Rec Dept Offering "Paint Like Bob Ross"
Fox Point | Bayside, Patch
September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13

Oaxacan Roots, Wisconsin Soil : A Community Weave
WI Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters
October 10

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Sept. 7-10, 2026
Isthmus
September 7 – 10

That's Entertainment: Week of 09/07/26
Eau Claire Leader-Telegram
This Week

Reviving The Renaissance In Eau Claire
Volume One Magazine
September 22 – 25

These are all the new buildings available for 2026 Doors Open Milwaukee
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
September 26 – 27

Small Community Forum to be held in Tomahawk
Tomahawk Leader
October 13

Fall Arts Preview 2026

Isthmus

Various | Fall

Also

More to this cover than meets the eye!

Isthmus

Folk Arts/Folklife

Marcus Center Highlights Wisconsin Tribes at Native Heritage Celebration

Encore

September 18

Your Complete Guide to Oktoberfest

La Crosse Local

September 24 – 27

Literary Arts/Libraries

AI & Journalism

Isthmus

September 17

Central Wisconsin Book Festival turns 10 with a week of free author events in Wausau, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids

Wausau Pilot & Review

September 23 – 27

At last, the Imagination Center is opening

Isthmus

September 25

ABHM Book Club Presents *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

America's Black Holocaust Museum

September 26

Cedarburg Reads at Cedarburg Cultural Center with Author Michael Perry

Cedarburg Public Library

October 8

Wisconsin People & Ideas 2026 Fiction and Poetry Contest Winners

Wisconsin Book Festival | WI Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

October 21

The Edmund Fitzgerald and the Meaning of Home in the Great Lakes

Mead Public Library | WI Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

November 10

Media Arts

Madison Symphony at 100

Wisconsin Public Radio

September 10

Observational Documentary Workshop with Sareen Hairabedian

Film Farm Culture Fest

September 21, 22

Performing Arts

Music

This fall ushers in a new era for Madison classical music

Isthmus

Various | Fall

Presenting

Cantus and Grammy-winning Imani Winds to present 'My Ancestors Speak' Sept. 16 at Shannon Hall

Wisconsin Union | University of Wisconsin—Madison

September 16

Lilith Fair

Leo & Leona's Tavern

October 18

Theater/Opera

Fall theater embraces sea shanties, strong women, lovestruck teens and more

Isthmus

Various | Fall

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

NEW Open Call for Queer Artists

OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center

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

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

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

UPAF Seeks Nominations for "60 for 60" Performing Arts Champions

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: September 30

Making Waves Award

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

Bridge Builder Award Nomination
Boreal Waters Community Foundation
Deadline: September 30

Mural Friendly Cities
National Mural Awards
Deadline: October 1

NEW Wildlife Art Gallery Submissions Open
Friends of the Mead/McMillan Wildlife Areas
Deadline: October 1

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

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
Deadline: December 31

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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