

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities



September 15, 2026

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Click <https://wab50.com> to learn more about the Arts Board’s 50th Anniversary!

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

“Every artist was first an amateur.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” – William Butler Yeats

“Good advice is always certain to be ignored, but that's no reason not to give it.” – Agatha Christie

“Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.” – Fred Allen

“It doesn't make a difference what temperature a room is, it's always room temperature.” – Steven Wright

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Tribute to a man who helped shape Milwaukee's cultural identity | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[The Story Behind FVTC's New Riverfront Mural](#)
Fox Valley Technical College

[Discover Art, Autumn Color & Hidden Studios on Wisconsin's Fall Art Tour](#)
Fox 47 | WMSN
October 16 – 18

[Brandi Carlile with Bonnie Raitt - Angel From Montgomery | 12th Annual ACL Hall of Fame](#)
Austin City Limits

[The Importance of Art Education | StarTalk](#)
National Geographic

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 [Preparedness and Partnership: September at NCAPER](#)
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

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

[NEW Care Navigator \(Ongoing Opportunity\)](#)
Social Rx
Deadline: Ongoing

[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

After years of effort, Mohicans celebrate return of historic artifacts

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The Incredible Art of Being Jeff Koons

The New York Times Magazine

Did Trump Win the Battle Over the Smithsonian?

News Analysis | The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Grants Set for Classroom Creativity](#)
The 715 Newsroom

[New Study Reveals UW-Stout Polytechnic's \\$857M Economic Impact](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Claude McKay | Joy in the Woods](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Emmy Winners: 'Widow's Bay' Dominates With 14 Wins, 'The Pitt' and 'DTF St. Louis' Tie With 7 Awards](#)
Variety

Also
[Emmy Awards Nominees & Winners](#)
Television Academy

[Our 2026 Emmys recap](#)
Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR

['Widow's Bay' Dominates, and 7 Other Takeaways From the 2026 Emmys](#)
The New York Times

[Emmys 2026 Snubs and Surprises: Colbert's Final Season Wins, Oscar Isaac Can't Stop Matthew Rhys, Taylor Swift Crashes the Party and More](#)
Variety

[Bob Mackie, iconic costume designer who dressed stars including Cher and Carol Burnett, dies at 87](#)
Los Angeles Times

Also
[Bob Mackie, Designer Who 'Dressed Every Spangly Woman in Show Business,' Dies at 87](#)
The New York Times

[MPA Projects Federal Film Incentive Would Double U.S. Production and Create 143,500 Jobs](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Presenting

Kennedy Center says it's on the brink of bankruptcy, might close as early as Tuesday
Morning Edition | NPR

Theater/Opera

Opinion | Opera Is in Trouble. Let's Channel the Maestro.
Guest Essay | The New York Times

Other

The five financial elements - Financial accounting, management, and leadership can be complex, but they're all built with five primary pieces.
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

Who Gets to Decide What Art Gets Made?
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

Is a lot of our work just creating work for other people to do?
Nonprofit AF

Nonprofit Leaders Need an AI Strategy for Content Protection
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

'Athena On My Mind' Opens at Mitchell Street Arts
Urban Milwaukee
Through October 16

Racine (WI) Art Museum debuts inaugural visual and performing arts festival
See Great Art
September 18 – 27

'Proyecto Iluminador' to illuminate 20 Hispanic and Latino stories in Northeast Wisconsin
Green Bay Press Times
Opens September 18; through October 15

Community Arts

Milwaukee Night Market Hosts College Night on September 16, presented by Educators Credit Union

Urban Milwaukee
September 16

Fiesta Selena Returns to Milwaukee on September, 2026, Kicking Off Hispanic Heritage Month by Celebrating the Legacy, Music, and Culture of Selena Quintanilla

Urban Milwaukee
September 20

Folk Arts/Folklife

Holiday Folk Fair International Returns for the 83rd Year – Tickets on Sale Now

Urban Milwaukee
November 20 – 22

Literary Arts/Libraries

Literacy Chippewa Valley Welcomes Phil Cook To The Stage

Volume One Magazine
September 25

40th regional poetry event in Drummond

Price County Review
October 11

Performing Arts

Dance

The Flamenco Nutcracker

Studio K Flamenco
December 5

Music

Pints for a Purpose: La Crosse Chamber Chorale | Turtle Stack Brewery

La Crosse Local
September 15

Presenting

Uncharted Conversations

Marcus Performing Arts Center
Series

Theater/Opera

Opera Talk - Priestesses and Goddesses

Madison Opera

September 17 | YouTube

Dance has always helped 'Footloose' director cut loose

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

September 23 – November 1

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

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 [\[HERE\]](#).

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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