

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities



September 14, 2026

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National Arts in Education Week

Americans for the Arts

September 13 – 19, 2026

Wisconsin Arts in Education Week Proclamation

Governor Tony Evers

September 13 – 19, 2026

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision.” – James Whistler

“I make music... and it helps me figure out life.” – Alice Merton

“If my books can help children become readers, then I feel I have accomplished something important.” – Roald Dahl

“If I can create some space that people haven't experienced before and if it stays with them or gives them a dream for the future, that's the kind of structure I seek to create.” – Tadao Ando

“The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, “I was wrong.”” – Sydney J. Harris

“What do I know of man's destiny? I could tell you more about radishes.” – Samuel Beckett

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Honor Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month with PBS Wisconsin
PBS Wisconsin

September 15 – October 15

Living Local, Episode 52 – The Driftless Area Art Festival
WI Proud

September 19 – 20

Ready. Set. Go.: Building Everyday Support for Music Education — and the Skills That Will Outlast Any Budget Season
Bob Morrison

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 Welcoming Nathaniel Petreman as the new WAB Grants and Information Specialist!
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Creative Copy #37 | National Arts in Education Week
Wisconsin Arts Board
September 13 – 19

NEW Be On Board - Lead With Purpose, Serve With Confidence
Boreal Waters Community Foundation, EventBrite
September 15 - 16

NEW Creative Copy #38 | Indigenous Artist Resources
Wisconsin Arts News

As part of our Quarterly Board Meeting, we invite you to join us in Eau Claire on September 25th for two *Creative Community Conversation* sessions!
Wisconsin Arts Board

We invite you to **drop in anytime** during either or both of the sessions listed below, to meet WAB staff, ask questions, learn about resources, and connect with other folks in Eau Claire's creative community.

Morning Creative Community Conversation

September 25th, 7:30- 9:30 am, [ECDC - Eau Claire Downtown Coffee](#) (205 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701)

Afternoon Creative Community Conversation

September 25th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, [2 Roots Art & Wine Gallery](#) (216 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701)

Register for the Eau Claire Creative Community Conversations

Registration is encouraged, not required.

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Reports of Wisconsin's Brain Drain Are Greatly Exaggerated* The State's Real Talent Problem Is Who Doesn't Come

Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy (CROWE) | UW-Madison

National Preparedness Month: 20 Years of Partnership and Preparedness

National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

September

Understanding Your Federal Award Requirements

Arts Midwest

Also

How to Build Your Federal Award Budget

Arts Midwest

Reporting on Your Federal Award

Arts Midwest

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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | September 11, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

[Development & Major Gifts Director](#)
Milwaukee Film
Deadline: September 18

[Executive Director](#)
Art Works for Milwaukee, Inc. | LinkedIn
Deadline: September 21

NEW [Isthmus is hiring an arts & culture editor](#)
Isthmus
Deadline: September 24

[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

NEW [Aly's Arts in Health Job Board](#)
Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.
Deadlines: Various

[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

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

Development Coordinator

Opera for the Young

Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

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

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

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 tackles workforce challenges, building bright futures

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

September 30 – October 1 | Eau Claire

Also

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

NEW The Institute of Museum and Library Services is Accepting Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Applications to Strengthen America's Cultural Heritage

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: November 13

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival

Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

2027 NAMM Show

National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)

January 26 – 30 | Anaheim, CA

Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism 2027

Travel Wisconsin

March 14 – 16, 2027 | Appleton

[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

[Trump Demands Smithsonian Install ‘Colossus’ George Washington Statue](#)
The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Everwood Farmstead Foundation awards \\$10K in grants to school arts educators](#)
WEAU

[Green Lake Festival of Music Gala raises more than \\$52,000 for music education](#)
Ripon Commonwealth Press

[Exciting Opportunity for Wisconsin Students \(Grades 4–8\)! Holiday Folk Fair Student Art Contest | Holiday Folk Fair](#)
Wisconsin Art Education Association, Facebook
Deadline: October 30

[See photos: SHARP Literacy’s 2026 A Novel Event](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

[Doubling Down on What AI Cannot Do](#)
Arts Ed Amplified | Arts Education Partnership

[Op-Ed: The Wisconsin-Wide Economic Impact of Wisconsin's Polytechnic University](#)
UW-Stout Polytechnic

[This university gave its computer science students a high-design home for the AI age](#)
Innovation By Design | Fast Company

Arts and Healthcare

[Factors that Shape Social Connection](#)
Linked In | Danielle Sanders MS CPG

Community Arts

[Donald Baumgartner Remembered In Music, Dance And Laughter](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Phoenix Park hosts 8th annual Chippewa Valley Multicultural Festival](#)
WEAU

[2027 ACC Fellowships and Grants](#)
Asian Cultural Council
Applications Accepted: October 1 - November 10

Information Sessions
September 16 at 8:00AM ET: Sign Up [\[HERE\]](#).
September 17 at 4:00PM ET: Sign Up [\[HERE\]](#).

Literary Arts/Libraries

[D. A. Powell | Positivity](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Bob Mackie, Renowned Fashion Designer to Cher, Tina Turner, Carol Burnett and More, Dies at 87](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[Watch: Bon Iver Records Jingle For A Local Bar's Meatloaf](#)
iHeart Media

[This just in: Gramophone magazine's short list for the Best Recordings of 2026](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear

[The New York Philharmonic's CEO has a bounty of assets. Here's how he plans to make them work](#)
Modern CEO | Fast Company

Presenting

[Overture Center's new carpeting a net gain for sustainability](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Other

[How Nonprofits Can Turn Supporters Into Active Participants](#)
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

[Latina artists explore healing in new LOUD exhibit opening Tuesday night at Madison College](#)
Madison365
September 15 - October 15

[Learn about an amazing Waupaca woman](#)
Waupaca County News
September 17

[Racine art festival set to take place Sept. 18-27](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
September 18 – 27

[14 South Artists Regional Art Tour is Sept. 19-20](#)
Fitchburg Star
September 19 – 20

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Girls Rock MKE will Celebrate 13 Years with “For the Record” Fundraiser](#)

Urban Milwaukee

October 23

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Sept. 14-17, 2026](#)

Isthmus

September 14 – 17

[Be On Board - Lead With Purpose, Serve With Confidence](#)

Boreal Waters Community Foundation, EventBrite

September 15 - 16

[Near West Side Week Offers a Little Something for Everyone](#)

Urban Milwaukee

This Week

Media Arts

[KIDS Day at the Truax Gallery!](#)

PBS Wisconsin

October 10

Performing Arts

Music

[Travel Through Prague At Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra Season Debut](#)

Volume One Magazine

September 20

Presenting

[Angélique Kidjo](#)

Isthmus

September 17

Theater/Opera

['The World Goes 'Round' is a romp through Kander and Ebb songbook](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Through October 25

[Inside Milwaukee Theater in the 2026 Fall Arts Guide](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Various | Fall

Other

Science in a Bag, a popular part of the Wisconsin Science Festival, marks its sixth year
Morgridge Institute for Research
October 15 – 25

OPPORTUNITIES

Residency Opportunities | September + October
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | September + October

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

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

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

Wildlife Art Gallery Submissions Open

Friends of the Mead/McMillan Wildlife Areas

Deadline: October 1

NEW 2027 ACC Fellowships and Grants

Asian Cultural Council

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Information Sessions

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September 17 at 4:00PM ET: Sign Up [\[HERE\]](#).

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

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: October 8

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

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is Accepting Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Applications to Strengthen America's Cultural Heritage
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
Deadline: November 13

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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