

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities



September 17, 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

“It is difficult to get the news from poems yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there.” – William Carlos Williams

“The exercise of imagination is dangerous to those who profit from the way things are because it has the power to show that the way things are is not permanent, not universal, not necessary.” – Ursula K. Le Guin

“Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself.” – John Dewey

“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It’s when you know you’re licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what.” – Harper Lee

“If you aren’t fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.” – Vince Lombardi

“I’m sick of following my dreams. I’m just going to ask them where they’re going and hook up with them later.” – Mitch Hedberg

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Art exhibit to spotlight 20 Hispanic community members in De Pere](#)
WBAY

Through October 15

[New Wisconsin tax credit aims to attract film productions, create jobs](#)
WKOW

[Los Mirlos: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and Los Mirlos

[CHOIR! of 1000 sings JOLENE for Dolly Parton](#)
Choir! Choir! Choir!

[How Rubén Blades Brought Salsa Music to the World | Full Documentary | American Masters | PBS](#)
American Masters PBS

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 [September 2026 Newsletter](#)
Americans for the Arts

NEW [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: NALAC Announces \\$300,000 in Grant Awards for Latinx/é Artists](#)
National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

Congratulations to recipient [Alejandra Sanchez](#) of Mondovi, Wisconsin!

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

NEW Director of Exhibits

Madison Children's Museum

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

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

Webinar Series: Small Orgs, Big Ideas

Arts Midwest

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

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

Giant swans sculpture has now been installed at new museum site

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Hundreds Of Students Take Part In Museum's Living History](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Peter Max, Trippy Artist of Counterculture Era and Beyond, Dies at 88](#)
The New York Times

[Latino Stories Told Through American Art](#)
Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Renwick Gallery

[Trump administration plans ideological warning signs for Smithsonian](#)
Culture | NPR

[Wall Labels Are in a Sorry State. Here's How to Fix Them](#)
Artnet News

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Encouraging Students to Be Open to Participating in Arts Classes](#)
Student Engagement | Edutopia

[Iowa County looks to slash Extension staff amid major budget cuts](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Folk Arts/Folklife

[In 'Zameen,' chef and author Sultan Ahmed gives Wisconsin twist to Pakistani recipes](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[A Sweet Tradition: Making Round Challah for Sukkot](#)
What's Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee

['100,000% proud to be Puerto Rican': Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off in Milwaukee](#)
WUWM

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Brown County library hosts James Madison Lecture ahead of Constitution anniversary](#)
Fox 11 News

[Annie Dillard, Meditative Author of 'Pilgrim at Tinker Creek,' Dies at 81](#)
The New York Times

Also

[Annie Dillard, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, dies at 81](#)
Obituaries | All Things Considered | NPR

[Poet's Corner: Two Poems | William Woessner](#)
The Martha's Vineyard Times

[William Carlos Williams | The Red Wheelbarrow](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Chippewa Falls' Grace Reiter Lands Next Gig: Saturday Night Live](#)
Volume One Magazine

Also
['SNL' Adds New Cast Members Grace Reiter and Saidah Belo-Osagie, Completing Season 52 Ensemble](#)
Variety

['S.N.L.' Announces New Cast Members](#)
The New York Times

Performing Arts

Dance

[An Elusive Choreographer Is Turning MoMA Into a Dance Palace](#)
The New York Times

Music

[New album from Holy Pinto marks milestones with Milwaukee friends and strangers](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Presenting

[Emergency Hearing Sought Over Kennedy Center Closure](#)
The New York Times

[Stop Undermining The Kennedy Center, Living Memorial To Slain President](#)
Caffeinated Politics | Greg Humphrey

Other

[Why the Hero's Journey Narrative Is the Wrong Approach for Fundraising Storytelling](#)
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

[The Recap | Woodson Wanderings](#)
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
Through January 3

[14 South Artists Regional Art Tour is Sept. 19-20](#)
The Verona Press
September 19 – 20

[Artist Entrepreneur Meet-up at Nicolet College](#)
ArtStart | Nicolet College | OCEDC
September 25

[Is It Better to Create Art at Night? “Nocturnal Sunshine: A Solo Show by Celeste Contreras,” Will Argue Yes at Grove Gallery in Walker’s Point Opening](#)
Urban Milwaukee
September 25 – October 24

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: Sept. 17-20, 2026](#)
Isthmus
September 17 – 20

[14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Sept. 17-20](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
September 17 – 20

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Bacon Bash is back](#)
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

[Cheese, fishing and fashion on this weekend's schedule](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

[Arts](#)
Madison Magazine
Various

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

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Polynesian cultural festival brings the ‘spirit of aloha’ to Wisconsin](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio
September 19

Literary Arts/Libraries

Outdoor exhibit making stop at Chilton Library

Iwantthenews.com

Through October 12

Performing Arts

Dance

Danceworks Presents Get It Out There Youth Selected Artists and MkeMe Crew & Special Guests in a Pay-What-You-Can Performance at Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

Urban Milwaukee

September 19

Music

The Cosmos Guide Humbird In New Record, 'Morning When It Comes'

Volume One Magazine

September 25

Presenting

7th Heaven To Perform Free Make-Up Concert Thursday In Downtown Kenosha

Kenosha County Eye

September 17

Rhiannon Giddens to Perform at Marcus Performing Arts Center - The artist joins the 2026-27 Culture Collective Series lineup at Uihlein Hall.

BroadwayWorld.com

February 18

Theater/Opera

A Family Affair, 93 Seasons in the Making - The Florentine Opera Opens with La Traviata

Urban Milwaukee

October 16, 18

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

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

NEW Call for Indigenous Artists: Public Art Installation Overlook Plaza Project La Crescent Minnesota

La Crescent Minnesota, Creative West

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

NEW Now Accepting Applications for GIG Fund: Interstate Touring
Arts Midwest
Phase 1 Deadline | November 4
Phase 2 Deadline | November 17

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

NEW [Bristol Art Museum Announces National Call for Collage for Torn Boundaries](#)

Bristol Art Museum

Deadline: November 29

[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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