

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 21, 2026

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

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
National Museum of the American Latino
September 15 – October 15

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Few novels or plays could exist without at least one troublemaker in the group, and perhaps life couldn't either.” – Mignon McLaughlin

“The most important things are the hardest things to say. They are the things you get ashamed of, because words diminish them — words shrink things that seemed limitless when they were in your head to no more than living size when they're brought out. But it's more than that, isn't it? The most important things lie too close to wherever your secret heart is buried, like landmarks to a treasure your enemies would love to steal away. And you may make revelations that cost you dearly only to have people look at you in a funny way, not understanding what you've said at all, or why you thought it was so important that you almost cried while you were saying it. That's the worst, I think. When the secret stays locked within not for want of a teller, but for want of an understanding ear.” – Stephen King

“We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our own worst enemies.” – Roderick Thorp

“We all have the extraordinary coded within us, waiting to be released.” – Jean Houston

“While there is a chance of the world getting through its troubles, I hold that a reasonable man has to behave as though he were sure of it. If at the end your cheerfulness is not justified, at any rate you will have been cheerful.” – H. G. Wells

“Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.” – Carrie Fisher

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Rain and burst pipe flood Kenosha theater](#)
FOX6 News Milwaukee

[Your PBS Wisconsin October watch list](#)
Show Previews | PBS Wisconsin

[How Creative Workers are Impacted by AI](#)
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP)

[I'm Old Fashioned](#)
Bill Anschell

[32,810 Voices. Two Countries. One Song: A-ha's 'Take On Me'](#)
Pub Choir

[John Cleese's Legendary 1991 Speech About Creativity](#)
Video Arts

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 [Spotlighting Wisconsin | Beni Daiko](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Explore what makes us human at the 16th Annual Wisconsin Science Festival](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research
October 15 – 25

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

[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.

[National Preparedness Month: 20 Years of Partnership and Preparedness](#)

National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

September

[Introducing the Arts Funding Finder](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

[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 18, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[Care Navigator \(Ongoing Opportunity\)](#)

Social Rx

Deadline: Ongoing

Executive Director

Art Works for Milwaukee, Inc. | LinkedIn

Deadline: September 21

Isthmus is hiring an arts & culture editor

Isthmus

Deadline: September 24

Executive Director

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Deadline: September 30

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

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

[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

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

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wisconsin Creates Statewide K-12 Art Competition](#)

School Choice Wisconsin

Deadline: Art received from October 19 - 30

[Meet the UWM Professor Who Co-Authored a Bestselling Memoir With 2 Chainz](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[UWM Considers Fast-Track Teacher Degree As MPS Seeks Staff](#)

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[UW System Moves Toward Permanent End To SAT, ACT Requirement](#)

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts in Health Today | September 2026](#)

Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida | College of the Arts

[What happens in the brain when we experience art](#)

Monitor on Psychology | American Psychological Association

[No app is going to fix loneliness | Jillian Racoosin Kornmeier, MPH](#)

Executive Director, The Foundation for Social Connection | LinkedIn

Community Arts

[Opinion | The Billionaire-Free Packers Stay True to the Game](#)

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Literary Arts/Libraries

[The Noctua Nook Trailer Makes Its Local Debut](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Jalal al-Din Rumi | Go ahead, Lord, break our harp](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[WPR host Jason Heilman shares his favorite PBS Wisconsin classical music programs](#)

PBS Wisconsin

[This Chippewa Falls Native Is Joining SNL's Cast for Season 52](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Jordan Lee Stayed on Job at Radio Milwaukee for Eight Months After First Arrest
Milwaukee Magazine

Paramount Settles Antitrust Case With State A.G.'s, Removing Obstacle to Warner Bros. Deal
Variety

Gavin Newsom Signs Bill Creating \$10 Million Post-Production Tax Credit
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[PHOTOS] Nova Garden & Left Is Law At The Venue
Volume One Magazine

Other

A Balanced Nonprofit Budget Can Still Hide Financial Risk
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

Promega Art Showcase celebrates 30 years with Midwest photos
The Capital Times
Through February 26

LIT Rescheduled to October 3 Due To Weather
Stevens Point Sculpture Park
October 3

Arts and Creativity in Education

Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program Launches Record-Setting 2026-27 Season with 40 Participating Schools
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
Season

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Sept. 21-24, 2026

Isthmus

September 21 – 24

Door County celebration of Hispanic culture taking place Sept. 26

Green Bay Press-Gazette

September 26

Media Arts

Madison filmmaker Rafael Ragland to screen new faith-based youth film at Central Library

Madison365

September 26

Performing Arts

Music

Eastwinds Chamber Ensemble Presents Wind Chamber Works

Urban Milwaukee

October 18

Theater/Opera

50 Years on Northwestern Avenue

Racine Theatre Guild

October 4

Renaissance Theaterworks: Opens its 34th season with the World Premiere of

GREAT WHITE THRONE

WisBusiness

October 16 - 17 | Previews

October 18 - November 8 | Performances

Other

Explore what makes us human at the 16th Annual Wisconsin Science Festival

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 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

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

2027 ACC Fellowships and Grants

Asian Cultural Council

Applications Accepted: October 1 - November 10

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

Racine's giant postcard auction will go live Saturday

Wisconsin State Journal

Bid through October 17

Global Dance Circle for Social Change Submission Form 2026 / Círculo Global de Danza para el Cambio Social: Formulario de Presentación 2026

Mark DeGarmo Dance

Deadline: October 17

NEW Wisconsin Creates Statewide K-12 Art Competition

School Choice Wisconsin

Deadline: Art received from October 19 – 30

Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026

Artist Communities Alliance

October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call

Carnelian Art Gallery

Deadline: November 2026

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

[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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